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WAR PHANTOM WILL NOT DOWN; A NEW CRISIS

Armed Operations By Austria Against Montenegro

EUROPE DISTURBED

Demonstration of War Ships Likely to Turn Into Actual Attack—Ambassadors Recalled to London—An Ultimatum Issued From Vienna

(Canadian Press)

Berlin, March 22—Armed operations against Montenegro may soon be begun by the Austro-Hungarian squadron now cruising off the Montenegrin and Albanian coasts, according to information which reached the German foreign office today. The officials say that Austria will send one further note to Montenegro so as to exhaust the possibilities of diplomacy before the character of the activity of the warships changes from a demonstration into offensive action.

It is understood here that Russia has counselled the Montenegrins to yield.

Vienna, March 22—The Austro-Hungarian government today addressed a strongly worded note to Montenegro which was in the nature of an ultimatum. The note reiterated even more sharply than before the demands made by the Austrian minister at Cettinje on March 20.

Paris, March 22—A despatch to the Figaro from St. Petersburg says that a report is in circulation there to the effect that Count Thurn, Austrian ambassador, is about to be recalled home and that his has made a deplorable impression on Russian opinion and in diplomatic circles.

"The formal disavowal of the ambassador by the Vienna government" the correspondent continues, "would be a political scandal making the presence of an Austrian ambassador at St. Petersburg henceforth useless, since the Russian government would be unable to place any reliance on his word."

The correspondent says while the Austrian embassy in the Austrian capital formally denies that the ambassador has been recalled or that there has been a disagreement between him and the foreign minister, he learns from a Russian diplomatic source that the ambassador gave Austria's adhesion to the guarantees concerning the southern frontier provinces, asked for by the Russian foreign minister M. Sazanoff, without even previously consulting Vienna.

London, March 22—The new crisis in the Balkans has led to the instant recall from their Easter vacations of ambassadors in London of the European powers. They met in conference today.

Paris, March 22—Europe's war phantom still not down. The Lyons correspondent of the "Libre Parole" has telegraphed that he had learned, on the best of authority, that all the Germans in the foreign colony here have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for mobilization orders.

Adrianople, March 22—Shukri Pasha, the commander of this fortress and his devoted troops are determined to continue the heroic defence they have now carried on for five months, and all reports as to offers made by them to surrender may be dismissed as pure inventions. Only starvation can force capitualtion.

Bremen, Germany, March 22—Greek warships today seized the German steamer Irmingard in the Aegean Sea. She sailed from Barry, Wales, on February 28, for Boa.

London, March 22—King Nicholas of Montenegro, replying to Austrian remonstrances, says he has ordered the bombardment of Scutari to be directed only against the forts, and that the rest of the city shall not be shelled. He refused to allow non-combatants to leave the city, and also rejects a proposal for the appointment of a commission to investigate the death of a priest, Palie, who, it is said, was killed by the Montenegrins because he refused to renounce his faith.

London, March 22—Except for the statement that all is quiet along the Tchataljа line, the official reports concerning the military operations in Southeastern Europe are, as is usual, in direct contradiction to one another.

FOURTEEN REPORTED KILLED

Terre Haute, Ind., March 22—Fourteen men are reported dead as the result of an explosion in Superior Mine No. 10 at Dugger, Ind.,

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis:—Since Thursday an energetic disturbance has moved rapidly northeastward from Texas and is centered over the Gulf of St. Lawrence this morning. Wind velocities of hurricane force were recorded on the Great Lakes yesterday; to the Grand Banks and American ports, strong southwesterly and westerly winds and gales.

May Be All Right for New Hats.

Forecasts:—Strong winds and moderate gales westerly to northwesterly; mostly fair today and on Sunday; turning colder tonight with snow flurries.

FRENCH ANNIHILATED IN COMBAT IN DESERT

Arabs Surround Little Force of Military And But Few Escape

(Canadian Press)

Paris, March 22—A column of native French troops with their white officers was virtually annihilated by Arabs a few days ago, while operating in the Aderar region of the Western Sahara.

A body of 1,000 of the intractable Berber tribe of Awellemid swooped down and surrounded the French detachment which was marching through the shifting sands of the desert about three days journey from Timbuktu, a French military station.

After a severe fight lasting all day, the French troops were overcome. Their commander, Lieutenant Martin and four white sergeants were killed, together with fifty-three native troopers, while thirty others were taken prisoners. A few natives escaped on the pack horses accompanying the French detachment, and brought the news to headquarters in Timbuktu. They declared that the Arabs suffered heavily before the ammunition of the French troops were exhausted.

BOULEVARDING OF KING STREET PROPOSED

Paving Hold-up Was By Real Estate Owners Numbering 113

The most important part of the city's paving programme has been cancelled through the action of 113 citizens who protested against paying their share. The number of names signed to the various petition is:—

Charlotte, King to Queen Squares	20
Union, Chipman Hill to Waterloo	20
Union, Waterloo to Brussels	11
South side of King Square	5
Germain, King to Union	11
Germain, King to Princess	7
Princess, Germain to Charlotte	11
Brittain	17
Paradise Row	11

Mayor Frink has been consulted by two property owners in King street with a proposition that the city undertake the boulevarding of that street. They, and others, would be willing to contribute their share, basing their proportion on what it would be if the street were the same width as Charlotte street. The idea is to have a plot of green in the middle of the street and on each side of the sidewalk with ornamental trees planted at intervals. If carried out it would make the street one of the finest and most attractive in the city. It is probable that the sentiments of the other property owners will be ascertained.

THREE DEAD IN FIRE WHICH DESTROYS THE "HOUSE OF DEATH"

Chicago, March 22—The tragic existance of the house of death at 2359 Wentworth avenue is closed with its destruction by an incendiary fire in which three lives were lost.

Frank Pustella and his brother-in-law, Joseph Cavelieri, escaped with severe burns by jumping from a second story window, but Mrs. Pustella and her daughters, aged three and five years, perished in the flames.

The house gained its name in the neighborhood because of the fatalities which have occurred within it during the last ten years.

A decade ago Jacob Werner opened a meat market in the place. Within a short space of time his entire family died and Werner disappeared. The clerk then took the market but soon afterward his little daughter was scalded to death in a vat and a week after this accident the clerk was found dead under mysterious circumstances. The next tenant was a man named Strauss who was murdered in the house. A few weeks after that an unidentified Italian crawled under the porch and committed suicide.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

London, March 22—A funeral service for the late King George of Greece, was held today in the Greek church here.

Shanghai, China, March 22—General Sung, a former Chinese minister of education died to day from the effects of wounds he received on March 20, when an attempt was made to assassinate him.

Coaticook, Que., March 22—On his way to see the body of a little baby cousin who had just passed away, the eight year old son of Sam Hall ventured out on the ice of the river nearby and falling through the ice, lost his life.

London, March 22—The Nation says it is probable that Sir Rufus Isaacs, attorney-general, will be the next lord chief justice in succession to Lord Alverstone.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, March 22—President Manuel Bonilla died suddenly yesterday afternoon. M. Francisco Bertram, vice president, immediately succeeded him.

Havre, France, March 22—The French line steamer LaTouraine has met with heavy weather on the east-bound passage and will be twenty-four hours late in reaching here. A wireless despatch says she will dock at noon Saturday.

DIGBY'S POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS

Digby, N. S., March 22—Chief of police, G. F. Barr, resigned this morning. He succeeded Chief Bowles last fall and had evidently given good satisfaction but has decided to accept another position.

WANT THE HAMPSTEAD

Enoch Hoben and others of Fredericton were in the city this week and it was reported that the visit had to do with securing the steamer "Hampstead" for the Gagetown-Fredericton service.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The proposal to sell the city's lands in Lancaster in the form of building lots to bona fide builders will be discussed at a public meeting in the committee rooms at City Hall on the evening of Wednesday, March 26. Among those who will be present will be W. F. Hatheway, who has been advocating the plan, representatives of the Trades and Labor Council, Senator N. M. Jones of the Partington Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., Alex Wilson of the Wilson Box Co., and L. W. Simms of T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd.

Hon. Robert Maxwell has sold to Mrs. Jessie D., wife of Henry Milden, a freehold lot, 40 by 50 feet in Harding street.

E. B. Johnston has purchased from D. H. Nase the warehouse in Bridge street owned by Mr. Nase.

Other transfers of freehold property recorded during the last ten days are as follows:

Alice L. and E. R. Allaby to Daniel Monahan, $300 property at St. Martins.

F. F. Burpee to Mrs. Agnes, wife of Hon. H. A. McKeown, property on Mount Pleasant.

Janetta Drummond to Zada S. Drummond, $980 property at Lancaster.

M. W. Long to H. W. Belding, property in Centre street West End.

J. W. Long to H. W. Belding, property in Lancaster.

Helen and Louise Parks to city of St. John, property in Paris street.

Heirs of Patrick Quigley to Thomas M. Wisted, property at Simonds.

ELOPERS TO SAIL FROM HALIFAX ON THE EMPRESS

Montreal, March 22—A romantic elopement will have its culmination in Halifax today, when Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bernay will sail by the Empress for the groom's home in France. Mr. and Mrs. Berney had just been wedded in Buffalo after eluding two detectives and escaping from an irate father, who wanted to keep the bride-to-be a captive.

Mrs. Bernay, was Miss Marie de Lappe of Los Angeles. The trouble was that the bridegroom's Hebrew faith was objected to by Miss De Lappe's father and. They were married in Buffalo by Rabbi Kapold.

The bride's father before she left Buffalo, wired her: "I forgive you both, accept my blessing, glad you are happy.'" but a rich aunt was more obdurate and only yesterday telegraphed her blessings.

Enforcing the Webb Law

Atchison, Kansas, March 22—Eight wholesale liquor companies of Winthrop, Mo., across the Missouri river from here have been notified by railroad and express companies that they would accept no more shipments of liquor consigned to Kansas points. This action was taken as a result of the enforcement of the Webb liquor law in Kansas. This practically will put the Winthrop companies out of business, as they had been selling most of their output in Kansas.

Dr. Friedmann's Plans

New York, March 22—Dr. Friedmann will sail for Berlin three weeks hence to complete laboratory tests unfinished when he came to this country. He will come back to America again two weeks later.

NO POLICE COURT

Yesterday was a very quiet day in police circles. One man was taken into custody on drunkenness charge. Albert Hennessey was arrested Thursday afternoon for creating a disturbance in the Courtenay Construction Company's boarding house at East St. John and will also have to answer the charge of assaulting special constable Louis Crews. Six men presented themselves at central station Thursday night for protection. There was no session in the police court this morning on account of the absence of Magistrate Ritchie in St. Stephen and the clerk, Mr. Henderson, who also was said to be out of the city.

DEATH OF JOHN CARSON

The death of John Carson occurred this morning at his home, 179 Brittain street, after a three weeks' illness. He was forty-eight years of age, and is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. The daughters are:—Mrs. Wm. Doyle, of this city, and Miss Florence at home, and the sons are:—James and Fred, both at home. The funeral will be held on Monday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence. Mr. Carson was for nearly twenty years in the employ of James S. McGivern.

THIRTEEN DEATHS

Thirteen burial permits were issued this week by the Board of Health. Deaths were due one each to the following causes: senility, apoplexy, pneumonia, heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage, arterio sclerosis, pleuro-pneumonia, carcinoma of stomach, chronic emphyaema, drowning, intestinal obstruction, measles and broncho-pneumonia.

LATE SPORT NEWS

New York Yacht Club May be in Awkward Fix — English Coaches For American Crews

New York, March 22—In yachting circles there was gossip today that the reconsideration which the Royal Ulster Yacht Club has asked the New York Yacht Club to make of its refusal to accept Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America's cup, will place the New York club in an embarrassing corner.

It is rumored that Sir Thomas will eliminate any conditions that the defending boat do not exceed seventy-five feet in length, but challenging with a 75-footer he will enter a race, if it is possible to obtain one, against any challenger from 60 to 90 feet in length, as provided in the deed of gift of the America's cup.

Yachtsmen expressed the opinion that if this proposition was made the New York club would be forced to accept the challenge and if a 90-foot boat was used as the defender, the race would be so much of a farce that American yachtsmen would be held up to ridicule.

It was reported today that the New York club might reply to the Royal Ulster Club as early as Monday next, although the regular meeting of the club is not scheduled until Thursday.

New York, March 22—Two Englishmen will assist in coaching the Yale crew for the annual race with Harvard, according to announcement on the authority of the London Sporting Life. That paper declares that Harcourt Gold, who coached Oxford for many years, and A. G. Kirby, who coached the winning Oxford crew this year, have consented to come to America. It is said they will leave England early in May, accompanied by G. S. Maclagan, an old Oxford coxswain, whose trip here will be solely for pleasure.

Liverpool, March 22—Freddie Welch, champion lightweight boxer of England, sailed for New York today.

LOCAL NEWS

VISITING OFFICIALS.

F. P. Brady and E. Tiffin, of Moncton, of the I. C. R. board of management, were in the city yesterday on a short trip of inspection. They returned home this morning in their private car, attached to the special train carrying the royal party.

HEAVY TRAVEL.

The Atlantic express was an hour and ten minutes behind time today, and the Maritime was also about this much late. The Boston came in on time. Each incoming train carried a large number of passengers, returning home for Easter.

NEW CUNARD LINE STEAMER.

A cable to The Robert Reford Co. advises the launching of the new Cunard Line steamer "Andania" today. She is intended for the Montreal-London service, and will leave Southampton on June 12 on her maiden voyage.

ALL ARRANGED.

A dispute between the city and the Norton Griffiths Dredging Company regarding the lease of the North Rodney wharf has been settled by making the lease date from January 1 instead of November 18.

WON TROPHY.

Lieutenant Hunter of the St. Stephen's Cadet Corps has won the Parks trophy in the three matches which were shot for it. Several boys tied for first place and many others made high scores, but the winner led in the finish. The shooting was at a six inch target at twenty-five yards.

NAVY ISLAND BAR.

The federal plans for dredging the Navy Island bar and the approach to King street slip, West End, were discussed by the city commissioners this morning. It is probable that the work will be proceeded with, but before the city agrees the opinion of some more of those whose interests would be affected, including the fishermen, etc., will be secured.

EYES BURNED.

While taking from a shelf in a closet in his home in Moore street last evening a bottle of carbolic acid, John Walsh accidentally allowed it to fall upon his face. The cork came out of the bottle and the contents were spilled over his face severely burning him about the eyes. He suffered much pain. It is not expected that he will lose his eyesight. Dr. C. M. Pratt attended him.

VISITING C. P. R. OFFICIALS

J. R. Fairbairn, assistant chief engineer of the C. P. R. arrived from Montreal at noon today to inspect the progress being made on the new C. P. R. grain elevator at West St. John. He will return to Montreal this evening.

W. A. Cowan, of Brownville Junction, superintendent of district No. 1 Atlantic division of the C. P. R., arrived in the city today on the special train which carried the royal party en route to Halifax. Mr. Cowan said that this has been the busiest winter in the history of the Atlantic division but the traffic has all been handled without any serious delay. The absence of snow in large quantities made the work of the railway easier.

GENERAL ALARM CALLS OUT MONTREAL BRIGADE

Montreal, March 22—Damage estimated at $100,000 was caused early today by a fire in the premises of Larue & Cloutier, wholesale grocers and wine merchants, a five story stone building at 246 St. Paul street. There was a general alarm, as the outbreak was in the centre of the business district.

HOTEL MAN BURNED TO DEATH

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., March 22—Caught in an upper apartment which was cut off on all sides by the flames, Samuel Roach, proprietor of a hotel at Desbarats, a few miles east of here, was burned to death last evening in a fire which reduced the hotel to ashes.

MISSIONARY RETURNS TO FIND LONDON PAGAN

GERMANS SHY AT THE COST OF IT

Armament Programme Is Not Popular One

SEE TOO HEAVY TAXATION

Figures Show That Talk of Ruling Houses Submitting to Paying Their Share Really Does Not Mean Much in Total Required

(Canadian Press)

Berlin, March 22—A fortnight has passed since the rough outline of the government's military plans became known but no more details are available. In a general way, the estimate of 1,000,000,000 marks (250,000,000) immediate expenditure and 200,000,000 marks additional yearly running expenses, is confirmed, but the government as yet withholds the details although it has contradicted a number of reports and surmises regarding the probable army increase.

Signs are not lacking to show that a considerable proportion of Germans are beginning to ask themselves whether the proposed increases are justified and how the expense will be met. It is, of course, impossible to say accurately whether the majority of the nation is in favor of the plan or not, but there is no question that the plan fails to find the enthusiasm expected at first.

People Luke Warm

It must be remembered in the first place that more than a third of all Germans are socialists, and that the socialists are bitterly opposed to further armamente. Certainly a considerable part of the remaining two thirds are lukewarm and incredulous of the promise that the 1,000,000,000 marks shall be raised by taxing the big estates.

A feature of this taxation was to be the voluntary submission of the various ruling houses to taxation and much was made of this. As a matter of fact, the sums thus obtained will be but a drop in the bucket.

A book just issued by Rudolf Martin, a statistician, deals with the fortunes of the reigning houses and shows that they are inconsiderable, especially in relation to the incomes of the princes.

The combined wealth of the twenty two reigning houses of German states does not exceed 500,000,000 marks of which less than 400,000,000 marks will be available for taxation. At the rate of 4 per cent., the highest rate thus far suggested, no more than 16,000,000 marks could thus be realized. The income of the twenty-two dynasties is about 50,000,000 marks, but no suggestion has been made that the princely income shall be taxed. Even at 5 per cent. they would yield only 2,500,000 marks.

Disregarding altaogether the question of the minimum estate to be taxed and what is the tax rate necessary to produce a billion marks, the assessment of fortunes means a work of tremendous difficulty. Only a small number of the German states have a general property tax, and hence no assessment rolls or other helps for levying the proposed armament tax or for collecting it.

HURRICANE CAUSES GREAT LOSS IN HAMILTON, ONT.

Hamilton, Ont., March 22—Damage estimated at $100,000 was caused by a hurricane which hit Hamilton yesterday. The streets were strewn with trees, chimneys, poles, verandas, signs and other wreckage. All night the power, telephone and telegraph companies kept gangs hustling straightening out their wires.

The heaviest sufferers were the Canada Porcelain Company and the International Harvester Companies, where large walls of new buildings were blown over; the Hamilton Bridge Company, where a forty-ton crane was pitched across Stuart street, the National Steel Car Company which lost a big section of the roof, the Royal Hotel, where a part of the south roof was swept off and hurled into the dining-room and Levy & Boyd, whose three-story building was wrecked.

GENEROUS EASTER GIFTS FOR ORPHANS

The following subscriptions are thankfully acknokledged by the treasurer of the St. John Protestant Orphans Home:—

Joseph A. Likely	$50
Judge E. McLeod	25
F. E. Sayre	20
James Lowell (South Bay)	10
Friend	10
Willard Kitchen (Fredericton)	10
Mrs. James Holly	5
F. E. Holman & Co	5
The Christie Wood Working Co	5
Miss L. A. Fairweather (Rothesay)	2
A. Morrison	5
W. A. Ewing	2
E. M. Shadbolt	2
Rev. W. P. Dunham (Fairville)	1
J. McMurray Reid	1
A. R. Campbell	1
Mrs. Alex. Binning	1

LEASED TO MR. JACKSON.

The revenues of the North and South Market wharves for the coming year have been leased by the city commissioners to John Jackson for the sum of $1,1,00.

Other Religious Leaders in Agreement With Him

THE MARCONI MATTER

Sir Rufus Isaacs May Not Get His Promotion to Post of Lord Chief Justice—Views of Some Newspapers on the Matter

(Times' Special Cable)

London, March 22 — Dan Crawford, a missionary, newly returned after twenty-three years' absence in Central Africa, has aroused some discussion by declaring that in noting changes that have taken place during his absence, the blackest fact is that London has become frankly a pagan city. The Londoner has ceased to read his Bible.

Rev. R. J. Campbell of the City Temple, partly agrees. London, he says, is less religious, but not less moral. He says London has advanced morally and advanced in civilization, but the absorption of the average man today in purely materialistic concerns unfits him for caring much for the transcendental. mm

The Salvation Army chief of staff says there is a general forgetfulness of God, due largely to absorption in modern affairs. People are obessed with love of pleasure and material interests of themselves and family.

Dr. Darlington, a prominent South London churchman, says Sunday is not Sunday now in South London. People go to picture palaces in place of church.

A sidelight on the controversy is shown by the fact that there were small congregations for Good Friday at St. Paul's and at the churches throughout London.

The attorney-general's statement during the Marconi libel action that he and fellow ministers had dealing in American Marconi Company has left a decidedly unpleasant impression on the public mind. Nobody imputes corruption, but it is felt that Sir Rufus Isaacs and Lloyd George made a bad blunder in keeping back for so long the knowledge of their deal. It is pointed out that everybody understood that Sir Rufus Isaacs' statement in the commons on October 12 finally disposed of the charges of ministerial dealings in the shares of any Marconi Company, not alone with the parent company, and people generally resent the ministers' reticence. The incident is the more remarkable because Mr. Asquith has strictly enforced the absolute financial independence of his ministers, compelling them to resign all directorships before accepting office.

The punishment for Sir Rufus Isaacs is likely to be severe. Everyone expected him to succeed to the highest judicial office on the expected resignation of the lord chief justice. His chance has now apparently vanished.

The Nation, voicing the best unofficial Liberal opinion says today:

"We are bound to record our view that a grievous error in judgment has been committed. Corruption is hardly alleged in this matter, but our political leaders have to consider not only what is right but what is in the highest sense expected."

The Spectator, which voices sober and moderate views, says the whole incident leaves a most unpleasant and disagreeable impression, and shows carelessness in regard to the creation of suspicion which can be described only as deplorable.

Mr. Asquith will be forced to defend his colleagues publicly, but everyone believes he will so reinstate ministerial discipline as to make speculative transactions by cabinet ministers in future impossible.

FATALLY HURT BY BOMB

New York Man Dying After Explosion—He Made Bomb Himself

New York, March 22—Blown up by his own bomb, Henry Klotz, a draughtsman in the employ of the city, lay in the Fordham hospital today so terribly wounded that it is doubtful if he lives to shed further light upon the accident. Bits of nails, screws, and small steel slugs from the bomb, punctured his face and body in more than thirty places, one eye was destroyed, and two fingers of his left hand blown off.

Klotz declared that the bomb was one which he found in a park. Later he told the police that the bomb was one of his own making. His rooms were like an arsenal.

GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Berlin, March 22—German army officers' antipathy toward socialism is so great that they fear the contamination of the soldiers, even through films depicting anything or anybody connected with the hated party. Last week, in Leipzig 700 soldiers were led from a picture theatre by their officers when pictures showing the funeral of Paul Singer, a socialist leader were being shown.

BLENHEIM PARK AS GRAIN FIELD

Thousand Acres to Be Put Under Plough by Marlborough

SOLDIERS TRAINED THERE

Duke Says He Now Will Be Captain of Another Army Fully as Useful and Necessary—Gives Lead to Farmers

(Canadian Press)

London, March 22—The Duke of Marlborough, in the London Daily Mail, makes a concrete statement of his proposal "to put Blenheim Park under the plough." His plan is "to lay the foundations of a constructive agrarian policy." He contends that with wheat at thirty-two shillings a quarter it would pay to put under the plough the land which was turned into pasturage during the period of agricultural depression. The duke, whose, articles are in the form of letters, addressed to his cousin Winston Churchill, outlines his scheme for Blenheim Park as follows.

"So far as I am concerned, I mean to make an effort to show that in my locality it is possible to grow corn stuffs and vegetables for suitable markets. The park which you know so well and on which a brigade of yeomanry has been trained, will no longer be offered as a training ground for national defence, but will be employed for the purpose of producing food for a national food supply. A thousand acres or more will be under the plough, and a greater number of laborers employed.

"When I have succeeded as I mean to to, I shall then have given a lead to my farming neighbors. I shall be a captain in a different kind of an army from that which I have previously had the honor of commanding in Blenheim Park, but it will be an army quite as useful and quite as necessary to the welfare of the state."

MORE AUTO BANDITS CAUGHT IN NEW YORK

In Sensational Chase, Car Hits Building Amid Volley of Revolver Shots

New York, March 22—Hold-up men who tried to escape in a taxicab after robbing an east side cafe early today, were captured by the police when the machine crashed into a building amid a volley of revolver shots. With the recent arrest of a dozen motor car bandits, the police believe they have brought an end to the city's newest crime sensation. The robbery apparently supplied the first intimation that several gangs of automobile highwaymen have been at work.

ONLY FORTY DAYS OF BREAK IN NAVIGATION

Brockville, Ont., March 22—After being out of commission for forty days, the steamer Rigelow resumed the ferry service between here and Morristown, N. Y., on Thursday, thus establishing a record for late and early navigation on this part of the St. Lawrence.

STANDS SAFELY BETWEEN WHIRLING EXPRESS TRAINS

Presence of Mind and Nerve Save Scott From an Awful Death

Hartford, Conn., March 22—By standing sideways and holding himself perfectly erect between two express trains that whirled by him in opposite directions, Wm. Scott of Westminster, B. C., escaped unhurt at a crossing here last night. His companion, Thomas H. Ryan, of Binghampton, N. Y., tried to dart across the tracks and was killed.

Scott realized it was death to run in either direction, and with presence of mind, he recalled having read that there was leeway of an inch or so between passing trains for a man of average size if he could hold himself erect.

Scott did not find it easy to hold his feet; the air suction nearly pulled him over, but he set his muscles so firmly that when the trains passed, he could not unlimber until he was assisted.

FURTHER POSTPONED.

The investigation into the business of the city constables which is to be held at the request of the local barristers, has been postponed until the thrid week in April.

AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSE IS SCARCE THIS EASTER

Season Too Early — Other Flowers Plentiful and Minus Insect Trouble of Last Year

Montreal, March 22—The early fall of Easter this year finds a scarcity almost amounting to a famine, of the much admired American Beauty roses, and this condition prevails not only in this and other cities of Canada, but also in the United States. The only reason ascribed is that the feast of Easter had fallen at a time when the rose is out of season.

Other roses, however, are plentiful. Violets there are in abundance and they are finer in quality than last year, deeper in color, fuller in form, and richer in perfume. In price they range from under $1 to $1.50 a bunch. The Easter lilies are in prime condition. The insect trouble which afflicted many of the plants last year is not present this season.