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## BIG BANK WRECKERS' RING UNCOVERED

OVER \$1,000,000  
NETTED BY GANG  
IN 49 BREAKS

Missouri Attorney Be-  
lieves Ring Leader  
Is Jailed

ONE WAS CASHIER

Kiting of Checks and Sale Of  
Spurious Deposit Certifi-  
cates Alleged

By Canadian Press.  
MEMPHIS, Mo., March 28.—A ring of bank wreckers, nation-wide in scope, is believed today by Charles J. Moore, prosecuting attorney for Scotland county, to have been uncovered. Mr. Moore said that through 49 operations the alleged ring had obtained \$1,000,000.

Banks in Missouri were hardest hit, Mr. Moore said, adding that in institutions in the state that were still operating, had been victims of the ring. He said that four banks had been closed as a result of the wreckers' operations.

LEADER ARRESTED.

Mr. Moore named J. B. McCutcheon, of St. Louis, under arrest in connection with alleged manipulations of bank paper, as head of the ring. He said that the ring operated by "kiting" checks and selling certificates of deposit. One man, alleged to have been a tool of the ring, was placed in one of the banks as cashier. The ring, Mr. Moore said, operated as far east as Pittsburg, and west to the Pacific.

SAINT JOHN RIVER  
ICE IS MOVING OUT

Many Places Report Open Water  
—Mouth of Stream Still  
Holds.

Special to The Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 28.—The ice in the Nashwan river above Penticus ran out Friday leaving a clear passage for some miles. At Nashwan village logs were hauled across the river on the ice Thursday and the next day the river was open.

Fraser Companies Limited today received information that the Nashwan river had run for some distance at Hartland and Prince William, about 22 miles above Fredericton, reports that the ice ran for a short distance and stopped.

Below Fredericton the ice has broken at several places. The Nashwan river still is closed at its mouth but the ice is weakening fast.

SAINT JOHN FIRST

Gets Preference in Manning  
Beatty and in Purchase of  
Supplies.

Excellent progress toward organizing the staff for the Admiral Beatty Hotel, which is expected to open here around June 9, is being made, according to H. A. Peters, manager, this morning. The majority of the contracts have been settled and a complete announcement is expected next week.

Only very few men will be brought in from outside to man the hotel, Mr. Peters declared today as it is his aim to place the preference locally whenever possible. The men who will be brought in will be trained men, able to take charge of their particular part of the work. The same policy will hold good for daily supplies for the hotel. They will be secured in Saint John as much as possible and in this respect several local dealers already have indicated Manager Peters.

PREDICTS 'QUAKE'

Italian Scientist Says North and  
Central America Will Be  
Shaken Tonight.

United Press.  
FAENZA, Italy, March 28.—Professor Benadri, seismologist, who prophesied the recent earthquake in America, announces there will be a strong quake in both North and Central America tonight. There will be an earthquake in the far east on Monday, Prof. Benadri predicts.

Yukon Telegraph  
Line Closed Down

DAWSON, March 28.—The manager of the Dominion Telegraph office here has been notified that the land line between Hazelton and Telegraph Creek, closed and messages for interior points on the Yukon must be routed via Edmonton and radio to Dawson. The land line between Dawson and Atlin is still in operation.

## Oxford Quits Thames Sculling Contest When Rough Water Fills Boat

## U. S. NAVAL OFFICERS GET INTO RUM MIX-UP

Brides' School  
Is Advocated

NEW YORK, March 27.—Schools to give prospective brides and bridegrooms knowledge preparing them for marriage were advocated before the Sixth International Neo Malthusian and Birth Control Conference today by Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Infanticide.

Dr. Knopf predicted there would be "standing room only" in the United States by the year 3,000 if the present birth rate was not reduced or the population is not reduced by war, disease or famine. He declared birth control preferable to "this trinity of calamities."

ROTARIANS WILL BE  
LUNCHEON GUESTS

Local Club Members to be  
Shown Operation of News-  
paper Plant.

The members of the Rotary Club of Saint John will be the guests of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star at luncheon Monday noon.

Special arrangements have been made to accommodate the guests in the special circulation room, and an interesting programme will give the Rotarians an opportunity to get an insight into the making of a newspaper, from the time the news is handed to the starting of the big press. Various phases of newspaper work will be briefly explained and interpreted by members of the staff, and afterwards the party will be conducted through the plant.

Added interest will be given the luncheon by the presence of Percy Hutchinson, the noted actor, who is appearing in St. John next week prior to returning with his company to England.

PRINCE LEAVES FOR  
SOUTH AMERICA

Will Add 20,000 Miles to Record of  
100,000 Miles Already  
Established.

British United Press.  
LONDON, March 28.—The Prince of Wales, British Ambassador-at-Large, sailed for Portsmouth today on what will probably be his last trans-Atlantic tour as heir to the throne. Travelling with a vast entourage that includes a jazz band, H. R. H. will visit Africa and South America, returning in September. This trip will add some 20,000 miles to the 100,000 or more he has travelled abroad during the last six years.

Four of Family Away.

The Prince's departure leaves Britain, for the first time in history, with the four leading members of its royal house absent simultaneously. King George and Queen Mary are cruising in the Mediterranean and the Duke of York is touring Africa and Egypt.

Insurance Men  
Hear Good Address

At a largely attended meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association of Saint John, held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms, a very fine address was delivered by George H. Harris, director of the course in life insurance salesmanship at McGill and lecturer on life insurance salesmanship at Toronto University. He is also in charge of the educational work of the Sun Life Insurance Company.

J. J. Murray, president of the local association, was in the chair and introduced the speaker. At the close of the address a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Harris.

Irish Farmer Leader Tells of  
Dire Straits of Clare People

BELFAST, March 28.—A depressing picture of the conditions in County Clare was drawn by Col. George O'Callaghan Westropp, Irish Farmer's Union leader, at a conference here last night.

The cattle were dying by the wholesale, he declared, 450 head, valued at £10 each having succumbed in two months in one district, and all the sheep were already dead, with no livestock left in two large town lands.

AT LEAST FIVE  
ON VESSEL FACE  
COURT MARTIAL

Charged With Smug-  
gling Liquor Into  
United States

40 CASES FOUND

Wet Goods Was Brought From  
West Indies On Trans-  
port Beaufort

Canadian Press Despatch.  
WASHINGTON, March 28.—At least five, perhaps six, naval officers will be court-martialed as the result of the smuggling of liquor into the United States from the West Indies on board the naval transport Beaufort.

When the Beaufort docked at Hampton Roads, naval base on February 24, last, 40 cases of liquor were found stowed in her hold. The discovery was made by a naval squad under command of Captain Wilbert Smith, who directed the raid in which the whiskey was found.

MINERS' MINIMUM  
WAGE BILL BEATEN

British Commons Rejects Measure,  
208 to 143—Strike Talk  
Believed Premature.

British United Press.  
LONDON, March 28.—The miners' minimum wage bill was defeated in the House of Commons last night by a vote of 208 to 143. Nearly all the Tory members united against the measure, which would have given small coal miners a minimum wage of 10 to 12 shillings a day, or about \$15 a week. This bill had been declared by the miners' executives necessary to prevent a general coal strike.

Arouses Anger

The Liberal leader, Sir Beidock Rees, aroused the ire of Labour members by stating that a minimum wage of \$15 a week would "attract all the 'weary Wilkes' into the coal mining industry."

The next move is up to the miners, but it is probable that strike threats are premature.

AVALANCHE FATAL

Many Fatalities Believed Suffered  
When Siberian Train  
Overwhelmed.

IRKUTSK, Siberia, March 28.—A number of persons are believed to have been killed and many injured when the train on which they were passengers, bound for this city, was overwhelmed today by a huge avalanche. Rescue parties are at work extricating the victims, many of whom were buried in the snow.

HAVE CLOSE SHAVE

Car of N. Y. Visitors in Ottawa  
Crashes Into Viaduct and  
Overturns.

OTTAWA, March 28.—Two persons thought to be from New York escaped almost certain death when their automobile, a closed one, crashed through the railing of the Somerset street viaduct here last night, and dropped 10 feet and overturned after crashing into a telephone pole. The car, bearing a New York license plate, was wrecked. Its occupants, a man and a woman, extricated themselves from the wreckage.

Mrs. Mary Richard  
Dies At Moncton

MONCTON, March 27.—The death of Mrs. Mary Richard, widow of David Richard, of St. Marys, Kent county, occurred today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alberto LeBlanc, 199 Robinson street, Moncton. She had been in failing health for some time. She was 72 years of age and a native of St. Marys. Five sons, three daughters, three sisters and one brother survive.

Judge Spanks  
Wayward Boys

United Press.  
KANSAS CITY, March 28.—An old-fashioned spanking, the sort that brings tears to the eyes, has been made a part of the penal code of the Wyoandotte County Probate Court Judge Henry Meade, who has whacked or overseen the paddling of more than a dozen youths in the last few weeks, says it is an effective punishment for reckless children.

"Spanking is my own way of dealing with willful disobedience," says Judge Meade. "And you'll be surprised. These boys are my best friends."

DEFENSES MEMORY  
OF DEAD HUSBAND

Lady Cowans Hopes Law Will  
be Amended to Protect  
Defenceless.

LONDON, March 28.—Echoes of the sensational Demitroff trial are resounding in London and Paris. In London, Lady Cowans, widow of the former Quartermaster General of the British Army, Gen. Sir John Cowans, whose name figured prominently in the Demitroff trial, came to the defence of the memory of her late husband in an interview in the Evening Standard.

All of Sir John's sins were sins of kindness and generosity, but never sins against his country, declared Lady Cowans.

She characterized the use of her husband's name in the Demitroff case as "a burning injustice." She said that she hoped the British parliament would amend the present English laws that the reputation of those who were unable to defend themselves may be protected by the living.

FIVE BODIES FOUND

German Sailors Evidently Not  
Warned When Fleet Was  
Scuttled.

SCAPA FLOW, Orkney Islands, March 28.—Workers engaged in breaking up a scuttled German destroyer beached in Mill Bay, have discovered the bodies of five German officers and sailors, who evidently were not warned at the time the fleet was sunk by the German crews.

The surrendered German fleet, including eleven battleships, five battle cruisers, six light cruisers, and auxiliary craft, was scuttled by the German crews on June 21, 1919.

WHOLE CREW SAVED

27 From Fishing Schooner,  
Burned After Explosion,  
Lands at Provincetown.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Mar. 28.—The entire crew of 27 of the fishing schooner Emerald, which was burned and sunk after an explosion of George Banks Thursday, have been brought here, including the captain, Lawrence J. Norris, of Boston.

BOTH FEET SEVERED

Pictou Youth is Run Over by  
Freight Train Near  
Moncton.

MONCTON, March 28.—Ronald Macdonald, Pictou, aged 20, had both feet amputated this morning when run over by a north bound freight train at Berry Mills, about 12 miles from here, early this morning. He was brought to the hospital here, where his condition is reported as very serious.

Mrs. Mary Richard  
Dies At Moncton

WINNIPEG, Man., March 28.—Scoring Premier King and "eastern statesmen" on their attitude toward the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway as "mighty poor Canadianism," Mayor Ralph Webb, last night addressing a meeting of the On-to-the-Bay Association, branded as fallacies statements regarding the unavailability of conditions of the bay during the winter months.

GIVEN LONGER  
HOURS TO SELL  
BEER IN QUEBEC

Amendment Submitted  
By Provincial  
Treasurer

OPEN EXTRA HOUR

License Charges On Stores Re-  
duced—Hotel Regula-  
tions Stand

By Canadian Press.  
QUEBEC, March 28.—Hon. Jacob Nirol, provincial treasurer, put through the assembly last night his measure amending the Liquor Act with two additional clauses. Both these deal with the stores licensed to sell beer by the bottle.

They are given one additional selling hour in the morning, and will now sell from 9 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening. The license charge on that class of stores, now paying from \$30 to \$500 a year, is changed from \$300 to \$400.

Hotel Provisions

The rest of the bill as printed provides that hotels may sell wine and beer with meals not only in one dining room, as now, but in dining rooms. Provision is made to clear up the point that the five per cent. tax on beer charged brewers shall apply to the amount of the sales plus the sales tax.

J. ORAM FALLS INTO  
HARBOR AT "POINT"

Foot Slips as he is on Ladder—  
Placide Bourque Falls Into  
Hold.

John Oram, second engineer of the steamer Beatrice, had a close escape from death this morning when he fell from the wharf at No. 7 berth, into the harbor, striking the rail of the steamer on the way.

The accident happened about 9 o'clock this morning at low tide. Mr. Oram was climbing the ladder from the deck of the steamer to the wharf, and just as he was about to step on the cap of the wharf his foot slipped and he fell backward.

He was assisted aboard the ship and changed his wet clothes. In the meantime the ambulance had been summoned and he was conveyed to the General Hospital for examination. As far as could be told from a superficial examination all the injury received was a bruised hip.

Another Hurt.

Placide Bourque, West Saint John, while employed as a longshoreman on the R. M. F. Chignecto, loading at Pettigrew wharf, fell into the hold of the ship at 10 o'clock today. It is reported a chain caught in his clothing, throwing him off his balance over the side of the hatch. He was rushed to the General Hospital in the ambulance and a bad gash in the head was fixed up.

FLEE FROM FLOOD

Saskatchewan People Alarmed  
by Rising Water in Several  
Streams.

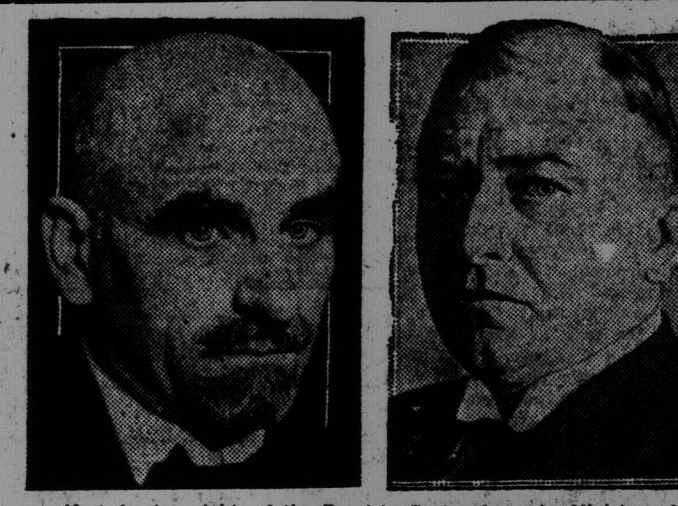
CHARLOTTETOWN, March 28.—The P. E. I. legislature which yesterday considered the Church Union Bill heard addresses by Rev. Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, of Halifax, Moderator of the General Presbyterian Assembly of Canada, Rev. J. A. McLellan of Valleyfield, and Rev. G. A. Christie, of Alberton, all in favor of union.

PREMIER IS SCORED

Winnipeg Mayor Brands Stand-  
on Hudson Bay Ry. "Poor  
Canadianism."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—An airplane flight from Paris to San Francisco, crossing the Arctic near the North Pole, is being planned as a feature of the Diamond Jubilee of the state next September. The plan provides for the inauguration of a regular route, and the arrival of the pathfinding airplane in San Francisco during the

For German Presidency



Karl Jarries, right, of the People's Party, formerly Minister of the Interior, and Otto Braun, left, of the Republican coalition party, are two of the leading possibilities for the presidency of the German republic to succeed the late President Ebert.

German Election Tomorrow Is  
First, of Kind In 1,000 Years

BERLIN, March 28.—For the first time in its history of more than 1,000 years, the German nation tomorrow will give the opportunity of electing its head through the medium of a popular ballot.

Election Law

The law for election of the president provides that a candidate must obtain a clear majority of all the votes cast to be declared elected. As there is seven candidates in the running, nobody in Germany seriously believes that any candidate can obtain a majority. The law therefore provides that a second ballot shall be taken, and this second election day has already been fixed for April 26.

Fines Wife \$1 For  
Talk Out of Turn

NEW YORK, March 28.—Everytime his wife "spoke out of turn," Dudley Cartmel, a bank clerk here, fined her \$1. Because of the novel method of domestic economy, according to her testimony, Mrs. Cartmel, who has instituted suit for separation, the fine her lawyer said was deducted from her weekly allowance.

GOLF CLUBS WON DAY

British Officer Tells of Rescue  
of Indian Girl From Kid-  
nappers.

BOMBAY, March 28.—A graphic story was told in court this morning of a desperate fight in which four British officers armed with golf clubs routed nine alleged kidnapers equipped with knives and pistols, and rescued Muntas Begum, young Indian dancing girl, who since has become famous as the former favorite of the powerful Maharajah of Indore.

A wealthy Indian merchant with whom she was motoring was killed. Lieutenant Batley of the Gurkha Rifles told of the rescue.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

Both Vessels Are Slightly Damaged  
in Crash in Delaware  
Bay.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The steamer Lady Brenda, inward bound with sugar from Cuba, was today in collision with the steamer Sabine Sun, outward bound in ballast for Sabine, Texas, off Fourteen Fathom Bank, in Delaware Bay. Both vessels were slightly damaged. The Sabine Sun proceeded out to sea and the Lady Brenda anchored.

Speak In P. E. Island In  
Favor of Church Union

Oil Production  
In United States

NEW YORK, March 28.—The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 21 was 1,944,700 barrels, compared with 1,949,200 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,342,700 barrels, compared with 1,346,200 barrels.

Airplane Flight, Paris To San  
Francisco, Is Jubilee Plan

week of the celebration. H. H. Hammer, associate of Captain Amundsen, in Arctic explorations, is the originator of the plan. Hammer is planning a flight this summer from London to Tokyo by way of the North Pole, and now is in San Francisco. At a meeting of the executive of the Jubilee celebration yesterday a sub-committee was appointed to study Hammer's plans.

ANNUAL BOAT  
CLASSIC ENDS  
SENSATIONALLY

Oxonians Rowed Two  
Miles Before Giv-  
ing Up Race

HAD LED FOR MILE

Cambridge Finishes Course,  
Winning Event in 21 Min-  
utes, 51 Seconds

LONDON, March 28.—  
Umpires decided Ox-  
ford-Cambridge contest no  
race, and presidents decid-  
ed to row April 1.

PUTNEY, England, March 28.—  
The 77th annual Oxford-  
Cambridge boat race, Putney to  
Mortlake, ended sensationally this  
afternoon, when the Oxonians,  
after rowing about two miles in  
very rough water, were forced to  
abandon the contest owing to the  
waterlogged condition of their  
boat.

Cambridge at the time the Dark  
Blues collapsed, was leading by  
some 120 yards. Cambridge in-  
stead, winning in 21 minutes and  
51 seconds.

It was officially announced that  
Cambridge had won, the official  
times being given as 21 minutes and  
50 seconds.

CAMBRIDGE WINS TOSS.

Cambridge was the toss and chose  
to row on the north shore, which  
furnished protection from the blinding  
north wind which roused the water. Ex-  
ports said this gave an advantage to  
Cambridge, which even before the toss  
was a general favorite.

The crews got away at 3:40 p. m.  
The water was very rough, especially  
on the south or Surrey side, where  
Oxford was rowing.  
Oxford jumped into the lead and  
was a quarter of a length ahead at the  
quarter mile. Cambridge quickly over-  
hauled the dark blue, and at the mile  
led by about three lengths.

FEWER FAILURES  
53 Reported Last Week; 61 in  
Same Period Last Year—  
None in N. B.

TORONTO, Ont., March 28.—  
Fifty-three commercial failures were  
reported throughout Canada and New-  
foundland during the week ended yester-  
day, compared with 61 for the cor-  
responding week of last year, according  
to the report of R. G. Dun & Co.  
Last week's failures were as follows:  
Quebec, 24; Ontario, 14; Saskatchewan,  
7; Manitoba, 4; Alberta, 2;  
Nova Scotia, 1, and Newfoundland, 1.

ARE GETTING BOATS  
READY FOR SUMMER

Some in Water Already at  
Marble Cove—Maggie Miller  
Plans.

The balmy weather has brought  
about a scene of great activity at the  
Saint John Power Boat Club yards in  
Marble Cove. Owners of motor craft  
are working day and night getting them  
ready to take the water, and already  
several are afloat. It is expected that  
from now on many will be removed off  
the blocks daily.

Captain White of the ferry steamer  
Maggie Miller expects to be able to  
start a service from Millerville to  
Summersville and Bayswater by the  
end of next week. Ice is still holding  
around the shore at Millerville and  
at Bayswater, but as soon as it breaks  
up the ferry will be placed on the run.  
Repairs to the machinery and hull of  
the ferry are nearing completion and  
she will be ready to start the season's  
operations in a few days.

Patent in Eye Hospital Was  
Temporarily Blind After  
Operation.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Temporarily  
blinded by an operation on his eyes,  
P. J. Regan was unable to grope his  
way to safety and died in the smoke  
of a fire which last night wrecked the  
fourth floor of the Chicago Eye, Ear  
and Nose and Throat Hospital. Nurses  
and attendants carried out other patients.

DIES FROM SMOKE

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The depression  
which was over the Ottawa Val-  
ley, yesterday morning is now  
centered in New England. Another  
important depression is developing  
in the Western States and Alberta,  
while to the northward in the Mac-  
Kenzie Valley, the pressure is high  
and weather very cold. Snow is  
falling in Eastern Ontario.

FORECASTS  
MARITIME—Moderate south-  
east winds, increasing to moderate  
southeast gales, rain tonight and  
Sunday.

NEW ENGLAND—Unsettled  
and colder tonight. Sunday—Fair  
colder in east portion. Strong  
west to northwest winds.  
Temperatures.

TORONTO, March 28.—Lowest  
Highest during  
8 a. m. yesterday night

Victoria 38 38 28

Calgary 34 38 28

Edmonton 24 44 24

Winnipeg 28 42 24

Toronto 36 42 31

Montreal 38 48 35

Saint John 40 50 35

Halifax 40 50 35

New York 40 50 35