

ARMED BANDITS FAIL AT TORONTO

Attempt to Hold Up Premises of Manufacturing Jewelry \$25,000 IN GEMS AT STAKE

Proprietor Has Narrow Escape From Bullet Fired by Desperado

TORONTO, Oct. 29.—A daring attempt to secure possession of more than \$25,000 worth of gems hidden in the safe of H. Skup, manufacturing jeweler, was made at 2.45 o'clock this afternoon by three armed bandits. At the time hundreds of people were passing and crossing the building, and three policemen were less than 100 yards away. In spite of these obstacles a successful escape, the robbers, when frightened from their purpose, managed to make a clear get-away.

LUCK AGAINST THEM.

Uncalculated circumstances rendered abortive the daring plan of the bandits. In fact the very element of surprise upon which they counted for the successful execution of their plan proved its undoing. In surprising one of the two occupants of the establishment, Mr. Bert Sheppard, with their curt command to put up his hands, they caused him to stumble against a bench on which was a safe. The safe, which was a lever, caused the metal to hurl through the air and to crash through one of the windows facing Yonge street. Though no one below was injured it had the effect of raising the alarm, and the robbers, after firing a hasty shot at Sheppard, rushed up the building. The shot, it is thought, was intended as a signal to the third man, who was guarding the stairway.

When the robbers entered the building Mr. Sheppard and his assistant, Mr. Kearns, were just completing the day's work. The first indication of anything out of the ordinary was the curt command given them to raise their hands. Looking up they found themselves faced by the muzzles of two revolvers.

SLAMMED SAFE SHUT. This was followed by the events related above. In the confusion which followed Kearns had the presence of mind to slam shut the door of the safe and to twist the knob, making its contents safe from the robbery. There were more than \$25,000 worth of gems in the store.

One of the robbers jumped through the window to the roof of a shed 20 feet below. From there he escaped into O'Keefe's lane and disappeared up Victoria street. The second robber rushed down the fire escape and passed along a lane until he came to Loew's Theater, which he entered and was soon lost in the darkness of the theater. An usher afterwards reported to the police that during the afternoon a woman had opened a fire exit in the gallery and had left the theater by way of a rear fire escape.

That there were three robbers is known. A young lady, whose name has not been learned by the police, was leaving a dentist's parlor on the floor below the Skup establishment at the moment the hold-up was being attempted. As she was going to descend the stairs leading to Yonge street she was confronted by a man who roughly ordered her to get back into that room.

This man also escaped in the confusion which followed. The police have excellent descriptions of the hold-up men, who were unmasked.

MEIGHEN STANDS BY GRAIN PLAN

Will Not Be Turned by Western Farmer Politicians

HAMILTON, Oct. 30.—(By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.)—Premier Meighen has received a letter from the Grain Growers' Association, of Sint-Luis, Sask., inclosing an appeal for the re-establishment of the Canada Wheat Board, which is being circulated through the Prairie Provinces. The letter states that the voluntary pool for handling grain, proposed by the prime minister in his Portage La Prairie speech, "will be totally inadequate to cope with the situation," that the man at the head of the board should be "armed with dictatorial powers" and that "the crisis facing the country is a simple war against the creation of such a virtual dictatorship."

In replying to the letter Premier Meighen noted that the plan proposed by him is considered "hopelessly inadequate." "I may say that I should be scarcely surprised if the associations which have assumed political functions and very hostile political activities would shake the attitude you desired toward any proposal that I make," he continues. "They took just the same attitude toward the wheat board, when, after much effort on my part, it was established."

SAID TO BE RECORD ON WIRELESS TELEPHONY

EDMONTON, Alta., Oct. 30.—What is asserted to be a world's record for land transmission of wireless telephony was set here Saturday night, when a concert program being sent out by wireless from San Francisco was picked up and directly recorded. The two points are over 1,400 miles apart. This was accomplished by W. W. Grant, wireless engineer for the Dominion Government, and instrumental music were distinctly heard by the listeners; also some news items spoken by the chairman.

NEW YORK WARNED TO IMPROVE ITS PORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Governor Miller, in a speech in Brooklyn on Saturday, told more than 500 members of the Chamber of Commerce that New York must speed up developments of its port and terminal facilities if it wished to avoid seeing commerce diverted to other cities. He referred specifically to the plan to convert the Great Lakes ports into terminals for Transatlantic shipping through a canal leading to the St. Lawrence River.

BLIND MAN RECOGNIZES VOICE OF ASSAILANT

His Evidence Regarded by New York Magistrate as Sufficient to Commit Accused

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Identified by the blind victim of two pistol shots, who claims to have recognized his voice, Thomas Rickerson, aged 28, was held to-day on a charge of felonious assault. Andrew Anderson, aged and blind, but keen of hearing, detected a noise in his apartment last night and called out, "Who's there?" The intruder mumbled a few words and fired a bullet into Anderson's bedroom. When the blind man called, "Tom! Why did you do that?" four more shots were fired, one of which took effect in his shoulder.

Anderson told the police he recognized the intruder's voice as that of Rickerson, whom he had befriended since boyhood, and who had lived with him for a time.

FOCH CALLS UPON U. S. DIGNITARIES

Is Received by President, Vice-President and Others

UNABLE TO SEE WILSON

Former President Is Too Ill to Receive Callers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Moving with the rapidity that characterized his tactical thrusts along the western front, Marshal Ferdinand Foch became acquainted with official Washington yesterday to the accompaniment of the cheers and plaudits from hundreds of admirers wherever he went.

From the White House to the Capitol, and to the various departments, the famous allied generalissimo was whirled in a motorcade, everywhere greeted by admiring throngs.

The marshal was on his morning list of calls with a futile attempt to see Woodrow Wilson.

President Harding, flanked on either side by the entire staff of military and naval aides, received the marshal in the Blue Room. The two dignitaries exchanged formal salutations and talked for some 15 minutes and then Marshal Foch was driven down Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol.

At the Capitol, Marshal Foch called on Vice-President Coolidge.

When Marshal Foch entered the office of Vice-President Coolidge he espied a painting of George Washington hanging on the wall, and came immediately to a salute.

The vice-president greeted the French general as "the man who saved both France and America." Ambassador Jusserand acted as interpreter, interpreting the exchange of greetings.

After he had called at the White House and met the president, and had formally paid his respects to other high officials of the Government, the marshal's chauffeur was ordered to drive to 2418 S street, where the former president dwells in the most rigid exclusion.

No interview has been arranged and the marshal intended to call on the former president in a purely social way, and renew their acquaintances begun in Paris. The former president was, however, too ill from an attack of indigestion to receive Marshal Foch, who departed after leaving his card and expressing regrets to Mr. Wilson's secretary. The former president was much better to-day.

The calls made by the marshal were extremely formal and it took the navy department clerks to break the cold formality. When General Foch arrived at the navy department to call upon Secretary Denby, he found several hundred girls lined up along the corridors of the building, and as he entered the building the girls broke into the "Marseillaise" while the French leader stood at attention.

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MARSHAL FOCH PREFERS A PIPE

Warrior's Little Briar Is His Constant Companion

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Marshal Foch, who is known as an inveterate pipe smoker, before boarding the steamship Paris for his trip to the United States, made sure that a sufficient amount of his favorite French tobacco was on board. One of his military aides has it in charge, 25 pounds of it.

Soon after he was taken off the Paris at New York, and had exchanged official courtesies with the members of the reception committee on the tug Vigilant, he went inside the pilot house, lighted his small briar pipe and seemed perfectly at home. He emptied it as he approached Battery Park and put it back into his pocket.

Two hours later, when comfortably established in his special train for the run to Washington, the pipe was out again. After dinner he followed the example of his guests and smoked a cigar, but, this finished, the pipe again came into view, only to disappear when the train pulled into the Union Station.

TORONTO TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS TO MR. RICHARDS

TORONTO, Oct. 30.—This city will tender a complimentary luncheon tomorrow night to Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, of the Salvation Army, in recognition of the splendid social welfare work done by the army during the regime of the commissioner. Commissioner and Mrs. Richards will depart shortly to take charge of a new command in Australia.

QUEBEC LINING UP.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—The Liberal nomination meetings in Quebec Province are practically over. Standard-bearers have been chosen in the 65 seats and 63 have accepted the nomination. A number of Conservatives have been nominated. The organizers for the Government party promise a candidate in every constituency.

SAFE AT AMHERSTBURG

DETROIT, Oct. 29.—Missing since Wednesday, when they went to search for a motor boat which had broken her lashings and gone adrift from the St. Clair relief light ship, Maurice Burk and John Vincent, of the light ship force, reported to-night that they were safe at Amherstburg.

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1 3/4-yard ends at 59c, 69c and 75c
1 7/8-yard ends at 64c, 69c and 89c
1 3/4-yard ends at 59c and 69c
1 7/8-yard ends at 69c, 89c and \$1.00
2-yard ends at 75c, 98c, \$1.18 and \$1.39
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UNBLEACHED SHEETINGS, short ends, all widths—6-4, 7-4, 8-4, 9-4, 10-4—

1-yard ends at, each, 30c, 35c, 39c, 49c
1 1/2-yard ends at, each, 29c, 34c, 39c, 44c and 55c.
1 1/4-yard ends at, each, 30c, 39c, 44c, 49c and 59c.
1 3/4-yard ends at, each, 34c, 42c, 50c, 54c and 59c.
1 1/2-yard ends at, each, 38c, 45c, 59c, 74c and \$1.00.
1 3/4-yard ends at, each, 40c, 50c, 57c, 64c and 79c.
1 3/4-yard ends at, each, 44c, 59c, 69c, 85c
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