

MAN THOUGHT DEAD SURPRISED THE POLICE

Had Left Clothes on River
Bank With a Note Saying
Good-bye—Meant to Fool
Friends.

(Montreal Gazette)
"Don't look for me any more," said a short, fair man to Chief of Police Napoleon Gravel at the St. Lambert police station yesterday morning.
"Why?"
"I am back,"
Looking at the man for a few moments, Chief Gravel remembered having seen his photograph, and identified him as Peter Christow, alias Benny Smith, who disappeared from his home, 107th avenue, St. Lambert, on the night of July 11 last. Some of Smith's clothes had been found on the shore of the river and a note was pinned to the coat to the effect that Smith was going to kill himself.
Later investigations by the chief and his men, however, showed that financial obligations which he was unable to meet might have had something to do with the man's disappearance.
"Where have you been?" asked Chief Gravel.
"Oh, I walked to New York to get work," said Smith.
The traveler explained that he had failed to get work in the big city of the United States and that consequently he had decided to come back to Montreal. He had walked all the way back, he said. Smith told Chief Gravel that he had been only a few days in New York and that the remainder of the trip had been spent in walking. He had done odd jobs on the way and managed to get on when Chief Gravel saw him yesterday.

thought to Fool Friends.

When questioned by Chief Gravel about the trick he had played, Smith stated that he owed money to several of his friends and that as he could not obtain work in or around Montreal he had decided to go away. He thought that if he could fool his friends into thinking that he was dead, they would forget about the money he owed. He returned to Montreal to try and work and pay his debts.
After reporting his return to Chief Gravel, Smith went to his home at 177 107th avenue, where he had lived with his wife, Mrs. Smith. He was found on the shore of the river, some 300 yards above the Country Club at St. Lambert, on the night of July 11, as being worn by Smith when he had left the house on the previous day. It was then that the note was found on his body and that way I lost my life because I finished, God bless me. Benny Smith, Peter Christow.

The name of Smith, alias Christow, as taken off the list of persons missing at the police station. No charge was made against Smith, as he has promised his friends to pay his debts as soon as he can work and get some money.

TUBERCULAR KINE SHOULD BE KILLER

Hamilton M. H. O. Favors
Compensation for All Cattle
Condemned.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—Dr. James Roberts, medical health officer, is considering taking action to have tubercular cattle done away with throughout this district, and he will shortly appeal to the medical health officers of other cities to start a similar campaign in the interests of the health of the people of Ontario. The doctor is strongly in favor of the government compensating owners for all cattle condemned and this decision is necessary to have co-operation, Dr. Roberts thinks.
"It is just as important that diseased cattle be destroyed," said Dr. Roberts, "yet allowance is made for huge which are killed owing to the cholera." Farmers did not want cattle which were not up to the standards, and public health demand healthy animals and pure milk, he said. For this reason there would be immediate action, added the doctor.

IRISH COMPENSATION.

London, Nov. 28.—(By mail.)—The total compensation on a war basis under the Criminal Injuries in Ireland Act during the period from June 1, 1920, to September 30, 1921, was approximately £8,000,000. The figures were given by Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, to a questioner in the House of Commons.

MILK BRIGHTENS CHILDREN'S MINDS

Remarkable Results Shown
in School Studies, Says Mrs.
McTavish.

(Mail and Empire)
Mrs. Newton McTavish, president of the Home and School Council, stated in an interview yesterday that their organization was delighted with the results of the milk distribution to school children. We are doubly delighted when the children begin so early in the game to show by their work in the class rooms how much better the milk makes them feel. That even a pint of milk a day materially improves a child's educational progress is being demonstrated by the Home and School Council, who, assisted by the Board of Education and the Department of Public Health, are distributing to those children who, without apparent cause, are below par physically—underweight or anemic—a pint of milk to be taken at recess.

Along with the milk drinking, the children try to live according to the health rules. These are simple rules, within possibility for every child, fresh air and plenty of sleep being the most important points. As an added incentive a trim and official looking certificate is filled in and given to each child as soon as he attains normal weight.
Nearly every child getting the milk is gaining in weight and general health. In only a few weeks there has been distributed since the middle of September, the average gain per child has been eight pounds. This gain, however, does not please the teachers nearly as much as do the added interests and progress which the children are showing in the class room. "The mental improvement is very marked," is one principal's comment.

LENINE'S SPEECH WAS SENSATIONAL

Would Expel Hundreds of
Thousands of "Obnoxious
and Useless Communists."

Riga, Latvia, Nov. 20.—(By mail.)—Russian peasants and laborers are tired of promises of a Communist utopia and have come to the "show me" stage. Premier Nikolai Lenin, in a recent speech before a congress of Political Educational Workers at Moscow.
The full text of this sensational speech, parts of which relating to Lenin's admission of economic failure were cabled from Moscow at the time it was received, has just reached Riga, as reported by the official Moscow Pravda.
"There was a time," Lenin said, "when declarations, proclamations, denials were necessary. We have had plenty of these. There was a time when we wanted to build. But can we continue to show and only tell the people what we want to build? No. Even the simplest laborer will then scoff at us, saying: 'You are always talking of what you want to do, but show us now what you can do. And if you can do nothing, then go to the devil!' And he will be right."
Speaking about the absence of education and the prevailing illiteracy of the Russian population, Lenin said that the very fact that a commission had been appointed for the liquidation of illiteracy shows that we are not as good as we thought we were. "We are something like half savages. For in a civilized country it would be considered a shame to create commissions for the liquidation of illiteracy. In other countries they have schools where they liquidate illiteracy. They catch, in the first place, to read and write. As long as this fundamental problem is not solved, it is ridiculous to talk of a new economic policy."

Lenin said that Soviet laws and programs were good, but could not succeed until the masses of people helped the regime.
Several hundred thousand "obnoxious and useless Communists," he said should be expelled from the party. "Russia," he continued, "should have culture which will teach us to fight red tape, corruption and bribery. Experience has shown that a politically educated state knows no bribery, whereas with us bribery is rampant."

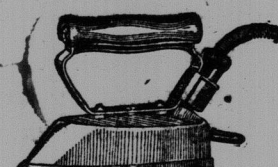
Lenin said the government was facing three principal foes, first, Communist arrogance; second, illiteracy, and third, corruption and bribery.

GERMAN RIFLES SOLD.

Dutch Dispose of Arms Taken During
Hun Retreat.

The Hague, Dec. 20.—Sixty thousand rifles taken from the German army retreating over Dutch territory after the armistice in 1918, have been sold to the Czech-Slovakian government. These arms stored in Holland, remaining German property incurred a heavy storage liability, amounting practically to the selling price. Recovery of the arms from Holland by Germany being impossible owing to the treaty, the permission of the Inter-Allied Commission for the sale was obtained.

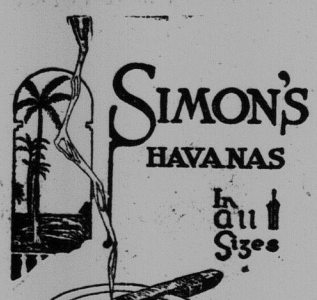
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LOCAL NEWS

The first of a series of seven lectures in a first course for those members of the city police force who have not yet won their first aid certificates was given in the central police station last night to eleven members by Jack Redfern, an experienced instructor, who is also on the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Board for similar duty in and around the lumber camps in the northern parts of the province.

The Main street Baptist Young People's Union at its regular meeting last night enjoyed a special Christmas programme. Frederick Cowan, the president, was in the chair, and after the introductory exercises, the pastor, Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson, gave the address of the evening, taking for his subject, "God's Unpardonable Gift," and speaking of Christmas thoughts. The meeting was full of interest and inspiration.

The Girls' Association of St. John's (Stone) church met last evening in the schoolroom and spent a busy and pleasant evening packing two Christmas boxes to be sent to two families in St. John at Christmas. There was warm underclothing for each of the children and well filled stockings and toys and books. All the items of Christmas cheer went into the baskets and for the adult members of the households there were some substantial gifts. Miss Edith Skinner, the president, was in charge and there was a large attendance.

The council of the New Brunswick Graduate Nurses Association met at the nurses' home of the General Public Hospital. Miss Margaret Murdoch, the president, was in the chair. The out of town members present were Miss Samson, of Fredericton; Miss Kyles and Miss Malby, of Newcastle, and the St. John members, the Misses Mitchell, Fraser, Brown and Belling and Mrs. Leonard Dwyer. Miss Samson's resignation was respectfully accepted as she is leaving the province to take up her residence in Boston.

Miss Minnie A. Robertson, missionary from Japan, has given to the Natural History Society a number of specimens of rock crystal and choice articles made from natural rock. These specimens were purchased in Kofu and came from the province of Yamaguchi, Japan. Mrs. C. F. Sanford has also presented to the society two samples of the products of manufacture, which came from the Strait Settlements.

The members of the Temple Club were the guests of their president, T. H. Carter, in the club's rooms in the Masonic building last night, when they gathered to celebrate with him his birthday. A. E. Prince in a happy address conveyed the good wishes of the club to their host, and Mr. Carter's reply was followed by a rousing chorus "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Refreshments were served, games were played and a pleasant evening was spent by all.

TIMELY GIFTS.

The treasurer of the Home for Incurables yesterday received from T. McAvity & Sons a check for \$100, a contribution toward Christmas at the Home, together with expression of their Christmas good wishes for those in the institution.

The country secretary yesterday received from the St. John Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. the sum of \$100 to be devoted to providing a Christmas treat for the inmates of the St. John Municipal Home.

The Bridge Completed.

Hardtland Advertiser: The finishing touches are being put on the new river bridge this week. Work of rebuilding commenced in January, 1919, and was completed in April, 1920, when the first freight car was run over the bridge. The work of rebuilding two spans and new concrete piers and abutments commenced in August, 1920, the New Brunswick Construction and Building Co., Ltd., having the contract at upwards of \$200,000. The time limit for completing the work was set for some time next year, but it will be completed this week.

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The Busy Bee

Cor. Princess and Charlotte.

AMAZING CHANGE NOTED IN PEOPLE

Men and Women of Yugoslavia Vigorous, Children Fat, Rosy-Cheeked and Smiling—A Marked Contrast.

Nish, Yugoslavia, November 1.—(By Mail, Associated Press.)—Serbia is practically free of epidemics of disease. The population never enjoyed better health or more genuine contentment. The hospitals never held fewer patients. The death rate seldom has been lower. Doctors have rarely found it so difficult to make a living. This is regarded as remarkable in view of the fearful scourges which claimed half its population during the world war and the post-armistice period.

The correspondent, who visited Serbia at irregular intervals during 1918, 1919 and 1920, recently made another journey through the country. The men and women looked strong, vigorous and well-fed. They wore the finest home-spun clothing. The children were fat, rosy-cheeked and full of life. The babies were plump, bright-eyed and smiling. All were warmly clad. Everywhere the homes were examples of cleanliness, comfort and abundance.

No such pictures could be found in Serbia in years previous. In 1918 for example, when the armistice mercifully intervened and saved Serbia from extinction, the correspondent saw men and women clad in rags, afflicted with disease, homeless and hopeless, dying of inanition if they walked. He observed babies wrapped in empty flour sacks, in newspapers, and even in pieced-together leaves, the bones showing through their frail bodies for want of sustenance or as a result of disease; orphans overflowing with parentsless children; asylums crowded with feeble-minded and distracted.

But Serbia of 1921, or Yugoslavia, as it is more correct to call it, presents a different scene. The country has emerged from those years of misery, want and woe in an almost miraculous fashion. It is a changed nation, not merely politically and territorially, but physically and spiritually. While the rest of the world has been squabbling over territorial boundaries, economic zones, reparations, indemnities and internal strife, Yugoslavia has been "sawing wood" and minding her own business.

Her house is now completely in order. And it is a model house for the rest of the world to see.

This metamorphosis, for such it must be called, may be ascribed first to the country's freedom from war; second, to the unceasing thrift and energy of its people; third, to the abundance of food-stuffs, clothing medicines and other necessities which the country up to now had lacked; fourth, to the material assistance given by the American Food Administration and the American Red Cross; fifth, to the self-sacrificing work of the Serbian doctors and the sanitary authorities; sixth, to the sanitary and medical reforms introduced by American and French doctors and nurses during and since the war.

It would be difficult to find anywhere else in the world a people at once so happy, healthy, hopeful, prosperous and active as the Serbian peasantry. Certainly their counterpart cannot be found anywhere among the diverse races of the Balkan peninsula.

It is true that here and there a home has been saddened by the loss of a husband or a brother or a father; but taken collectively it may be said that the welfare of the Yugoslav was never better; their morale seldom higher; their usefulness as factors to society never more apparent; their future never more full of promise.

DO YOU KNOW?

Why Girls Leave Home

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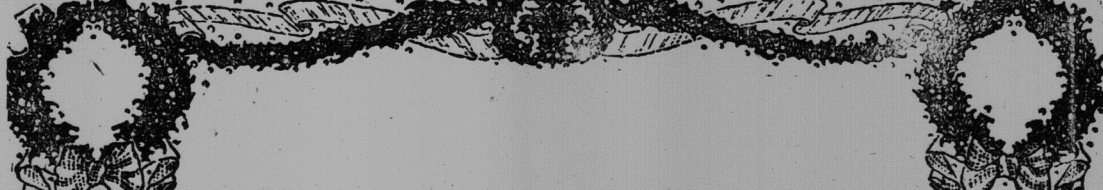
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Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets to make him comfortable

Gift Hosiery \$1.00

Silk hosiery in black and colors; also very popular this year is wool hosiery in fancy patterns. Other prices range from 65c to \$2.25.

Pyjamas as Gifts are unusual, therefore good

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At this price will be found a wide range to select from. There are V neck vest sweaters; V neck pullover sweaters, and large shawl collar coat sweaters. The full price range is \$4.50 to \$15.

Do you know that he will appreciate one of these new Tweed Hats for Christmas, \$4.

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The gift that always receives a smiling reception. Silk, \$2.00 to \$4.50; Wool, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

KIMONAS

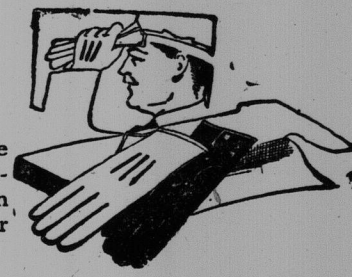
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