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## COUNTESS' ART TREASURES GONE

Chauffeur Arrested for Theft and Arson in Remarkable Case.

London, Nov. 30.—An explosion and fire at the London residence of Countess Benckendorff were incidents described in a remarkable story at Marlborough.

Arrested on a houseboat at Thames Ditton, Cecil Davidson, motor engineer, was remanded, charged with stealing of art treasures belonging to the countess.

He was also charged with setting fire to 18 Gloucester-place, W., thereby endangering the lives of the residents.

The art treasures were mistook from a sealed room in which there was an explosion. The roof was blown off and the walls shattered.

Davidson, it was said, was engaged as secretary and chauffeur to Mrs. May McMahon, who in June took the countess' house.

A large quantity of property has been uncovered by the police, including forty miniature paintings, two pendant looms, gold musical-box, and purple coat.

Other articles recovered include dress sword, ivory figures, gold sash, twenty fans, an antique dagger, figures of Cupid, a jester and an elephant and a box of trinkets.

Mr. Rowe, for the prosecution, said the value of the stolen articles was unknown, but Davidson had sold them for £500.

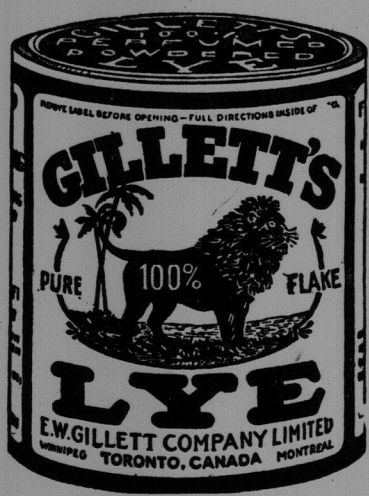
The countess locked the valuables in a room, which was sealed.

The room was afterwards unlocked to enable a maid to get some belongings, and Davidson, said counsel, undertook to reveal it, but never did.

Davidson, who had styled himself as Lieutenant Colonel John Matland took a nurse to whom he had become engaged to a cinema, where he left her.

On meeting her later he said he had been to his hotel and the maid had left the gas on, with the result that when he lit a match the gas fire blew out and he was burned.

As a matter of fact, said Mr. Rowe, the fire occurred at the house in Gloucester-place, and the roof was blown off.



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Tins of petrol were found in a cupboard.

Disappeared Before Arrest

That very night, after seeing the nurse home, Davidson went to the Wanstead Nursing Home as a patient, suffering from burns, but a week or so later he disappeared, and was not heard of again until October 22.

Then, as a Mr. Alexandra, he hired the houseboat Happy Days at Thames Ditton.

When arrested on the houseboat, Davidson, it was said, denied that he was Cecil Davidson, but admitted to the name of Alexandra.

He also made a statement, added counsel, in which he admitted the theft of the valuables from the room, and confessed that he caused the fire by throwing down a match after lighting a cigarette.

Davidson suggested that the fire was an accident due to the match setting some shavings alight. The property had been traced, added Mr. Rowe, and would be produced in court.

H. A. PORTER IS DIRECTOR OF NEW ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—A Canadian Association of Exhibitions was formed today with D. T. Elderkin, Regina, president, and R. E. James, Saskatoon, secretary. Among the directors elected were Chas. R. Smallwood, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; H. A. Porter, St. John, N. B.; Mr. Cooper, Fredericton, and S. A. Logan, Amherst, N. S.

## GENARO WAS GIVEN DECISION

Defeated Tremaine in a Slow Twelve Round Bout in New York.

New York, Nov. 30.—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion, was given the judges' decision over Carl Tremaine of Cleveland, a leading bantam weight, after 12 rounds of mild boxing at Madison Square last night. Tremaine weighed 116 1/4 pounds, outweighing opponent four pounds.

Tremaine won the fourth round with four left smashes to the head but did not pursue his chance in the next. The fifth was only mildly active and about even and though the spectators clamored for action the sixth round was just a bit speedier than the others both occasionally landing a stiff jolt.

The Cleveland got in a few damaging blows in the slow seven and in the eighth produced the first real action with a right to the jaw that sent Genaro to a corner where Tremaine pummeled him considerably. A faster pace was made in the ninth, both men taking the aggressive, landing solidly and chasing each other to the ropes.

Genaro started most of the trouble that made the tenth round a lively session outpacing Tremaine in aggressiveness in several short exchanges. Tremaine began aggressively in the eleven but was outfought, Genaro rocking him once with a hard right to the jaw. Although dancing around quite a bit they were cautious in the twelfth, landing a few blows but clinching most of the time.

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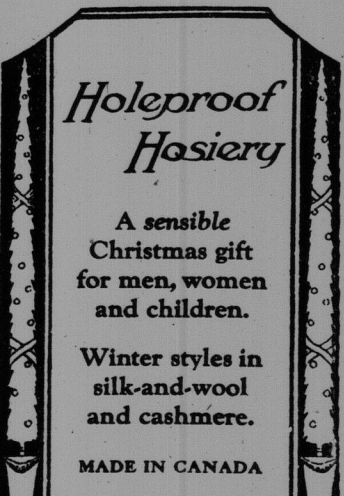
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FIRPO AGREES TO MEET WILLS

Asks That May 5 Be Fixed as Date for Bout.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 30.—Luis Firpo has made it known that he sent a message to Tex Rickard, fixing May 5 as the date on which he will meet Harry Wills, the United States negro heavyweight fighter in the United States. Firpo declared he will receive \$200,000 and forty per cent. of the gate receipts.

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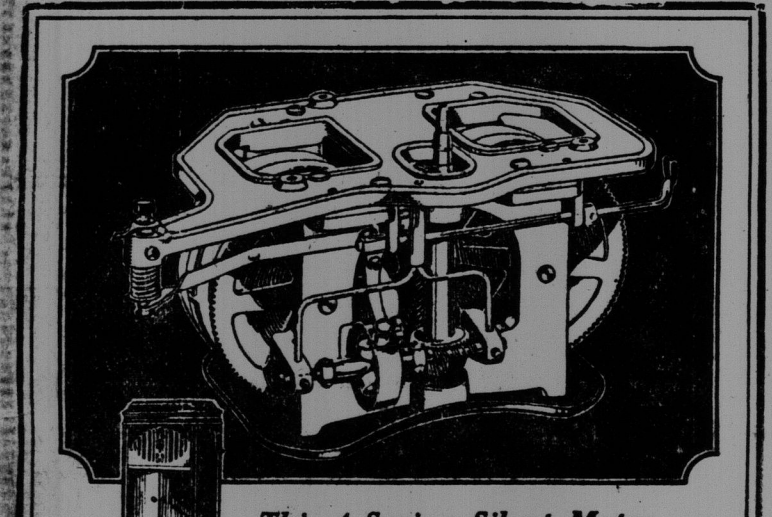
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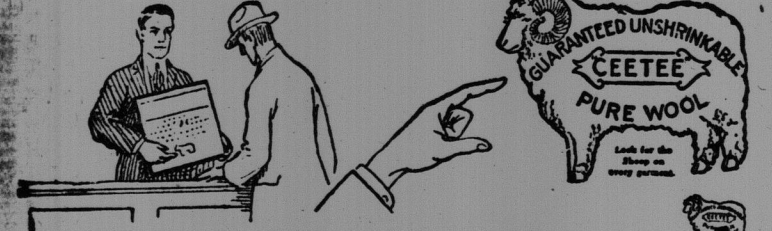
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