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POLICE "COVER" TWO ROBBERS FOUND AT GROCERY STORE TILL

Deputy Jenkins and Detective Killen Catch Youths at Work

John Myers and Wm. McArthur Threw Up Hands at Police Call in F. E. Williams & Co.'s Grocery—Had Key to Shop and Went in Early in Evening—Shadowed by Police and Watched as They Were Suspects—Myers Had Two Empty Guns.

"Throw up your hands." Two boy burglars in F. E. Williams & Co.'s grocery, corner of Princess and Charlotte streets, put up their hands without delay last evening in response to the order. It was the only thing to do for the first objects they saw after hearing the call were the muzzles of revolvers held by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen and pointed at them.

The hour was about 8:30 o'clock. People were passing, cars were running, teams were driving, but nobody suspected that behind the blinds of the corner grocery a couple of lads were being captured while rifling the till.

The prisoners are John Myers, sometimes called "Wildcat," and William McArthur, each aged about sixteen years. On one was found two revolvers (but unloaded), and on the other a jackknife. By their admission to the store was gained.

Have Keys. For the past week or so there have been several reports of petty robberies and in some cases the stores had been entered by means of keys.

Young Myers and McArthur fell under suspicion and early last evening the deputy and the detective started on their trail.

The Williams establishment takes up one entire corner of the streets mentioned. There are two stores—one for groceries and the other for meats. Between the two there is a florist. The latter store opens into Charlotte street, and it was through this door that the thieves entered.

SPLENDID WATER NEAR ST. STEPHEN

Town to Vote on Question of Utilizing It Instead of Present Service

WOULD COST \$90,000

Calais and Milltown Could Have It Also for an Additional \$20,000—Engineer F. A. Barbour Has Conducted Tests and Found Them Satisfactory.

St. Stephen, Feb. 5.—(Special)—What is looked upon as a supply of the best water in the province has been discovered about four miles from the town and a plebiscite to decide whether the necessary sum shall be expended to utilize it will likely be taken.

Investigations have been conducted during the past few months by F. A. Barbour, engineer, to secure a supply of water for Calais, Milltown and St. Stephen. These three localities have hitherto been served by the Maine Water Company. The St. Stephen contract expires this year and the question as to whether the contract should be renewed or a search made for a fresh source was under discussion.

For two reasons it was decided to endeavor to secure another source of supply. The quality of the water is not considered good and it was stated that residents were afraid to use it and were drawing water from springs in consequence. The operation of a pump at Sprague's Falls and the incoming of about 1,500 people was also regarded as a menace.

Some six or eight surface sources were investigated, but the water was found highly colored and to contain vegetable matter. Recently, however, by sinking wells in the gravel formation at Dema's Stream, near Maxwell's crossing, four miles from the town, a supply of ground water has been discovered.

Tests have been conducted these several weeks past by Mr. Barbour and by Messrs. Moore & Sons of St. John, for ten days at a time, to establish a pumping plant. The results were not very encouraging, and in fact the ideal supply in the province.

UNIONIST PARTY WILL NOT TAKE COUNT BONI BACK

Countess of Castellane Entered Suit for Divorce Monday

DECISION FINAL

Efforts to Effect a Settlement Fruitless—Duel Likely a Sequel to Proceedings—Case Likely to Be Long Drawn Out Under French Law.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Countess Boni De Castellane (formerly Annet Gould), entered a plea for divorce today. Representatives of the countess and the count appeared before Judge Henry Dille of the Court of First Instance, who in conformity with the French law, endeavored to arrange a conciliation before allowing a definite suit to proceed.

It is said on unquestionable authority that Judge Dille's efforts were not successful, the countess absolutely declining to resume her relations with her husband and, that after repeated but vain attempts by Count De Castellane's advisers to arrange a settlement, the representatives of the count and countess left the court and that the suit will proceed.

Another judicial effort at reconciliation will almost certainly be made before the suit comes to trial in the ordinary course. No decision has been reached relative to the eventual custody of the children of the count and countess, but they, being under age, will for the present naturally remain in the care of their mother.

Friends of the Count and Countess De Castellane express little hope that any adjustment of their differences will be brought about, but as divorce proceedings under the French law are very lengthy, new developments may occur before the case comes up for trial. A decree cannot be pronounced under three to six months.

The sequel to the separation of the Count and Countess Castellane is expected to be a duel between the count and the husband of the baroness who is said to have been discovered by the countess with her husband.

The baron bears a name synonymous with high finance the world over, and all Paris is awaiting the details of his demand for satisfaction.

HORRIBLE MURDER OF A NOVA SCOTIA FARMER; TWO MEN UNDER ARREST

Body of Freeman Harvie, of Ellershouse, Found Under Pile of Potatoes in Cellar

Head Had Been Cut Off and Placed in a Bag Under Pail-- One of the Suspects, Calling Himself Stanley, Told Neighbors He Had Bought the Victim's Farm, and He Began Disposing of the Chattels--Simple-minded Young Fellow Named Fraser Thought to Be Accomplice.

Ellershouse, N. S., Feb. 5.—(Special)—A ghastly murder was committed here on Friday night, at least that is the opinion, for Freeman Harvie, whose dead and headless body was found in his own cellar this morning has not been seen since Friday evening. At that time he was at work preparing notices for the school taxes, of which he was a collector for this part of Hants county.

Two men are under arrest on suspicion of having committed or having shared in the crime—George Stanley, who says he came from London (Eng.), and pretended that he was agent of a company to install telephones, and James Fisher, a simple-minded young man, whom the authorities think was made a participant in the crime by Stanley.

The body was found in the man's own cellar, under a pile of potatoes. The head was severed and in a bag some feet away. Stanley had pretended to buy the property from Harvie for \$1,500 a week ago, and was selling the stock and furniture for whatever he could get, saying that Harvie had gone to Halifax to see about the necessary legal papers.

A Ghastly Story. The story of the tragedy is weird and ghastly, unparalleled in the criminal history of Nova Scotia. All day Saturday and Sunday with the headless body of the old man in the cellar, he, whom the authorities believe is the murderer, was going in and out of the house. He and others were eating and drinking with gusto in its rear kitchen, and he was selling at bargain prices the dead man's goods and chattels.

This is not a rich country. It is peopled by a farming population of comparatively meagre means, but it was here that Stanley came ten days ago, alleging that he was the agent of the Western Union Telephone Company, and that he would install telephones in the farm houses for \$25 a year. He took some orders, but his most treacherous deal was a treacherous transaction with old Freeman Harvie, whom he is believed to have murdered on Friday night, cutting off the head and burying the body in the cellar, under a pile of potatoes.

The head, roughly chopped off, he tied in a bag, which was covered over with a bucket.

The middle of last week, Stanley announced to David Fisher, a poor farmer who offered him board for \$2 per week, that he had bought Freeman Harvie's place, a few hundred yards distant, and that he wanted him to go and live on it and work it for \$400 a year, with everything found. The offer was accepted and today, just before the murder was discovered, Fisher had moved half of his furniture down to the dead man's house.

TARIFF COMMISSION HAS BUSY SEASON

GET AHEAD OF IT

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The tariff commission meets here tomorrow, with the following parties and interests will be heard: The Perth Woolen Company, Britain Wilson & Co., Montreal; George Bergfeldt & Co., the international Harvester Company, the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, threshing manufacturers; J. H. Connors & Son, and other manufacturers of wringers and washing machines; Linsed oil manufacturers; A. O. Hurst, Toronto, playing cards.

In the afternoon the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will be heard. There will be the agricultural implement section, the woolen section and the hat section. Then there are the Electric Bedding Company, Birmingham; Henry Miles in regard to chocolate; T. H. Smallman in reference to acids and the Canadian rubber companies.

The sessions of the commission will take place in the railway committee room of the house of commons.

O. P. R. Declares Usual Dividend.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway today a dividend of two per cent on the preferred stock and three per cent on the common stock was declared for the half year ended December 31st.

After payment of working expenses, fixed charges and dividends now declared there is a surplus for the half year of \$4,820,816.

WANTS UNCLE SAM TO PAY DAMAGES FOR GOBBLING PANAMA

Washington, Feb. 5.—Columbia has again renewed her demand for a re-compense from the United States because of the separation of Panama.

While this last presentation is in the nature of a claim against the United States government the amount of damage sustained by the parent state on account of Panama's secession is not set down.

Secretary Root has the last note under consideration but it is believed that nothing has occurred to change the position originally taken by the state department in this matter, namely that the United States was in no way responsible for the separation of Panama.

SUSSEX CAMP THIS YEAR FROM JUNE 26 TO JULY 7

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The annual military camps for 1936 in the maritime provinces will be held as follows: For St. John district, from 26th June to July 7th; district 9, Halifax, from 11th Sept. to 22nd Sept., and for district 12, from June 26th to July 7th.

CHAMBERLAIN FIRM

Wants Balfour to Take the Helm, But Fiscal Reform Must Be the Slogan—London Times Thinks if Conventional Demands It ex-Colonial Secretary Must Lead.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, Feb. 5.—The metropolitan newspapers publish unusually full special cables and editorial comment on the British political situation. The London correspondent of the Sun says: "The political situation within the Unionist party is the question of the day here, surpassing in interest the political situation as between the government and the opposition."

No official announcement has been made, but it is known for certain that the conference between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour on Friday night was absolutely without result. The bulk of the Unionist papers do not disguise their desire for Mr. Chamberlain's leadership, but all recognize the fact that he absolutely refuses to lead against Mr. Balfour.

If the deadlock continues, a third course, that of selecting another leader, such as Walter Long, or as now suggested, Aretas Akers-Douglas, will be put forward. The practical utility of this in the house of commons with two personalities such as Chamberlain and Balfour sitting in the house does not need demonstration. The mental anguish of the Unionist press, which means practically all the London newspapers, is almost amazing.

London Times' Comment. "The Times says: 'It is probably one of the most nicely balanced questions that even politicians of long experience have seen. If it were simply a parliamentary problem it might seem absurd to dispute Mr. Balfour's leadership, but it is not simply a parliamentary question. If Mr. Balfour is the best leader in the house it will hardly be denied that Mr. Chamberlain is the best leader in the country.'"

"The Times concludes that the wisest head to choose is that of Chamberlain, but it takes the same view as other Unionist papers, which desire a compromise as distinguished from those who advocate Chamberlain outright, saying that the Unionist party are all not in office and are not required to produce a fiscal plan complete, but that the party together to make the most effective opposition possible in the house when it meets."

"At the same time the Times declares that the clash of blades is heard, strong in other respects, is weak in that he is unwilling to take the leadership if Mr. Balfour would make way. It adds: 'If when the party comes together to prove as strongly in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's policy as he believes, we cannot see how he can honorably decline the position.'"

INTERCOLONIAL MAKES BETTER SHOWING

Receipts More and Expenses Less for Past Six Months—Betterment of Over \$400,000.

Where Balfour and Chamberlain Split.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—There is a marked improvement in the position of the Intercolonial Railway for the first six months of the fiscal year compared with the same time in 1934. A statement issued by the railway department today shows that during this period there was a decrease in the working expenses of \$178,709 and an increase in revenue of \$232,696, making a betterment of \$411,405.

For the month of December there was a surplus of \$93,571. For six months ended with December the working expenses were \$3,925,219, compared with \$4,104,018 in 1934, and the revenue \$5,833,906, as against \$5,621,253 in 1934. The details are as follows:

Working Expenses.		Revenue.	
July	665,221	1,054	1,054
August	716,291	219,891	219,891
September	661,412	219,891	219,891
October	624,441	219,891	219,891
November	637,888	662,205	662,205
December	659,224	666,212	666,212
Total	\$3,925,219	\$4,104,018	\$4,104,018

Mr. Balfour said he was unable to come to a decision on the tariff reform question for some time to come. He said that in the political prospect and that it would be better for the Unionists to close their ranks on the many subjects on which they agreed rather than at this time determine their exact attitude toward the various shades of tariff reform.

In other words, Mr. Balfour declined to be a rampant "little pigger," a very quiet "little pigger" at that.

It is the present intention to refer the whole question to a meeting of the Unionist members of parliament but the hope is that they will settle it satisfactorily, is not strong. The outcome may be to increase the number of parties in parliament by one through a division of the Unionists into two camps."

SAYS LIBERALS WILL LIFT CATTLE EMBARGO

Calgary, Feb. 5.—Dr. Clark, who has just returned from Great Britain, where he took a prominent part in the election, says he has assurance from leading Liberal politicians that the first act of the Campbell-Bannerman government will be to remove the embargo on Canadian cattle.

LOST HIS ELECTION, BUT CAUGHT BRITAIN'S RICHEST HEIRESS

London, Feb. 5.—The announcement of the engagement of the Marquis of Grahams, eldest son of the Duke of Montrose, to Lady Mary Hamilton, the only daughter of the late Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, is given as much advance, as the newspapers this morning say they would give to royalty itself.

The Marquis of Grahams is popular in Scotland, because it will result in the union of the two great houses.

Lady Mary, who is known as the Lady of Arden, is the owner of the island of that name. She is the richest heiress in the United Kingdom and only attained her majority recently.

The Marquis of Grahams is himself wealthy. He is a keen yachtsman. In the recent elections he stood as the Unionist candidate for the house of commons for Strathclyde, but was defeated.

GARRISON CHAPEL SURRENDERED, TOO

Halifax, Feb. 5.—The Garrison chapel here has been handed over to Bishop Worrell upon the same terms as those which transfer other Garrison property to the dominion government, viz., that the chapel be maintained for military purposes and falling compliance with that condition reverts to the imperial government. The bishop is considering several ways of providing for the services.

SUSSEX MASONS IN GRATEFUL MOOD

Presentation to Mrs. Murray Heustis Monday Night for Her Efforts in Catering for Their Banquets.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 5.—(Special)—At the regular communication of Zion Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., several degrees were conferred, and afterwards about forty of the brethren sat down to an excellent luncheon provided by W. M. H. G. Gould, which the ladies had made ready in the meantime. The toast to the King was followed by a short address by the W. M.

Before the gathering dispersed the W. M. announced that he had a very pleasant duty to discharge, and he presented to Mrs. Murray Heustis a beautiful gold brooch as a token of appreciation on the part of Zion Lodge of her faithful work as head of the ladies committee which has catered so well to various banquets of Zion Lodge during the past years. The presentation was greeted with applause.

McClellan's Brother-in-Law Elected.

New York, Feb. 5.—Edgerton Leigh Winthrop, Jr., a brother-in-law of Mayor McClellan, was elected president of the board of education today.

TEMPLEMAN THE NEW MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE

Will Be Sworn in Today, as Also Hon. L. P. Brodeur for Marine and Fisheries.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—Tomorrow forenoon Hon. L. P. Brodeur will be sworn in minister of marine and fisheries, and Senator Templeman will be sworn in minister of inland revenue. This is in accordance with what has already been fore- shadowed in this correspondence.

Rumors of King's Ill-health Untrue.

London, Feb. 5.—An official statement issued tonight denies the truth of disquieting rumors that have been in circulation concerning the health of King Edward. It explains that Dr. Ott, of Marlborough, visited King Edward as an acquaintance and not in a professional capacity and says in conclusion that "his majesty's health happily continues to be excellent."

EDWARD F. COLE GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Former Albert County Man Has Nothing to Say When Arraigned--No Effort for New Trial Will Be Made--Convicted of Killing John F. Steeves, His Friend.

Portland, Me., Feb. 5.—Imprisonment for his natural life in the state prison at Thomaston was the sentence given Edward F. Cole, aged 24, of Portland, for the murder of John Frank Steeves, of Hillsboro (N.B.), by Judge Percival Bonney, in the Superior Court late today. Cole's counsel announced during the day that there would be no motion for a new trial. Later Cole was brought into court and at 3:33 p. m. was sentenced. Before the sentence was read, Cole, in reply to Judge Bonney's question, if he had anything to say why sentence should not be imposed upon him, said: "No, sir; not a word."