

POLICE SAY DRUG EVIL IS RAPIDLY GROWING

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Have Intercepted 120,000 Doses in Year.

VAST SUMS WASTED

Narcotic Drugs Act Must Be Rigidly Enforced, Is Expert's Opinion.

Special to The Advertiser.
Montreal, Que., Feb. 24.—The calamitous increase in the drug traffic throughout the Dominion is the subject of very exhaustive reports by the commissioner, assistant commissioners, and provincial superintendents of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The commissioner declared that the task of the mounted police in supporting the department of public health by enforcing the opium and narcotic drugs act is both important and arduous.

To check it will require the united efforts of the force aided by the provincial and municipal authorities and also drastic punishment of the agents such as the peddlers who deliberately create addicts.

The figures show that the mounted police have been busy during the past year, arrested and prosecuted over 1,000 persons and having secured 800 convictions with nearly 350 prison terms and over \$60,000 in fines.

The quantity of cocaine, morphine and heroin seized in the year was nearly 1,250 ounces. This the commissioner explains amounts to about 600,000 grains and as a "dose," the name for a dose usually is five grains or less it will be seen that the police have intercepted fully 120,000 doses.

These "doses" are sold to addicts at from one to five dollars each, according to circumstances, so that this quantity represents from one-third to half a million dollars which would have come from the pockets of the wretched customers of these narcotics. The difficulties of repression are exceedingly great for several reasons, one is the ease with which these drugs, which are small in bulk, can be imported, numerous and very cunning devices are resorted to for the purpose of smuggling them, instances being shown of their being most artfully concealed in shipments by apparently reputable firms from abroad. Another difficulty is that the traffic is so numerous that it is impossible to take part in it with abundance of money at their command and use it to evade all measures, and to fight cases stubbornly in the courts. Yet another obstacle is the repulsive nature of the work of repression entailing as it does the seizure of filthy loathsome drugs of humanity, our men greatly dislike it, and it is undertaken only in accordance with duty, and because of the knowledge that while unpleasant it is a service to humanity.

STEVENS ON ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Constables Arrived at Parry Sound Last Night With Seguin Falls Man.

Special to The Advertiser.
Parry Sound, Ont., Feb. 26.—Constables Mayhew and Joy arrived here Saturday night with C. P. R. regular passenger train, having in their custody John Stevenson, the alleged slayer of his wife and mother-in-law at Seguin Falls, Thursday night.

Stevenson, after the crime, made no attempt to escape but waited the arrival of the constables. He readily gave himself up. As there is only one train each way daily on this division from Ottawa they were obliged to wait until the arrival of the evening train. Dr. Lambert, coroner, will open an inquest this afternoon at 2:30. Police state John Stevenson has confessed that he killed his wife and mother-in-law. "But I didn't intend to when I started out to go to their home," he said.

LONDON MAN IS HURT AS ENGINE DERAILED

C. P. R. Freight Plunges Down Embankment Near Walkerville Junction.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Ont., Feb. 26.—When a Canadian Pacific Railway freight engine was derailed at 8:30 a.m. Saturday near Walkerville junction, Engineer James Grassick of London, Ont., and fireman Henry Smith, of Windsor, were slightly injured.

Grassick and Smith, when they saw that the engine was about to leave the rails, jumped from the cab, the engineer sustaining only a sprained ankle. Smith, however, is in Hotel Dieu, suffering from bruises and a slight concussion of the brain. His condition is not serious.

The engine, tender and one freight car plunged down a 12-foot embankment. A broken rail is believed to have caused the accident.

FINALS OF ALLAN CUP AT WINNIPEG MARCH 20

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brandon, Feb. 24.—The finals of the Allan cup, emblematic of the Canadian amateur hockey championship, will be played in Winnipeg on March 20 and 22. It was announced last night by W. E. Seasmith, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

While the dates of the eastern play-off have not been fixed, it is expected that the winners of the Ottawa Valley section would play the Quebec winners and the winners of the Ontario Hockey Association at Toronto, probably on the 12th and 14th of March, and that of that series would then come west.

INSPECT WATER SYSTEM.

Galt, Feb. 26.—Manager W. H. Fairchild, of the public utilities commission, announces his intention of having a thorough inspection of the water distribution system this summer in an attempt to locate and repair leaks. He will also have a new plan of the system prepared.

Italian Girl Is Prevented In Aiding Her Only Brother

Immigration Authorities Refuse To Permit Youth From Naples To Remain in Canada or the United States

Red tape of Canadian officialdom has become redder still through the bleeding hearts of two young people, a brother and sister, separated perhaps for years to come because of unbending immigration laws.

Maria Cariti, 515 Bathurst street, whose brave fight to win admission into this country for her only brother, was described by The Advertiser several weeks ago, has received word from the authorities at New York that her brother, Miguel, has been sent back to Italy from Ellis Island. With the coming of the letter all hopes of bringing the boy to be with her in London were shattered.

Somewhere on the broad expanse of water separating two continents the ship bearing Miguel is plowing its way towards sunny Naples. Maria has returned to her work at a local factory heavy-hearted, but nursing a dream that some day she will succeed in unlocking the doors of this country to her brother who is living a lonely life in Italy.

Has Failed Twice.
Twice the girl has failed in her fight with the immigration authorities and twice failure has wiped out the savings of her lifetime.

Since coming to Canada she has worked hard in a local factory operating a machine. Sometimes she earns more than \$20 a week. Out of this she has saved every cent over what she spends for necessities of life, and she has devoted it all to Miguel.

Her most recent attempt to bring her brother to her side cost Maria more than \$1,000. Several weeks ago she forwarded him \$400 for passage money and to meet the money requirements of one-third to department. With a glad heart she went to New York to meet him.

But Miguel came to Ellis Island and no further. Maria was bitterly disappointed to find well-laid and cherished plans threatened with ruin. Owing to certain laws which she did not understand, but which said something about the quota for Italian immigrants being filled, she found the doors into Canada were closed to the youth. He even could not land in the United States. A thousand-dollar bond was provided.

Girl Given an Hour.
Stern officials granted the girl only one hour in which to visit her only brother.

SALVATION ARMY HOLDS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Sowton Preaches Commemorative Services For St. Thomas Branch.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.
St. Thomas, Feb. 26.—Yesterday the Salvation Army commemorated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Army in St. Thomas. Special services were held throughout the day. The chief meeting was held in the afternoon in the Star Theatre, when citizens of all denominations were present.

Mayor C. E. Raven presided, and associated with him on the platform were ex-Mayor E. A. Horton, W. F. L. Edwards of the Kiwanis Club, Mr. J. H. Gould, president of the chamber of commerce, and local officers of the Army.

Commissioner Sowton, head of the Salvation Army in Canada East, spoke on "Social Regeneration." He gave a brief history of the Salvation Army from the time it was started in 1865 till 1890, when its social work was put on a more organized basis through the efforts of General Booth.

Under his scheme there were three plans: First, a city colony, which was to obtain work for the unemployed; second, a farm colony, which was to provide training for farm work; and third, an overseas colony, by means of which men could take their families to colonies after they had received suitable training.

Although only one-tenth of the sum aimed at was reached at this time, the work of the Salvation Army has steadily progressed until today there are over 1,200 institutions in 75 countries and colonies dealing with the destitute and fallen.

In concluding Commissioner Sowton exhorted the hosts that something might be done to provide homes for old men and women.

In the evening Captain Penfold of London, who was in the city with the C. E. F. during the war, and Mrs. Penfold, spoke at the Army Citadel.

ADVISE GRANT INCREASE TO WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, Feb. 26.—At the meeting of the city council Monday night the finance committee will recommend that the grant to the Woodstock hospital be raised from \$2,200 to \$2,500. At the meeting of the committee four of the five members voted against the increase, while four others were in favor. The mayor cast the deciding vote in favor. The committee will also recommend that the request of the board of education for \$73,245.91 estimates for the year be passed.

Kitchener Fire Chief Gets Canary That Brought Luck To Hamilton Team

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Feb. 26.—Fire Chief Guerin is now spending his spare time feeding a pet canary which promises to become the mascot of the local department. The chief was presented with the canary Saturday morning by the victorious Hamilton sextet which dashed Kitchener's senior hockey hopes here Friday night. The canary was brought up from Hamilton Friday night by the Tigers as a mascot.

The fire chief, who is a former Hamiltonian, acted as custodian of the bird during the game, keeping it with him for company at the fire hall while the big battle was on. Saturday morning when the victors of the game called on the chief to collect their bird, they found the canary and the chief's fast chums that they decided to present the head of the Kitchener's fire department with their luck-bringer.

M'CLARTY BIDS ADIEU TO HIS TWO CHILDREN

Returns To Stratford After Week's Absence and Calls At Collinson Home.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Feb. 26.—William McClarty, who was charged a few weeks ago with the abduction of his own children, Donna and John, was in the city Saturday and Sunday, coming to bid adieu to his two children, who he is reported to have been staying since leaving the city a little over a week ago. Mr. McClarty paid a brief visit to the Collinson home yesterday afternoon.

Admitted Visit.
What Mr. McClarty's mission was in the city, and whether it had anything to do with the charge against him, could not be ascertained.

Interviewed this morning, Mrs. McClarty admitted that Mr. McClarty had been at the Collinson home. "He was here for only a short time," she said.

"Was there any agreement reached as to the future disposition of the children?" she was asked.

"No, he was only here for a short time and he talked to the children," she answered.

Mrs. McClarty said she did not know what Mr. McClarty's plans were for the future. She was observing every precaution to prevent the children from being taken again, she said.

She presumed that Mr. McClarty's visit was in connection with the charge of abduction against him, though she could not say for certain. She refused to divulge the nature of her conversation with her husband.

Too Much Publicity.
"There has been too much publicity given to this case, and I would rather that it be dropped," she said.

Mr. Leon Long of the firm of Brown & Long, counsel for McClarty, disclosed nothing regarding the case. Early in the interview, he said, however, that he thought the case would stand as it is at present other than that he would say nothing.

Recently she made a second trip to New York and spent several hours with the boy. She assured him that everything would be well.

Three days after her return to London an official-looking letter arrived. "Only worded, it informed her that her brother had been sent back to Italy."

KENT FARMER'S ACTION AVERTS TRAIN WRECK

Flags P. M. Train Near Whitebread When Finds Obstacle On Track.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Feb. 26.—The Kent County police are investigating an attempt to wreck a northbound passenger train on the Pere Marquette Railway, near Whitebread, which occurred Friday night. This is the second time within two weeks that an attempt has been made to wreck a train at this point, and the police have been instructed to arrest any suspicious gang of men.

An unknown farmer, when proceeding to his home in the northern part of Chatham Township, saw a heavy load of lumber on the track, and, without removing the rail, and realizing that the northbound passenger train was due any minute, the farmer ran down the track to meet the approaching train. The shaft of light from the locomotive revealed the figure of the farmer gesticulating wildly. The engineer stopped the train to a grinding stop within a few feet of the rail.

The combined efforts of the train crew, assisted by several passengers, were required to remove the heavy steel rail, after which the train proceeded on its way. The farmer disappeared before his name could be ascertained.

"LAST POST" FUND FORMED AT SARNIA

Citizens Support War Veterans in Furthering of Worthy Object.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Feb. 26.—A "Last Post" fund has been opened in the city at the instance of veterans of the world war. This is for the purpose of assuring the decent burial of any ex-soldier who dies in the future under such circumstances that a proper burial cannot be assured by his relatives or estate.

Mayor Thomas H. Cook has identified himself with the fund, and prominent citizens, including Lieut.-Col. C. S. Woodrow, Col. McEwen, Richard Dwyer and W. G. Egan, have been appointed trustees.

In a letter addressed to the citizens of the city, Mayor Cook says: "The least that is due to ex-veterans is a reverent and respectful burial. Tonight a concert was given in the Griffin Theatre in aid of the scheme, and a large attendance indicated the ready sympathy of the public with the movement. The concert was given under the auspices of the Sarnia male quartet, with the assistance of the Central Methodist Church orchestra."

PRICE OF GASOLINE WILL ADVANCE 2 CENTS TODAY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 26.—The price of gasoline will advance 2c a gallon today in Ontario and Quebec. There has been an upward tendency in the prices of the crude product for several weeks.

Messages authorizing the increase of 2c a gallon commencing Monday morning were sent out from this city on Saturday.

\$500,000 IN BOGUS NOTES ON ITALIAN BANK SEIZED

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Milan, Feb. 26.—Attempts are being made to link a huge Italian counterfeiting plot with the bogus money conspiracy that has just been broken up in America.

Counterfeits noted on the Bank of Italy to the value of \$500,000, together with printing plates, were seized by customs guards Sunday as they were about to be smuggled into Milan by two unidentified men.

The smugglers escaped.

POLICE OF NEW YORK FIND HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Grenades, Rifles and Machine Guns Found in Waterfront Rooming Home.

LAUNCH RIGID PROBE

Detectives Believe Material May Have Been Intended For Irish.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Feb. 26.—Police late Saturday night seized 75 cases of hand grenades and high explosives as they were being unloaded from a truck into a basement in the Chelsea Pier district. Later they discovered and seized 100 more cases in a river front lodging-house, and a few minutes later uncovered in the same building 200 rifles, 20 machine guns and a large quantity of steel-jacketed machine gun ammunition in belts.

Chiefs of the secret service, police authorities, fire department officials, heads of the bomb squad and of the bureau of combustibles, and all departments of the police in Hoboken were summoned to join the investigation.

Discovery of the explosives was quite accidental. A policeman was patrolling his lonely beat along the north river, near where it is lined by piers of Cunard, White Star and French line steamships when at 24th street and Eighth avenue, he spied four men, working in the dark, heaving and skidding a van load of crates down planks into a basement. He investigated and pried up a lid on one of the crates and discovered hand grenades and cartridges.

Police Guard Arsenal.
The investigation was frank in expressing surprise at the carelessness with which the explosives had been handled and stored. The grenades, removed from their primed, were in black leather bags. Hidden behind crude partitions, the rifles and machine guns were found, and scantily covered by layers of coal.

The tenants of the lodging house said they had seen the same truck deposit a load in the basement Friday night, and at other times, once as long ago as last September.

Tons of explosives were housed in the building, the authorities learned—enough to blow up "a fair-sized city," as they put it. Tenements adjoining the Sailors' Inn were speedily emptied of occupants as the news spread, and it was not until long after midnight, when it was feared that the police would guard the arsenal carefully and remove it at daylight, that the neighborhood went to bed.

Edward and Patrick Howey, brothers, who claimed to own the moving van, whence the explosives, in huge packing cases, were being removed from the basement, were taken into custody, as were Joseph O'Burney, proprietor of the lodging house.

Two Men Escape.
Two other men engaged in unloading the munitions when the patrolman became suspicious and summoned police and secret service agents, escaped. Half-dozen tenants of the lodging house also were taken to headquarters to be quizzed.

Besides the theories concerning ownership of the arsenal indicated by the persons examined, authorities advanced a number of "possible leads." There was reason to suspect, it was said, that the munitions were for export to Ireland. Other indications were that it had been stolen from government barracks in New Jersey. Police were trying to discover if there was any connection between the cache of explosives and the recent requests from Catholic clergy for guards around the Catholic churches in this city to prevent the possibility of entering a church carrying a suspicious looking package.

ALL HOPE IS ABANDONED FOR MISSING AVIATORS

U. S. Army Airmen Are Believed To Have Perished in the Arizona Desert.

Special to The Advertiser.
San Diego, Feb. 26.—All hope that Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieut. Charles Webster, army aviators, missing since here since last December 7, will ever be found has been abandoned by army officials here following the report of the searching party a month's search.

Major Theodore Macaulay, one of the Army's greatest fliers, who headed the expedition, expressed the belief that the missing officers and their plane crashed in the desert southeast of the Growler Mountains, in Arizona, and that they were never recovered. Other indications were that they covered both the plane and the men.

Memorial services for Marshall and Webster will be held Wednesday in Washington.

WINNIPEG IS HARD HIT BY SLEEPING SICKNESS

Fifty-Three Have Already Succumbed Since Epidemic Hit Manitoba Capital.

Special to The Advertiser.
Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—With 153 victims now under treatment and a death toll to date of 53, Winnipeg is in the grasp of a serious epidemic of sleeping sickness.

The cases have been diagnosed as lethargic encephalitis, which springs from a germ located in the fluid at the base of the brain. The symptoms show an irresistible desire to sleep, and death usually follows in two or three days.

It has been found almost impossible to arouse patients from this sleep of death. The epidemic has no touch the poorer section of the city, but has included in its toll bankers, professional men, clergymen, teachers, professors and merchants.

The "recent discoveries are particularly significant for two reasons," he asserted. "In the first instance they confirm certain passages of scripture. When the children of Israel were about to leave Egypt to sustain the persecution, probably of the same kind, they buried their jewels, and these tombs now reveal such gems—rich beyond all dreams of avarice."

"In the second instance we have confirmation that men have always believed, even from the most primitive times, there has always existed a faith in immortality."

"This is indicated in the presence of food in the tombs. This fact need not be clothed with the grotesque, but is merely symbolic of the belief of the ancients, that there kings would still continue to live in some sphere of existence."

BROKEN TRUCK ON FREIGHT HALTS RAILWAY TRAFFIC

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.
St. Thomas, Feb. 26.—Eastbound traffic on the Michigan Central Railway was held up early Sunday afternoon, due to the collapse of a truck under a horse car. The local wrecking crew succeeded in clearing the track in two hours.

FORMER LONDONER GETS JAIL TERM AT SARNIA

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Feb. 26.—Albert Poulton, residing on Chippewa street and formerly a resident of London, Ont., was sentenced to three months in jail for the theft of travelers' samples, which he sold without authority, and 6 to 18 months for a bicycle theft, in the county police court Saturday afternoon.

Poulton was arrested by Provincial Officer W. C. Oliver, and his record from London, produced in court, showed that he had had sentence suspended in that city on two occasions for theft.

COSGRAVE EXPLAINS 'IRREGULARS' FAILURE

Irish Free State President Now Confident Government Will Stand.

REVOLT NEARS END

Rebels' Doctrine of Minority Rule Found To Be An Illusion.

By WILLIAM T. COSGRAVE, President of the Irish Free State. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Copyright.

Dublin, Feb. 26.—Ireland emerging from her age-long struggles for independence, received a cruel blow when a section of her own people challenged in arms her first native and independent government.

This revolt, coming at a time when the Free State faced all the problems of building up a new governmental machine without police and with a young army, was more serious than if directed against a long-established government. Nevertheless it has utterly failed in its objective.

The principal reason for the failure is that the revolt was based on the amazing doctrine that the minority must rule.

The Irish administration still holds its authority as the first national government, elected by the people themselves, to strengthen and guard the freedom won by the nation. The back of the revolt has been broken.

Rebel Leaders Divided.
It no longer has a military objective, its aims and its leaders are divided, as you saw from the recent captured documents, in which Mary McSwiney dictated to Eamon De Valera the high policy is outlined if it admits in any degree the right of the majority to decide the dispute by a national free election.

"It is right to have a majority rule now," she wrote. "It was equally right last July."

This division of rebel counsels is the second in a long series of failures. Several of the most important irregular leaders have found it easy to piece together the recognized facts of the situation, and for the sake of Ireland have surrendered their arms and undertaken to recognize the authority of the elected government.

Their action is an honorable, mainly fine demonstration of moral courage. Many of the rank and file of the rebellion have followed their example, while others have quietly buried their guns and returned to their normal occupations. This will continue on an increasing scale, for the nation seeks no vengeance.

A dramatic, sudden ending of the trouble is not expected, but we are moving rapidly toward the finish.

INJURED BY MOTOR IN WOODSTOCK PLANT

W. Minkler Suffers Peculiar Accident While Repairing Iron Pipe.

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, Feb. 26.—No less than four accidents were reported Saturday at local factories. William Minkler was making a connection on a motor, and when he placed his disengaged hand on an iron pipe close by he received the full voltage of electricity passing through the motor. When he was pulled away it was found that he was suffering greatly from shock, and his hands were badly burned.

At the Bain Wagon Company, Art Bottoms lost a finger in a jointer, and a fourth finger put back into a jointer at Hay & Co. and had several fingers badly lacerated. William Henderson, an employee at the saw factory, was struck in the forehead by a board, and a number of stitches were required to close the wound.

TERRIBLE FIRE SWEEPS BAY POINT NEAR FRISCO

Blaze Starting From Crossed Wires Causes Loss Amounting To \$225,000.

Special to The Advertiser.
San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Fire, starting from crossed wires in a small wooden restaurant, yesterday swept through the big business section of the little east bay town of Bay Point, destroying six buildings and doing damage amounting to \$225,000, less than half of which was covered by insurances.

The extent of the damage was due to the fact that Bay Point has no fire department. The residential section was saved only by the prompt action of the fire department of the town of Martinez, a few miles away. Chemical wagons were rushed from Martinez in time to prevent the complete destruction of the town.

UNVEILS A MEMORIAL TO SOUTH AFRICAN HEROES

Associated Press Despatch.
Capetown, South Africa, Feb. 26.—Table Mountain, the great empyre which overshadows the capital was the scene of a unique ceremony yesterday when Premier Smuts of the Union of South Africa, unveiled on the highest point, a war memorial to the members of the mountain club who fell in the world war.

Thousands of people, including a number of notabilities, climbed the mountain from all directions to converge at the place of the proceedings. The ceremony was opened with a religious service after which Premier Smuts delivered an eloquent, stirring address. Buglers later sounded the last post and a reveille. The ceremony was concluded by pipers playing a lament.

NURSES MAKE 486 VISITS.

Stratford, Feb. 26.—Despite the bad weather during February, the Victorian Order of Nurses were able to make 486 visits during the month.

WILL ASK BRIDGE TENDERS.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Feb. 26.—Tenders for the construction of Lorne bridge will be called for following the meeting of the city council on Monday night, according to a recommendation that will be placed before that body by the board of works.

This was decided at a meeting of the committee Thursday night, at which City Engineer Adams exhibited the completed plans for the structure. The tenders will be returnable March 24.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS.

Special to The Advertiser.
Cambridge, Feb. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Anderson entertained a number of guests with a dancing and card party Friday evening. J. D. Perry, John Ironside and William Luckie furnished the acceptable music.