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CRACKSMEN MADE HAUL

They Stole \$200,000 Worth of Diamonds in New York

Walls of House Chiselled Through Into Big Pawn Shop

(Canadian Press Despatch)
NEW YORK, March 17.—The cracksmen who tunneled their way through heavy brick and concrete walls, avoiding a net work of burglar alarm wires and stole \$200,000 worth of diamonds from the safe of Martin, Simons and Sons pawn shop on the lower east side, were seen in flight with their booty by a woman, the police announced today.

This woman, whose name the police withhold, lives in the five-story tenement adjoining the pawn shop. She told the detectives that she was coming downstairs about 10 o'clock yesterday morning when a strange man came up from the cellar of the tenement. He carried an acetylene lamp on his shoulder. She followed him to the street and saw another man drive up in a light wagon. Into the wagon the first man placed the lamp. He then went back to the cellar and returned in a few minutes with another lamp and a parcel wrapped in manila paper. He placed these in the wagon and both men drove away.

The police are certain that these men are the ones who chiselled walls of the tenement foundations to the cellar of the pawn shop. The brown paper parcel, they believe, contained the fortune in gems taken from the safe. From the women they obtained good descriptions of the two men. Later they took her to the rogues' gallery to identify the men, if possible, from the pictures of criminals on file there.

They were rewarded to access to such riches that the robbers must have been stunned. The vault contained valuables worth \$200,000, according to a statement which money had been loaned, \$20,000 in negotiable securities and \$60,000 in notes as well as \$8,000 in cash and checks. The thieves took the bonds and notes, but threw them away in the basement before leaving the building.

In the vault they took nothing but diamonds and light jewelry contained in 27 drawers. Watches and other jewelry of less value, packed away in 200 small drawers and compartments, were not taken although all the drawers had been pulled from their places and the jewelry and watches dropped on the floor until they were a foot deep.

THE PROBS.
Toronto, March 17.—The disturbance which was over Lake Huron on Saturday has passed eastward and has been succeeded by colder weather from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The cold conditions continue in the Western Provinces.

FORECASTS
Fresh northerly and westerly winds, fair and cold. Tuesday, fresh southeasterly winds, mostly fair with rising temperature.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE
BRANTFORD**
Wednesday, March 19.—Lift and overall's production of the thrilling, suspenseful and romantic story of Kentucky life, "IN OLD KENTUCKY," by C. T. Dasey. See the original production in "The Merry Widows" in the big musical success, "THE HEART BREAKERS," the musical comedy with a plot and a perfect princess chorus. Hear "Bashful Bumble-Bee," "Honolulu Honey-Ton," "Melody of Dreams," "Your Eyes, Your Smile and You." A magnificent production and picturesque effects are guaranteed with all M. Singer's attractions. Prices, Matinee 2:30: Lower floor, \$1, 75c and 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Night: Lower floor, \$1.50, \$1, 75c and 50c; balcony, \$1 and 75c; gallery, 25c. Seats Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS.
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Johnson desire to express sincere thanks for kindness shown them in their late bereavement.

Cold Dinners And Shivering Spell Over

Experience Evidently a Poor Teacher With the Authorities of the Gas Company.

The two-day period of cold dinners, a rush on the sandwich counters, and a general raid on all kinds of makeshift heating appliances, from coal oil to wax candles, was brought to a close in this city last night shortly after 7 o'clock. When the gas blew its way into hundreds of chilly homes in this city it was received with cheers and loud acclaim. The night promised to be cold. While the night with despatch, a big force of men being kept at work all Saturday night and Sunday, there was a feeling of indignation against the Gas Company authorities on account of a recurrence of exactly the same trouble as last year. In this connection, it is said to be the fault of the Dominion Gas Company that the likelihood of another break was not eliminated entirely a year ago when repairs were effected. It is said to be not an impossibility to place the gas main away from the possible overflow of the spring freshet, the expenditure of a little money being all that would be necessary to protect the pipe. At any rate, Mayor Hartman announced this morning that he proposed to look into matters very carefully, and see that there would be no repetition of the trouble. Other towns west of Brantford were up against it in a similar way.

The river on Sunday went down several feet. It never reached the same height as last year, but it was troublesome, nevertheless. Galt, apparently proved the worst sufferer, while below Brantford, at Dunnville, there was trouble, church services being called off on account of the high water. In Arkdale there was no necessity this year for Sunday boating recreation.

FIREMEN MAKE CASE CLEAR

No Application For a Raise and Committee Has Not Therefore Rejected it.

Following a meeting of the fire and light committee on Thursday night of last week, the Expositor announced that the firemen's pay would not be increased this year, nor would motor trucks be secured. As a matter of fact, neither of these matters were discussed at the committee meeting in question, and as another matter of fact, the firemen have not applied for an increase in pay. It was announced over a week ago in the Courier that the police force was to be increased, and the firemen's union made an application. Said a member of the fire department to the Courier on Saturday: "How can a fireman, who has to be every bit as good a man, physically and mentally, as a policeman—how can he be paid on \$1.85 per day if a policeman cannot? A fireman puts in 144 hours per week, a policeman 63, and sergeants an average of 96. Moreover, a fireman has no chance whatever to secure extra emoluments for attending lacrosse, hockey and baseball games, county fairs and collection of poll taxes, the same as the constables have. The fireman has one day off per week, it is true, but if this were not available, it would be impossible to keep the strength of the department up. If the police succeed in their application—and we hope they do—we will also apply, and we are assured by several members of the Council that our application will be received with favorable consideration."

PURCHASES A. U. S. FIRM

Massey Harris Company Puts Through Another Big Deal.

The Massey-Harris Company have just completed an important transaction whereby they have purchased the entire capital stock of the Deyo-Macey Engine Company of Binghamton, N.Y.

The above company manufacture a full line of agricultural power engines from 1 1/2 hp. to 20 hp. They also make a full line of orchard spraying machines and hold a leading position in the United States' trade in this line. For the present the factory will be continued at Binghamton, but in the expectation of the Massey-Harris Company in the comparatively near future to build a gasoline engine plant in Canada. In the meantime the Binghamton factory will have its capacity enlarged to meet the Canadian as well as the United States' trade.

It will be remembered that this is the second venture the Massey-Harris Company have made in purchasing United States' manufacturing companies, having secured the bulk of the stock of the Johnston Harvester Co. of Batavia, N.Y., about two years ago. Already the number of men employed has been doubled, because increased from 1000 to about 2000. This was made possible by adding new buildings of reinforced concrete to the extent of over six acres of floor space.

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WORST SCENE ON RECORD

Disgraceful Tactics by Liberals in House of Commons.

OTTAWA, March 17.—The Canadian House of Commons was the theatre Saturday night of the most disgraceful scene in its history when the Liberal members, under the leadership of Hon. William Pugsley, broke all bounds of decency and perpetrated a near riot. It was culminated by a long-drawn-out and deliberate resistance of the standing rules of the House, carried out on apparently prearranged lines.

For the first time in the Canadian Parliament the Speaker was forced to name a member whose persistent disregard of the rules of the House made this course necessary. The member named was Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, who, since entering the politics of the Dominion, has more than once posed before the House as an adherent and exponent of British Parliamentary procedure.

The Opposition revolted against the House rules as soon as these rules were applied late Friday night, and continued to fight all night and all day, dividing the House eight times on questions of order, and finally adopting a position of open defiance of the Speaker. So tense was the situation from 8 o'clock till the hour of adjournment that more than once it seemed impossible to avoid a physical collision of the warring parties. This extreme act of Parliamentary degradation was avoided, and the whole scene was averted, by the masterly and cool-headed generalship of the Prime Minister, supported by the extraordinary restraint placed upon themselves by the Conservative members.

Will Enter Suit Against The Directors

Word was received in the city today that the bond holders of the Grand Valley Radial, who recently appointed a committee to decide on future action will be advised to-morrow on the advice of Sir Alan Aylesworth to enter suit to recover against the directors personally. The report of the investigating committee will be submitted to the bondholders to-morrow at Toronto.

RUBBISH SAYS MAYOR HARTMAN

In Reply to Denial Made of Any Intention by Police to Strike.

"Does any one think, for a moment there would have been a special meeting of the various chairmen of the City Council committees to consider the ultimatum of the police if it had not been learned on good authority that a strike was intended?" Mayor Hartman asked this question this morning when the denial of the Expositor that no strike was intended was put up to him.

Furthermore, the Mayor wanted to know what other interpretation but that of an intention to strike could be placed on the men's ultimatum. As a matter of fact, the hour of 9 o'clock was fixed, but a little reflection as to the seriousness of the consequences, also the fact that the Council was friendly disposed towards the men's claims, prevented the strike going into effect. Attempts made to cover up, especially after the 24-hour stipulation was attached to the ultimatum, look positively ridiculous to the municipal authorities, against whom the entire matter was directed.

NEW RAILWAY A BLESSING

Cement Retaining Wall at Jubilee Terrace, Would Afford Protection

In connection with the recent flood a Courier man was inspecting matters on Saturday afternoon beyond the end of the Terrace boat house and found that much of the bank had been eaten away as far as Scarie avenue and beyond.

While there Mr. I. Simpson, Carriage Manufacturer happened along. "I wish," he remarked to the scribe, "that all the citizens could see this."

"In what respect?" "Well, I was quite opposed to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway route along this side of the river, but not now. As I understand it, the company propose to build a solid retaining wall and if they don't you can see that the city will be forced to do so."

Holmedale Will Have to Secure Protection

Factory Managers Emphatic To day that City Dykes are Needed for District

That Holmedale will have to have dyke protection, and that action will be taken this year, was the announcement made this morning by both Managers Watson of the Watson Manufacturing Company and Vary of the Slingsby Company.

Mr. Watson stated that if the water got over the company's dyke it would wipe the factory out entirely, and as a matter of fact, it was getting too close to the top. It was his opinion that the building of a bridge by the Grand Trunk in the Holmedale would greatly aggravate matters by narrowing the river channel and raising

the water abnormally. "Certainly something will have to be done," said Mr. Watson.

Mr. John Vary was no less emphatic, pointing out that he had presented a petition last year to the City Council. It was necessary for the whole Holmedale district to have a dyke built. Thus far the companies had been affording their own protection.

The damage from flood at the Watson Company's on Saturday was \$200, while at the Slingsby, Company a big gang of men had to get out and hustle to prevent a serious overflow into the buildings.

To-day's Session In the Commons at Ottawa

(Canadian Press Despatch)
OTTAWA, March 17.—The first business in the Commons this afternoon will, it is expected, be the airing of the Hochelaga election charges. How far the opposition is prepared to go is not known beyond the fact that certain affidavits will be submitted. It is understood that an election of the Liberal side does not, but rather that the whole case should be taken to the courts under the controversy. After some private bills and routine have been attended to the navy debate will be on again and if obstruction is resumed, it is understood to be the government's intention to apply closure. Two days' notice of this has to be given, and as the House rises on Wednesday for the Easter recess, any measure of closure cannot be gone on with until next week.

GEO. FOX DEAD

(Canadian Press Despatch)
TORONTO, March 17.—Geo. Fox, the well known concert violinist, whose home was in Walkerton, died suddenly last night in a College St. drug store. He had been visiting friends and on his way home went to the telephone. He had just finished when he sat down in a chair and died. He was apparently in good health last night and as recently as Friday night last had played at the Irish night of St. Patrick's chapter R. A. M. Fox who was only 38, was well known all over Canada as a violinist and had played in many cities. He studied music in Hamilton.

SMALL BLAZE

Lack of Gas Resulted in Coal Oil Stove Explosion on Sunday.

Because of having been forced to adopt a makeshift to secure sufficient heat in her room, on account of the break in the natural gas main on Saturday, Mrs. Mitchell of the Temple building, Dalhousie street, early Sunday morning, was the victim of what might have been a bad fire. A coal oil stove which was being lighted exploded, spreading the fire to the floor. The department was called, and was able to extinguish the blaze with chemicals.

Throughout the city many near fires were reported under similar circumstances, all due to the failure of the Brantford Gas Company to protect the main supply to the city. The firemen were also called out last night to Mrs. Young's, in the Heyd block on Market street. The same pressure was the cause, but no damage was done. Another still alarm came in from 100 Dalhousie street, gas troubles being the cause.

One Minute Interviews

Ald. M. W. McEwen—"I rather like the job of being acting crown attorney at the police court, where things are interesting these days."
W. J. Feldkamp, assistant manager Canada Gas Company—"We are making extensions all the time and the season is a very busy one."
Mr. John Carmody, Gas Expert—"I cannot see why the main supply pipe to the city could not have been fully protected by the Dominion Gas Company against a recurrence of the trouble which was caused on Saturday by the river."

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS—Court Fairly holds social evening Tuesday, eighteenth, eight o'clock, Bank of Hamilton Building. Foresters of all city courts and their friends invited. Refreshments.

A TRAGEDY OF DAKOTA

Family of Five Frozen to Death In a Blizzard

Only One Son Survivor of a Terrible Event

(Canadian Press Despatch)
RAPID CITY, S. D., March 17.—A. N. Perry, his wife, three daughters and a son were found frozen to death on Box El'er Divide, 16 miles east of here on Saturday. Leslie Perry 19 years old, another son, was found delirious by W. E. Gearen of St. Paul. He talked incoherently of searching for his parents since early Friday morning. When told they were dead he fainted and is in the hospital. His face, hands and feet are frozen. Perry, who was postmaster at Big Bend left here Thursday afternoon with his family and household goods loaded in four teams, attempting in the severe storm to reach the ranch he had leased. The first intimation of their fate came when a pair of horses with gunnysacks over their heads traces dragging, wandered into the corral of Milton Preece's ranch. The trail of horses led the searchers to a wagon half buried in the snow. In the wagon Perry's four children and Mrs. Perry were found. The other five were found in the open. Two men who left here Friday morning to search for Perry's family are missing.

THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT

Bars Sale of Liquor in New Town's Charter—Interview With Mr. Brewster.

Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., handed out an interesting talk to the Courier on Saturday at the proceedings in the Legislature during the past week. The South Brant member said:

"The session last week was taken almost entirely with two subjects, the budget debate and the debate on the temperance question. The budget debate came to a conclusion on Thursday and the vote was taken sustaining the government by the usual majority. It was a noteworthy fact that Mr. Studholme, leader of the Labor party voted with the government, showing that in his opinion, the government had wisely administered the finances of the province. During this debate, Mr. Westbrook, the member for North Brant, made his maiden speech. He created a very favorable impression and was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of his speech, upon his first effort in the House. Mr. Westbrook has taken a good position in the Legislature and is certainly an excellent representative, always looking after the interests of his constituency."

"In the Private Bills committee an interesting bill was put through. It was to incorporate the Town of Obiway, near Windsor. The American Steel Company are building a branch there and intend to have a city of 2000 people. At present, there is no body there and the company were given power to elect a Mayor and aldermen for the first three years until there were voters sufficient to hold an election. Provision was inserted in the bill at the request of the company by which the sale of liquor will for all time be excluded within the limits of the city, or in other words, the Local Option law will be in force there for all time to come."

"I had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Friedmann at the Queen's hotel. I expected to see a venerable man who had spent his life in study. Dr. Friedmann on the other hand is a young man and has little of the appearance of the student and appears to be very modest and unassuming."

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