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REV. J. O. L. SPRACKLIN KILLS HOTELKEEPER

LONDON HEADQUARTERS FOR GANG OF MASTER CROOKS IN SUMMER MONTHS, SAYS INSPECTOR MILLER

Failure of Bank Robbery of Beachville With a Consequent Loss of Valuable Equipment Scared Thieves Back to United States in Opinion of Provincial Police.

As the result of investigations carried out in this district recently by Inspector John Miller of the provincial police, it has been learned that London during the summer months was the headquarters for a gang of master crooks, and that numerous operations to be carried out in Western Ontario were planned here, intervention by the police frustrating them. When the crooks, numbering eight, learned that the provincial police were on their trail they immediately decamped from London by auto, and are thought to have sought safety in flight to the United States.

The first job planned by these criminals was breaking into and robbing the Merchants' Bank at Beachville. The morning of September 17 last was selected by them, because of the fact that a large sum of money was in the vaults of this branch at the time. This was to be used in payment to employees of the quarries, the cement works and other enterprises in the vicinity, and was known to the gang.

Early in the morning the robbers appeared on the scene at Beachville and started to work on the bank, which is a small one-story structure with the windows protected by iron bars. A youth, full bank employee, asleep on a cot inside the building, was awakened by noises at the window. While frightened, he fired his revolver through the window and phoned for help. Following the former action he observed two men rushing across a nearby field.

Upon the arrival of help, it was discovered that the burglars in their frantic rush for safety had abandoned an elaborate equipment, which they were using to cut the iron bars on the window when interrupted by the employee. This equipment included an oxy-acetylene tank and apparatus, and a liquid air tank for cutting steel and other hard substances.

Because of the fact that this attempt was a very bold one, and the abandoned equipment was valuable, the provincial police were notified, and Inspector Miller was assigned to the case. His investigations in Western Ontario revealed the fact that the two tanks, which are huge affairs, were previously stolen from the Grand Trunk Railway at Sarnia, a regulator on the line at Sarnia, and that of the other tank was stolen from the Imperial Oil Company at Sarnia. The equipment, which was very cumbersome, in the opinion of Detective Miller, had been transported to Beachville from London via a motor truck, and had to be abandoned by the burglars in their efforts to escape apprehension.

Continuing his investigations in London and Western Ontario for some time, Detective Miller determined the identity, or aliases of the eight members of the gang who had been in the vicinity, and traced their movements in this city and elsewhere for some time before the attempted robbery. However, no arrests were made, as the members assigned to the Beachville job, in his opinion, immediately warned their pals.

JEWISH BOLSHEVICS ARE EXECUTED BY WRANGLER'S TROOPS

Withdrawal of Anti-Soviet Leader Made Under Trying Conditions.

OUTNUMBERED BY REDS

Retreat to Crimea Conducted Without Pressure From Enemy.

Sevastopol, Nov. 6.—Eight divisions of infantry and Gen. Budenny's cavalry, advancing from Nikolai, on October 31, attacked both wings of the anti-Bolshevik army yesterday.

Gen. Wrangel's army, numbering 200,000 men, was forced to retreat. Five columns of superior Soviet forces, however, continued to advance in all directions along the 30-mile front. Gen. Wrangel was forced to retreat. He was successful in withdrawing his men, soldiers and supplies into the Crimean peninsula.

Gen. Wrangel's troops, after their victory on November 1 and 2, and their withdrawal, are said to have shot and killed the prisoners and shot thousands of Jewish Bolsheviki.

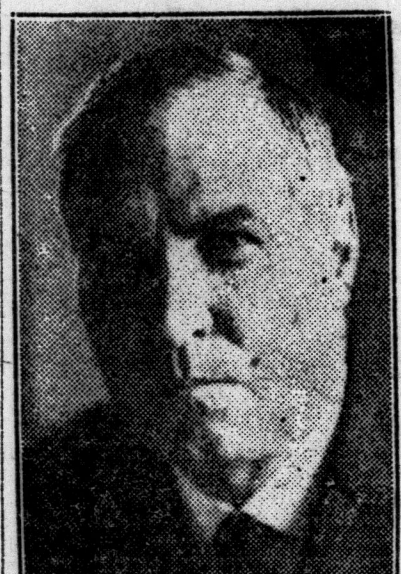
Following the total rout of the Bolsheviki on November 2, Gen. Wrangel slowly withdrew his line toward the Sevastopol Railway, where it united with units which had been holding the Soviet forces below Melitopol. These units took from the Bolsheviki machine guns, large number of machine guns and many prisoners. In explaining his retirement, Gen. Wrangel said: "In view of the absolute superiority of the enemy's numbers which allowed the Bolsheviki to replace their losses, I decided to withdraw to Crimea. Our troops are tired, but their spirits are good. The retreat was conducted without pressure from the enemy."

RESULTS OF VOTING IN THREE DISTRICTS NOT YET KNOWN

New York, Nov. 6.—Results of last Tuesday's election in three of the 435 congressional districts of the United States remained undetermined today as the fifth day of tabulating the Republican party's tremendous sweep was begun.

The missing districts were the 23rd New York, 5th Minnesota and 5th Missouri, in all of which the vote for representatives apparently will be close. The House of Representatives already assured to 238 Democrats, 1 Socialist, 1 Independent, 1 Independent-Prohibitionist, and 1 Independent Republican, were claiming success in all three of the undetermined districts. They also were predicting losses in the fourth and eighth districts of Tennessee which had been placed earlier in the Democratic column.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TORONTO, WESTERN AND QUEEN'S UNIVERSITIES



HON. DR. CODY, Toronto, Chairman.



C. R. SOMERVILLE, London.



SIR JOHN WILLISON.



J. A. WALLACE, Simcoe.



T. A. RUSSELL, Toronto.



COL. A. P. DEROCHE, Ottawa.

TIMBER OPERATORS USING ACT TO GET LAND OF VETERANS

Amendment Passed At Last Provincial Session Is Criticized.

HOLDERS UNPROTECTED

Persons Entitled to Property May Be Forced To Sacrifice It.

[Special To The Advertiser.]
Cobalt, Nov. 6.—Another uproar over U. F. O. legislation of the last session is being started in the north. It has to do with the amendment put through to the veterans' land grant amendment.

The contention being made is that the act is being used as a club by timber operators to get the land of veterans. It is stated that some people in Old Ontario, and especially widows and families of veterans, to sell their claims for a few dollars, that the timber may be secured cheap.

The features of the amendment are that it really prevents people in any part other than the district in which the lands are situated from keeping them to do so, and if he does not, then the land is a detriment to progress, the government will send an agent to find where the owner lives, says the act. If it is found that the owner does not live in the district, he will be given a year to do so, and if he does not, then the land will be forfeited.

Another provision of the act is that it protects the rights of pulp and paper companies.

Kicks Registered.
There have been a number of times registered about the progress of the north being held up by speculators, and the act is being used to overcome this. The act is amended.

The indications are that the act is being used for another purpose entirely. A great many of the veterans of the Fenian Raid and South Africa have "gone west," and their claims have been sold to timber operators. It is stated that the timber operators have an eye to getting some cheap veteran lands, and are calling on these people to sell their claims. Many of them are still holding the claims, and they are being sold to the timber operators. It is stated that the timber operators have an eye to getting some cheap veteran lands, and are calling on these people to sell their claims. Many of them are still holding the claims, and they are being sold to the timber operators.

There are some who are wondering how the amended act got on the statute books, and how it came that there was no provision to protect the interests of widows and children of veterans. It is pointed out here that it is just as reasonable for Ontario to say to the people of the north that the titles to land held in Old Ontario are invalid as in the present act.

BANDITS TAKE \$41,000 FROM BANK MESSENGER
Chicago, Nov. 5.—Four bandits today held up a messenger of the Hyde Park State Bank of Chicago and escaped with a suitcase containing \$41,000 in liberty bonds and coupons and \$257,000 in non-negotiable checks.

ROSS RIFLES USED AS CLUBS, DECLARER RETURNED TO EAST ELGIN ELECTORS

Returned Soldier's Opinion of Government's Record Placed Before East Elgin Audience — Had No Compunction About Ruthless Methods in Overseas Election—W. G. Charlton Again Denies Responsibility For Three-Cornered Fight in East Elgin

[By Staff Reporter.]
BELMONT, Nov. 5.—How the returned soldiers regard the record of the Government which is now exerting every effort to elect its representative in East Elgin was graphically told to a large audience in the town hall here tonight by Lieut. Sid Rankin of London. His address was followed by a more lengthy, but equally powerful one, from W. G. Charlton, Independent Liberal candidate in the riding.

The enthusiasm with which both speakers were received boded well for the Liberal candidate's success in this section of the riding. In 1917 elections it gave him the most solid backing of the whole constituency.

Lieut. Rankin said he was not present to back the candidature of anyone, but he did want to tell them what the returned soldiers thought about the Government. "There has been a very great deal of misrepresentation about the returned man, and the people have a very wrong impression of him," he declared. "As a body they are not Bolsheviki, and they are not led by J. Harry Flynn of Toronto, and don't follow him in trying to saddle the country with a debt by a flat \$2,000 gratuity."

Used Rifles as Clubs.
"We have today a debt of two billion dollars, caused to a great extent by the war. But it is also largely due to the downright and absolute extravagance of the men entrusted with your money at Ottawa," he asserted, and pointed as proof of this to the Ross rifle. Sir Sam Hughes, replying to Canon Scott's criticism of this arm, had said it was the weapon of the Canadian army in the greatest battle it fought—St. Julien. "I don't deny it was a great battle; it saved the channel ports," said Lieut. Rankin. "Undoubtedly it was the Canadians who won it, and undoubtedly they were using Ross rifles—but they were not using them as rifles; they were using them as clubs—that's how the Ross rifle won the battle of St. Julien."

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FRANCE WILL SEEK COMMERCIAL PACTS IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD; FIRST IS WITH CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Paris, Nov. 6.—The preliminary commercial treaty between France and Czechoslovakia, which was signed on Thursday in Paris, is the first of a number of similar pacts which France will negotiate with many nations of the world within the next few years.

Having denounced all existing commercial treaties, the French Government is planning to arrange new ones. The old treaties are being extended every three months until they are replaced by new agreements. The Franco-Czechoslovak treaty is in a barter and trade agreement. In it France and Czechoslovakia have made mutual tariff concessions on articles which are largely exchanged between the two countries. Before any trade pact is signed, the chief features of all the French commercial treaties, through which France hopes to obtain material needed by her, and at the same time develop markets for domestic products. The treaties are to form part of the plan to re-establish the pre-war commerce of France.

Details of treaty.
Among the principal articles which will be exported to France by Czechoslovakia will be glass and wood, which are needed for rebuilding the devastated areas. In return France will export to Czechoslovakia phosphates, iron ore, and all other raw materials which can be spared. The details of the treaty with Czechoslovakia probably will be withheld until the final convention is signed. It is understood that similar pacts are now being negotiated with Belgium and Italy, but that most of France's treaties will be delayed until the economic European situation improves.

SANDWICH HOTELKEEPER IS KILLED DURING RAID ON PLACE; SPRACKLIN CLAIMS HE FIRED IN SELF-DEFENCE

BRITAIN AND FRANCE REACH AGREEMENT ON REPARATIONS ISSUE

Brussels Conference of Allied and German Experts Approved.

RUHR COAL PRODUCTION Increased Amount Taken Out in October Indicates Mines Fully Operated.

Paris, Nov. 6.—Any possibility of coolness between the British and French Governments over their divergent views relative to German reparations was dissipated by a note from the British Government, delivered at the French foreign office personally by the Earl of Derby, British ambassador, last night. Premier League and the ambassador will meet tonight to complete the agreement.

It is said at the French foreign office that France now approves, not only of a Brussels conference of allied and German experts, but also an advisory meeting at Geneva of allied representatives which she formerly opposed. There is a possibility that Germans will participate in this meeting. It is understood the Geneva meeting, whether attended by allied premiers or not, may draw up a basis for final action by the reparations commission.

Great Britain and France differ in their views of reparations problems only in minor details. It is learned by the Matin.

The reparations commission, according to the Echo de Paris, has notified the Berlin cabinet that Germany must deliver to the Allies during the next four months 1,000,000 cubic metres of timber. It is stipulated that in the next six months 500,000 cubic metres and 177,000 telegraph poles for France.

Reports from Berlin state the coal production of the Ruhr basin during October amounted to 3,100,000 tons, against 7,800,000 tons in September.

GEORGE M. REID'S CONDITION SOME BETTER TODAY

Report From New York Today Says There Is Slight Improvement.

New York, Nov. 6.—By Canadian Press.—It was reported this morning at Roosevelt Hospital that there was a slight improvement in the condition of George M. Reid, London, Ontario, who was injured Thursday night in an automobile accident.

The chamber of commerce sent a telegram to New York Friday afternoon inquiring as to Mr. Reid's condition. A reply was received tonight from Mr. Reid, saying that his condition was very encouraging, and thanking the officers of the chamber of commerce, of which Mr. Reid is president, for the kindly interest they had shown in him.

In reply to a telegram sent by The Advertiser Friday afternoon the Roosevelt Hospital authorities said: "Doctors hope injuries are not as serious as at first supposed. Condition improved today."

GERMAN UNIVERSITIES MAY BE CLOSED AS ECONOMIC MEASURE

London, Nov. 6.—Consideration is being given by the German Government of the advisability of closing the German universities of Halle, Göttingen and Bonn, according to the Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quoted in the Matin.

It is said this step would be taken for reasons of economy, and that it would be possible support financially the universities of Cologne, Bonn, Heidelberg and Karlsruhe.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 6 o'clock last night: Highest, 50; lowest, 36. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
Toronto, Nov. 6.—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Easterly winds; fair and mild today and most of Sunday.

Beverly Trumble, of Chappel House, Shot at Early Hour This Morning—Inspector Gives Himself Up to Police—Investigation Will Be Conducted by Crown-Attorney — Trumble Threatened To Kill Spracklin, Who Drew a Revolver To Save His Own Life—"Fighting Parson" Is First To Pull Trigger When Life Is at Stake.

Windsor, Nov. 6.—Beverly Trumble, one of the proprietors of the Chappel House, Sandwich, was shot and killed this morning at 3:30 by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin during an investigation of the hotel premises being conducted by license officers. Less than half an hour after he had fired the fatal shot, Mr. Spracklin appeared at Windsor police headquarters, where he voluntarily surrendered to Sgt. Jones, on duty at the desk.

He is being held pending an investigation by the crown attorney.

Trumble's body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Albemarle Janisse by order of Coroner Labelle, where an inquest is being held this morning.

According to information secured from Windsor police, who declared that the facts were told by Mr. Spracklin following his voluntary surrender, license officers, while proceeding past the Chappel House in the early hours of the morning, saw a wounded man lying on the steps. The officers stopped their car, it is said, and mounted to the veranda, where Mr. Spracklin discovered a man, said to be Ernest Deslippe, in a semi-conscious condition.

Despite declared, the police say, that he had been in the hotel a short time before, when he was attacked and thrown out, after being beaten over the head.

Resented Intrusion.
Spracklin, with his officers, demanded admittance to the house. Trumble appeared and demanded the business of the officers. He was pushed into the hotel, and was followed by Spracklin. Trumble is said to have resisted the intrusion of the license inspector, and threatened him with the revolver, declaring: "I'm going to get you."

According to the story told by the police, Trumble had approached Spracklin, and as he concluded his threat, pushed his revolver against the latter's abdomen. Mr. Spracklin, it is said, immediately drew his revolver and fired, striking Trumble low down in the left abdomen. Trumble collapsed.

Medical assistance was immediately summoned by telephone. Dr. Beasley, Sandwich, arriving within a few minutes of the revolver being fired, found Trumble, who was sinking rapidly, and died less than 25 minutes after receiving the fatal wound.

Claims Self-Defence.
Communication was immediately established with the coroner and Dr. Labelle hurried out to Sandwich. Trumble was already dead when he arrived there.

considerable amount of mutual enlightenment.

The public meeting this evening was not different to all those that have been held during the past few days. It was much too small for the crowds who wished to gain admittance, and many had to turn away disappointed. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Hamilton, M.P., who met with his usual success in his denunciation of the government's handling of the war.

The latter made his last speech of the tour, as he returns for the morning. He dealt very trenchantly with the present conditions at Ottawa, pointing out the need for a more definite action.

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SEVERAL DEAD AS RESULT OF CLASHES DURING ELECTIONS

Yucatan in Many Fights.

Mexico City, Nov. 6.—Further clashes between Socialists and Liberals in Yucatan, arising out of the state election campaign there were reported yesterday in dispatches from Merida. It was stated several persons were dead as a result of the pitched battle on Thursday night.

Federal authorities have been rushed upon orders of the minister of war to the villages of Tecoh and Motul, where the demonstrations seemed to be most serious. The troops are under orders to quell disturbances, but not to fire upon the people unless they demand such action.

CO-OPERATE WITH COMMISSION.
New York, Nov. 6.—The New York State Housing Commission today announced that it was co-operating with Massachusetts boxing commission, recognizing its suspensions and disqualifications of boxers. Matty Roberts, a New York pugilist, suspended for three months by the Massachusetts body, will have the same penalty inflicted upon him in this state, it was said.

DUTCH APPROVE TREATY.
The Hague, Nov. 6.—The Dutch second chamber yesterday approved the treaty with Venezuela, under which diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela are renewed.

Harding and wife start on vacation trip to the south.

President-Elect to Take Rest Following Strenuous Campaign.

Marion, Ohio, Nov. 6.—President-elect Harding and Mrs. Harding and their party left here this morning on a special train bound for Point Isabel, near the southern tip of the Texas coast, where Mr. Harding will spend twelve days hunting and fishing. After that he is to make an ocean voyage to the canal zone, and then back to a port on the Atlantic coast.