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ORTLEY ROAD BRANCH OF ANOTHER CASE OF THE BALD-HEADED BARBER MERCHANTS' BANK HELD UP: BANDITS GET \$700.00; MAKE ESCAPE IN FAST MOTOR CAR

Branch Bank is Entered At 2:30 o'Clock This Afternoon Manager and Teller Are Forced At Point of Revolvers To Make Way For Thieves, Who Entered Cage and Scooped Up All Money in Sight.

Two armed men committed a daring daylight hold-up at the Six Men Believed To Be Sinn South London branch of the Merchants Bank, 146 Wortley road

They entered the office and walked over to the teller's eage as if to make a deposit. They pulled revolvers and covered E. M. Dagg, the manager, and Jack Leckie, teller, who were the only officials of the bank in the building.

Both men threw up their hands, and while one robber kept them covered the other walked behind the desk and secured \$700 in cash. He then rejoined his companion and both rushed from the building.

By the time the officials reached the door the bandits had escaped in a high-powered motor car.

five feet seven inches tall, dark, and clean-shaven. From their appearance they were confident they were strangers. They were

The police were immediately notified and the entire detective staff is now working on the case.

Chief Birrell stated that he had been expecting an occurrence of this kind control of the smaller cities.

COUNTY GRANT OF \$100,000 FOR LONDON COLLEGIATE NOT BRIGHT

Or Manor Park—Continuation Schools are Doing
Good Work.

Prospects of a county grant of \$100, 000 towards the new London Collegiate Institute are not very bright, according to expressions of opinion around the county buildings today. It is claimed that this would be very unfair to the county high echools, which are resarded as doing quite as good work as any cit collegiate Institute, and at Melbourne, Beimont, Mount Brydges. Thorndale, Delaware and Coldstream there are continuation schools, where students are prepared for admission to universities or necessary of the county of indidesex to erect a county high schools, where students are prepared for admission to universities or individual and a melbourne, Beimont, Mount Brydges. Thorndale, Delaware and Coldstream there are continuation schools, where students are prepared for admission to universities or necessary Delaware and Coldstream there are con-tinuation schools, where students are prepared for admission to universities or normal entrance. A continuation school is now being agitated for Dor-

beliaware and Coldstream there are connuation schools, where students are repared for admission to universities repared for admission to universities round entrance. A continuation chool is now being agitated for Dornester Station.

These high schools and continuation chools are not overcrowded, and peofe in their vicinity would welcome the sclusion of county pupils from the ondon Collegiate Institute. The only dale and Manor Park.

NICKLE WITHDRAWS

FROM CONTEST FOR

Ferguson, Geary and Henry to

Remain in Field.

INDIAN ESCAPES FROM JAIL.

Port Arthur, Dec. 1.—Canadian Press.

—At the Port Arthur district jail this morning Joseph Bushie, an Indian convict under sentence of 16 months, locked his warder in his cell, took his keys, released two others and then went into the jail kitchen, cooked a breakfast, changed clothes and leisurely walked out, leaving the civilian clothes tickets on the jailer's desk as a reminder. He has not yet been recaptured.

TORY LEADERSHIP

ALLIES MAY BE UNABLE TO STOP TINO'S RETURN

The Ex-King's Return Would Imperil Diplomatic Relations.

London, Dec. 1.—The British view with regard to the return of former King Constantine of Greece to Athens, sed in official circles here to day, is that the Allies canont pro-his return if the Greek people insist upon it. Great Britain takes the view, however, that the recall of Constantine would not only imperil good relations between Greece and the Allies, but between Greece and the Ames, would also gravely endanger the treaty of Savres.

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Winnipeg, Dec. 1 .- Two important political organization Canada and co-operative parketing of grain, are to be discussed at a meeting of the Canadian Councll of Agriculture here on December 7 and 8, and vital decisions may be reached. A number of those who will be present for these sessions will stay over for the public meeting which will over for the public meeting which will every riding. It is expected that 2,000 be addressed here on December 10 by registered delegates will be in attend-Premier Drury of Ontario and Hon. ance when the convention proceedings Premier Drury of Ontario and Hon. T. A. Crerar.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 47; lowest, 31.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 39; lowest, 35. TOMORROW-FAIR; COOLER.

Toronto, Dec. 1—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today-Moderate to fresh winds, un settled, with rain.
Thursday—Fresh westerly winds, fair, stationary or lower temperature.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Station. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria ... 50 42 Cloudy Calgary ... 38 12 Clear Winnings ... 32 18 Clear

 Calgary
 38

 Winnipeg
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 Parry Sound
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 Port Arthur
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 Port Stanley
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 Buffalo
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 Toronto
 39

 Kingston
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 Montreal
 34

Fein Agents Arrested At Pier.

CAME ON AQUITANIA

Closely Questioned, But Police Refuse To Reveal Identities.

London, Dec. 1 .- Six men arrested at cials. When they were arrested, it was announced they were suspected of being agents of the Sinn Fein. Revolver were found on their persons, but the

were found on their persons, but the men arrested asserted they were ignorant of the recently enacted firearms act, which forbids the importation of those weapons. They were closely questioned and their weapons were confiscated before they were placed on a train coming to this city.

When they reached here they were asked to go to Scotland Yard. They refused to talk to reporters, and their identities have not been disclosed.

Various stories regarding the men have been current since their arrest, but the police are very reticent regarding them.

Cork, Ireland, Dec. 1.—Details of the tragic story of Sunday evening's massacre near Kilmichel ,in which fifteen auxiliary police recruits were shot to death, may never come to light. The only available source of information is the sole surviving member of the party, who was severely wounded, and is believed to be dying in the military hospital here.

A meagre story of the event, gasped out by the wounded man, has been told officials sitting by his bedside. He has declared that the party of recruits med an armed band marching in the road, the men wearing khaki suits and "tin nats." The recruits mistook them in the fading light for soldiers, and thus fell into the ambush.
Road Was Mined.

Statements from other quarters would seem to indicate that the annihilation of the party of recruits can be accounted for only on the theory that the raid was mined or a trench had been dug across it. So far as is known there were no casualties on the side of the assailants. Remain in Field.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—W. F. Nickle, M.P., ex-M. P. P., of Kingston, Ont., today telegraphed to Capt. Joseph Thompson, chairman of the Liberal-Conservative provincial convention in session here today, withdrawing his name from the contest for the leadership of the party in Ontario.

An official of the Central Conservative Association here today says that Brig.-Gen. A. E. Ross of Kingston will also withdraw from the contest.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Hon. G. S. Henry and G. R. Geary of Toronto are said now to be the most likely contestants.

One thousand delegates had been cut across the road, and into it the leading lorry plunged. The second lorry, which was traveling fast, ran into the other car, it is said, and the occupants of both became easy victims of the men who planned the attack. Police was sent to scour the country for the missing men.

Rounding Un Extremists.

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One thousand delegates had been registered up till noon, and the convention will be in full swing this aftsernoon.

Toronto, Dec. I.—The Conservative party of Ontario for the third time in its history will meet in provincial convention at the Masonic Temple today. The first convention was called by Sir John A. MacDonald in 1882, the second being in response to Sir James P. Whitney's cell in 1904 about the same time in the scoul of the country for the missing men.

Rounding Up Extremists.

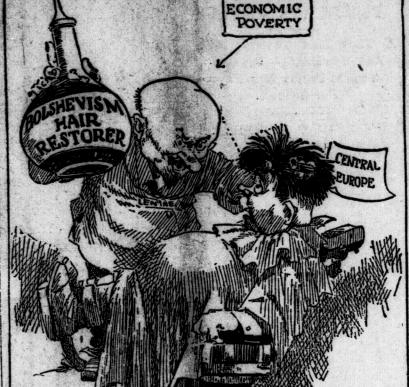
Police authorities here still claim to be gaining the upper hand in the fight against extremists. They assert the men responsible for ambuscades and assassinationes feel they are being driven into a corner. They are receiving no protection from the people, and move about the countryside in bands of from 15 to 300, forcing farmers, it is declared, to provide them with food.

"Every man of them is known to us."

Capt. J. E. Thompson, M. P. P., is temporary chairman, and he will call the gathering to order. The first order of business will be to elect a chairman, after which a nominating committee is to be struck, which will report on the to be struck, which will report on the committees to deal minating violence in Ireland are

Dublin, Dec. 1.-Proposals for ter minating violence in Ireland are deseveral standing committees to deal particularly with procedure, credentials and resolutions. However, the mammoth task will be the selection of a quiry, comprising representatives of the Labor party in the British Parliaquiry, comprising representatives of the Labor party in the British Parliamoth task will be the selection of a leader.

Speculation this morning is rife as to who will be appointed to lead the Conservatives. Hon. G. H. Ferguson, forger minister of lands, forests and mines, is prominently mentioned for the position, and it is predicted that he would obtain good support from Eastern and Northern Ontario delegates. It is also stated that he would obtain support in Southwestern and Central Ontario. Others mentioned for the leadership are: Brig.-Gen. A. E. Ross, M. P. P. for Kingston; W. F. Nickle, K. C. of Kingston; W. F. Nickle, K. C. of Kingston; W. F. Nickle, K. C., former mayor of Toronto.



BE MADE TO ALL PARTS OF WORLD

Decision To Raise Restrictions Is Reached Following Conference Between British and French Fuel Controllers-

week ending November 20 was 5,200,000 tons, which is the largest weekly production since April, 1913.

MESSENGER CALLS TO THAT WITNESSES ARE **BE RAISED 50 PER CENT**

nounces New Increases.

MAKE "REPORT CHARGE"

Operators Will Not Work On Fails To See Why They Would Call Without Remuner-

Toronto, Dec. 1.—In a new pronounce-ment upon long distance telephone rates the Bell Telephone Company declares that its application will mean an in-crease of some 25 per cent in person-to-person talks and 50 per cent in appoint-ment and messenger calls. But the station-to-station rate, where the person calling will talk to anyone at a given son calling will talk to anyone at a given number instead of some particular per-son, there will not be increased over the present long distance schedule, except that for a distance of less than 32 miles the initial period of conversation will be five minutes instead of three.

The company also proposed a "report after the operators have don work on it, of approximately one-quarter of the station-to-station rate.

TRUNK MYSTERY IS UNRAVELLED

Police Find That the Shipment

vention at the Masonic Temple to vention was called by Sir John A. MacDonald in 1882, the second being in response to Sir James P. Whitney's call in 1904, about the same time that the Liberal convention was in progress. The preliminary plans for the present convention were laid last April, when a meeting of members and candidates was held in Toronto, and a decision reached that a province-wide in convention should be held to embrace every riding. It is expected that 2,000 every riding to every rid

Bonds, which were recovered when John Doughty was brought back to Toronto on Monday, had been hidden between two plastered walls in the at-tic of the house of Doughty's sister.

To Reduce High Prices Of Food

New York, Dec. 1.—A campaign to compel retailers to reduce food prices is about to be instituted by the state department of markets. Mrs. Louis Reed Welzmiller, deputy commissioner, announced today. She declared that retail merchants have not cut their prices commensurate with the drop in wholesale prices.

Proposals that an immediate conference of the Irish Labor party, the Catholic hierarchy, the Irish peace conference, and the labor commission be held have been published here. When asked their opinion of this pian, the commissioners said if the other bodies named wished co-operation they were ready to act, but they insisted that they must await an invitation to take part in such a conference. They also declared it was necessary for them. first, to consult their colleagues of the British Labor party.

34,249 U. S. SOLDIERS

KILLED IN GREAT WAR

Washington, Dec. 1.—Final figures on United States army casualties in the war are contained in the annual report of Surgeon-General Ireland, made public tonight, showing 34,249 killed and 224.089 wounded.

JUGGLING THE FACTS

Bell Telephone Company An- Tells U. F. O. Official That He **Doubts Accuracy of Figures.**

"FARMERS NOT FOOLS"

Continue Production At a Loss.

mornir); by Hon. F. B. Carvell, who challenged the statements of S. H. Staples, an official of the U. F. O., who quoted the report of the Ontario Government commission to the effect that it cost a farmer \$2.68 to produce 100 pounds of milk, which that farmer had to sell for \$2.33 at a loss to himself, The farmers are not fools," declared the chairman of the board. "They would not continue producing something which is losing money for them. Government commissions, in making reports, figure the farmer's time on an 8-hour day basis, with full wages for the farmer, his wife and family, where as a farmer works a great many more hours daily and profits thereby." At one point, when two witnesse

wholesalers, had declared that they knew nothing of the retail prices o their products, the chairman intimated that it was apparent the witnesses had shut their eyes purposely because they did not want to tell the board the re-

NORWEGIAN RAILWAY SYSTEM IS TIED UP BY WORKERS' STRIKE

10,000 Employees Quit Work To Force Higher Wage Demand.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 1 .- Ten housand railway employees were orlered on strike at midnight last night, which will stop the entire Norwegian railway service. The strike is due to the government having refused to consider demands for increased wages un-

Special **Commission Unani**mously Recommends Admission.

ASSEMBLY TO RATIFY

Wilson's Acceptance As the

Armenian Mediator Pleases Delegates. Genevat, Dec. 1 .- Ausria was unani-

mously voted a member of the league o expected the assembly of the league

brought up today at the session of the assembly. Serbia, Greece and Rumania had indicated they were seriously opposed to the admission of Bulgaria, and it appeared probable they would make an issue of the matter.

Another attempt was made today to gain approval of the league's budget for the forthcoming year. This matter came before the assembly yesterday, but objections were voiced by several nations, delegates from New Zealand, Australia, and India pointing out that, in their opinion, 7,000,000 francs in gold was an excessive amount. Albert Thomas of France, head of the international labor bureau, explained contemplated expenditures by that organization, and Sir Eric Drummond, general, secretary of the league, participated in the argument, explaining the need of the amount named.

Military Action Against Solmer-Poet Considered

ference Between British and French Fuel Controllers—No Limitations As To Price for Foreign Consignments.

London, Nov. 30.—British export of coal will again enter the world markets unrestricted as to price, quantity or direction of export, as an outcome of conferences between British and French coal controllers, and hope is expressed by officials of the coal controller's office that the present situation of Great Britain's key industry will accelerate the country's return to the pre-war economic status.

The British Government will continue to control the price of 219,000,000 tons of coal needed annually in the home industries, giving British consumers the benefit of living in a coal-producing country. The officials state that the production of coal for the week ending November 20 was 5,200,000 tons, which is the largest weekly production since April, 1913.

MILSON'S ACCEPTANCE

WILSON'S ACCEPTANCE CREATES SATISFACTION AT LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

Geneva, Dec. 1.—A letter to President Wilson, accepting his offer to act as nediator in Armenia, was being drafted by the council of the league of nations here today. Mr. Wilson's note, which was received this morning, was read to the members of the council at 19:30 o'clock, and was received with marks of liveliest satisfaction. o'clock, and was received with marks of liveliest satisfaction.

It was announced this afternoon that Spain and Brazil had offered to join President Wilson in his role of Armenian mediator. This offer has been embodied in the reply of Mr. Wilson framed by the council.

The offer of Spain and Brazil to join in the mediation came during this morning's session of the council. That body left it to President Wilson to decide if he desired this co-operation. Lord Robert Cecil announced today that he was still anxious that the \$20,000,000 which he had estimated would be sufficient to equip an expedition to help the Armenians be secured.

MEXICO AWAITS INVITATION. Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Canadian Press.—
Doubt as to the accuracy of figures placed before the railway commission by witnesses at the adjourned express rates hearing, was expressed this but would consider an invitation to but would consider an invitation to

D'ANNUNZIO CAPTURES BRITISH STEAMER

Italian Soldier-Poet Takes a Vessel Loaded With Provisions.

Trieste, Dec. 1 .- The British stteamer Narenta, loaded with flour and fodder, has been captured by Gabriele d'Annunzio's Arditi near Pola.

Ancient Eggs Had No Effect On Speakers

Union Officials Delivered Ad-

SEMENOFF ARRIVES

less the strike notices were withdrawn. The government has taken steps to assure the distribution of food and the mails by motor cars. Steamer service will be operated for the coastal towns.

The railwaymen are demanding a higher wage than the government employees receive, although the government employees receive, although the government employees receive, although the government railways are showing an annual increase in deficit owing to high wages and coal bills.

AT VLADIVOSTOK

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Gen. Semenoff. leader of anti-Bolshevik forces along the frontier between Siberia and Mongolia, has arrived at Vladivostok under Japanese cort. Dispatches from that city state he has gone on board a Japanese transport. Gen. Semenoff stroops, defeated by the Bolsheviki, recently deserted in hourly.

Winnipeg as Headquarters.

Before the police have proceeded much further, it may be shown that those arrests were the spear head of a drive against the crime ring which has been operating with headquarters in Winnipeg for the last year. It may involve a score of higher-ups, who are said to be responsible for rum and drug running between the Prairie Provinces and the United States, which have amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars every month.

MEMBER OF MONEY GRANT TO HOHENZOLLERNS

Member of Prussian Assembly Declares For Every Million Marks Paid to Ex-Kaiser's Family, the Allied Nations Would Demand a Billion in Reparations — Disorderly Scenes in House.

curred in the Prussian Assembly yester- another billion in reparations,"

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Disorderly scenes oc- former enemies of Germany would claim day following a debate on a motion pre- declared there was no desire to deprive day following a debate on a motion presented by the Majority Socialists, which would transfer property owned by the Hohenzollern of a livelihood, but strictly speaking they were not entitled to a penny, and "ought to be thankful for our magnanimity." He insisted there was danger to the German republic in family the "means to pursue their pretentions to the German throne."

Heir Heilmann, a Socialist, who introduced the motion, argued that for every million marks paid to the Hohenzollerns,

Baby Burns To Death In Crib

mations by the commission for the admission of new states here today. It is expected the assembly of the league will ratify this action.

Application by Bulgaria for admission to the league was expected to be soon to the league was expected to be child ready for school. When Mrs. Wallace returned unstalts she found the

lia, commander of the regulars outside of Fiume, yesterday.

"We are faced with a sad task at the present moment," the order said. "but I rely upon your complete co-operation."

CORDON AROUND FIUME.

London, Dec. 1.—While Gen. Cavigita's regulars have thrown a cordon
around Flume, only small incidents
have thus far been reported, says a
Milan dispatch to the Times. Every effort will be made by the regulars, it is
said, to induce the followers of d'Annunzio to desert.

WHISKEY RING IN **WEST CARRYING** BIG TRADE

Winnipeg Believed To Be the Headquarters of Gang.

Be Caught in Net.

POLICE ARE ACTIVE Many Higher-Ups Likely To

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—Many smuggled automobiles, some of them stolen, vast quantities of liquor and other smuggled goods, have been seized, scores of arrests have been made, and amerous gunmen caught with revolvers, have been convicted and their arms confiscated in various parts of Manitoba in the course of a systematic campaign waged during the last three weeks be-

mounted Police and the provincial police.

Tens of thousands of dollars have been collected in duties and penalties upon smuggled cars; and pistol battles upon the trails have been common occurrences, it is said, in the joint affect of the officers of the law to break up what is now well recognized to be a well-organized whiskey and smugging ring operating between Manitoba and points in the United States, and infesting the border country with thugs, gunmen, ex-convicts and thieves of every order.

Police Report Progress.

Decayed Hen Fruit.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 1.—Men from the four Waterford mining locals last night threw rotten eggs at Robert Eaxter. United Mine Workers' president of District 26, and Secretary James McLachlan, when these two speakers addressed the locals on the terms of the Montreal pact. Every effort was made to prevent them from speaking, but both men held out in spite of everything. The platform was a gelatinous mass of egg matter at the finish of the meeting, which lasted from 8 o'clock in ill after midnight. Messrs. Royter and McLachlan persisted in attempting to make themselves heard until the very end.

On the three arrested men, who are alleged to be the mere agents of a Preirie Province-wide organization. Manitoba police officials drove home their campaign of cleaning up liquor traffic throughout Manitoba, by arresting three persons, two of them former employees of the liquor law enforcement department, on charges of attempting to bribe police officers. Waring three persons, two of them former employees of the liquor law enforcement department, on charges of attempting to bribe police officers. Warrants are out for twenty or more persons of the policy of the contract of the

sons, and further arrests are expected

REAL ESTATE

Figures Announced by Assessment Department.

ACTUAL AMOUNT MORE

As Several Transfers Are Recorded With One Dollar Consideration.

dier-Poet Considered Imperative.

Another half million dollars in real estate deals was turned over in November according to the official figures issued by the assessment department today. This brings the total for the year up to \$6,509,337.

There were 189 transfers made for a total sum of \$579,775. The assessment on these has not been compiled yet. The total number of sales for the past eleven months is 2,441, and the assessment on these to the end of October is \$3,970,457.

The November record is well ahead Poet's Soldiers Desert.

Coctober is \$3,970,457.

The November record is well ahead of the previous month when there were only 165 sales for a consideration. of \$435,420 and an assessment of \$265,-455.

The actual amount of money which has changed hands is consideration and order of the day issued by Gen. Caviglia, commander of the regulars outside of Flume, yesterday.

Utilities Employees Object to Being Laid Off.

WILL DO HIS BEST

Mayor Little to Take Up the Matter With Commis-

With the completion of the big Springbank reservoir a certain amount of weeding out of unnecessary workers was undertaken today by the foreman in charge, with the result that the mayor's office at the city hall was invaded by about a dozen laborers who complained to Mayor Little against being laid off.

After hearing their statements his worship promised to take the matter up with General Manager E. V. Buchanan, of the public utilities department.

waged during the last three weeks between Winnipeg and other points and the international boundary, by federal officers of the customs department, acting in concert with Royal Canadian [1] Mounted Police and the provincial purposes."

SNUFF INSTEAD OF "HEATHER DEW" AT SCOTS' DINNER

Boston, Dec. 1.-The cup that cheers was replaced by the "snuff that exhilarates," when the Scots Charitable Society revive an old custom at its annual banquet last night to take nual banquet last night to take the place of anti-prohibition toasts. Scotch snuff from a silver-mounted ram's horn was passed about the tables.
First to take a cautious pinch was Governor Calvin Coolidge, vice-pres dent-elect, who was the cⁿief guest. From him the horn went down the banquet board. Sneezes followed, and handkerchiefs were quite generally displayed.