

## FORCED TO LEAVE SCOTLAND YARD

Sir Basil Home Thomson, K. C. B., Goes Against His Will—Charge He Failed to Consult Chief.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) England has always been a law-abiding country and has rarely displayed sentimentality over criminals, but nevertheless England likes its detectives best between the covers of a book. This is probably the bottom of the agitation just led to the resignation of Sir Basil Home Thomson, K. C. B., who steps out of Scotland Yard. His leaving is strongly against his own will, but if the whole influence of the government had been exerted to save him it would have been of no avail. His conduct was ac-



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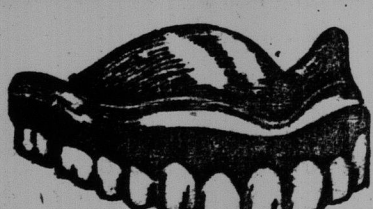
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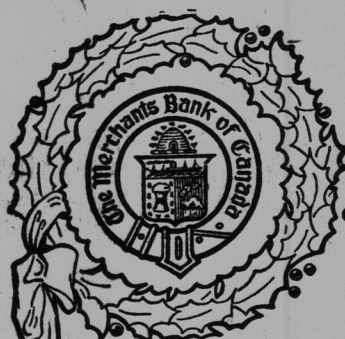
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Sir Basil denied the charges that were made against him, and there is little doubt that the nominal charge, insubordination, was not the real reason for his dismissal.

Expulsion. Sir Basil, after long public service as magistrate in Fiji and governor of Western Australia, was placed in charge of a special branch of Scotland Yard. It had not to do with ordinary crimes, but seems to have been a sort of espionage department brought into existence for the purpose of frustrating Bolshevism. It was this department that laid the charges that led to the expulsion of many undesirable foreigners. What roused hostility to it was the fear of members of parliament that it might become a sort of political police, forces of which are common in Europe, but would never be tolerated in England. Naturally enough Sir Basil and his spotters incurred the hostility of men like Ramsay MacDonald and members of the Labor party, but even Conservatives expressed their displeasure that English radicals should be spied upon as were the Russian radicals in the days of the Czar.

Refused By. The nominal charge brought against Sir Basil was that he failed to consult the chief commissioner at Scotland Yard, he being himself only an assistant commissioner. Months would go by and Sir Basil would make no reports. He insisted that when his department was established it was well understood that he should confide only in the Home Secretary. Finally Mr. Shortt brought the assistant commissioner and the chief commissioner together and it was arranged that the former should report to the latter at least once a week. For a while these instructions were obeyed. Then Sir Basil, thinking perhaps that the matters were too secret and important to be confined to a mere police officer, failed to report. There was another complaint, followed by questions in the House, and then the announcement of the resignation was offered to Sir J. A. Bryce, inspector general of the Royal Irish Constabulary for several years, but he declined because his Irish record had been the subject of sneering remarks in the House.



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not arrested. But a sounder authority on detective method than Sir Basil, namely, the late Frederick Williamson, long head of the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard, and one of the ablest men ever to fill that position, has said that "Sherlock Holmes is not a guide book for detectives, but Doyle have taught a good many of my men the value of little things in crime detection."

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