

The Evening Times-Star

Billion Marks For Cup of Coffee in Berlin Restaurant

BREAD FIVE MILLIONS FOR LOAF IN GERMANY

Wages of Many Men Not More Than Enough to Buy Two — Mark Quoted at Fifty-Six Billion to the Dollar Yesterday.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—Bread is bringing 5,000,000 marks a loaf in Berlin and little is to be had as the bakers say they cannot afford to buy flour in the open market and sell at that price.

There were long lines of anxious people before the bakers shops yesterday, hoping to obtain bread before the closing hours.

The mark was officially quoted at 50,000,000,000 to the dollar against Monday's 40,000,000,000 and the unofficial quotations were rising rapidly yesterday. Two billion five hundred and forty million marks was the cost of a loaf consisting of hot wheat, potato rolls and beer in an ordinary

lunchroom yesterday on the Alexander Platz, in the workmen's section of the city.

One could obtain coffee at one billion marks per cup, a piece of cake or pie at 800,000,000 and a plate of soup at 800,000,000. Many men who entered the lunchroom left without ordering, not being able to pay the prices.

Many janitors and other ordinary laborers received not more than ten million marks for their last week's wages, which amount buys less than two loaves of bread at this week's prices.

The billion mark note is now small change, with which hardly anything can be purchased, and as the notes in million marks denominations are almost useless, the shortage of paper money has again become acute.

Rao, Fastest of Fleet, is Headed Off by Police Launch.

New York, Oct. 24.—The cruiser speedboat Rao, which for more than a year has baffled attempts of both the police and the customs forces to overhaul it when suspected of running, was captured this week by the marine police as it was about to enter Rockaway Inlet. A cargo of liquor bearing a Scotch label and valued at \$12,000 was found on it, according to the police. The motor boat, valued at \$20,000, as well as the cargo, was confiscated.

The men aboard the speedboat were arrested on charges of violating the prohibition law. They said they were Edward Blanche, John Gordon and Fred Anderson.

The seizure was made by Patrolman McDonald and Steiner of the marine police, who were cruising off Coney Island in police launch No. 6, when they sighted the speedboat approaching the inlet. The police launch entered the inlet first and turned about to await the arrival of the Rao. When the speedboat came its crew found the way blocked and had to beach it to avoid a collision. The police launch drew up alongside, boarded the suspect and searched it.

The Rao can make 31 miles an hour, according to the police. It has the reputation of being the fastest run-rigger operating around New York. It was towed into port and tied up at the barge office while prohibition officers prepared to truck the seized liquor to a storage warehouse.

Original "Safe Drivers"



Thirty-three years as a street car crew, without an accident of any kind, certainly to entitle Motorman John Donahue, left, and Conductor John Butcher, right, to the "Safe Drivers' Club." Since 1890, they've covered more than 1,250,000 miles together. That's equal to 50 times around the universe.

BIG BOOTLEG GANGS WRITES GRIM TALE OF THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

Seven Reported Wounded in Fight for Whiskey Port of Entry.

Son of Major Burrows, of Salvation Army in St. John, Sends Story of Horrors He Saw in Catastrophe—Awful Sight as 400,000 Houses Burn.

Red Bank, N. J., Oct. 24.—Six men arrested and one man in the Long Branch Hospital suffering from dangerous bullet wounds, resulted from a pistol battle between two rival gangs of bootleggers at the Atlantic Highlands railroad station. It is believed that at least six other men were wounded, but were carried away by comrades.

The fight, in which fifty shots were exchanged, is said to have been the outcome of a feud between two groups of rival interests, one from Highlands and the other from Newark. Twenty men are believed to have participated in the battle.

According to Chief of County Detective Smith, the two gangs had engaged in several altercations which came to a head last night when four cars containing fifteen Newark men and five Highland men met at the station at Atlantic Highlands, where they engaged in a running fight. The men dismounted from their machines and poured a fusillade of shots at each other.

With the arrival of police and county detectives a search was started and Frank Laconte, Newark man, was found with a bullet through his body. He was taken to the Long Branch Hospital, but refused to say who his assailant was.

His condition grew steadily worse and it was not believed that he would live.

Chief Smith discovered the automobile in which Laconte is believed to have come to Atlantic Highlands. It was a 1922 Ford, owned by David Laconte, his brother. Laconte was arrested and held as a material witness.

A short time later five men in a second automobile were picked up. Several pistols were found in the car. John Butterfield, his brother Henry and George Nettiger, all of Highlands, were arrested on the assault charge and held in bonds of \$500. Robert Snyder and Alfred Baemister were held as witnesses.

John Butterfield had a bullet wound in his shoulder, which the police declared he had received in the fight.

In a letter received by Major W. H. Burrows from his son, Captain Harold Burrows, who is with the Salvation Army in Japan, there is a striking description of earthquake conditions. The letter says in part: "The earthquake of 1923 was a terrible thing. I hope I. H. Q. or T. H. Q. passed along word to you that we were all safe in the earthquake. The foreign officers were all very lucky. Most of them were 85 miles from Tokyo, and although we felt the quake we ran from the houses for safety. It did little damage. We assumed that it was caused by Mount Asama, but we could get no word through from Tokyo and began to wonder whether it was not much more widespread."

"The next morning unofficial word came that Tokyo and Yokohama were practically wiped out, so we got the next train for Tokyo. When we got about 20 miles from Tokyo the sky was livid red. Imagine 400,000 houses on fire. About twelve miles out a bridge over a large river had collapsed, so we had to get out and walk. Houses and factories were broken up into match wood. Lights were all out and only the Japanese lanterns carried by those about us made it possible for us to continue. At every available place of ground refugees were hidden trying to snatch a little sleep. Fasting, and going away from Tokyo was a continuous stream of refugees carrying all that they had managed to save. It was pitiful, and to make it worse, about every hour another earthquake would come and put every one in a state of fear lest it should become too severe. These kept up for over a week, about six or seven fairly severe ones every night. It was most nerve racking. We could not get any sleep. First the dogs would begin to whine and growl. That was the sign, and in about thirty seconds the houses began to bump slowly at first and gradually become more violent. We would sit up in bed ready to hike for the street in case the house showed signs of collapsing."

"Wall, the next morning we could see the damage that had been done in Tokyo. With one or two exceptions the city is level with the ground. Literally it is like a great plain of debris about two or three feet high, stretching for miles with perhaps a chimney or part of a wall standing up here and there."

"Our fine looking headquarters is in ruins. Brigadier Sachida and Staff Captain Sakai were killed and three other Japanese officers severely injured."

"These five were holding the regular noon-day prayer meeting when the shock came, and the part of the building in which they were collapsed and buried them all. With difficulty Colonel Yamamura, Sachida's stepson, almost trapped them. When they got outside they found that these five were missing and despite the fact that the building was still falling to pieces, they re-entered to try to rescue these five. Sticking out from a huge pile of debris and beams they saw a foot. Hastily they removed the planks,

'Order of the Bananas' Is Organized Formally

Each Group of Members a 'Bunch' and Each City a 'Plantation.'

New York, Oct. 24.—"The Order of the Bananas," which its founders expect to be to the vegetable kingdom what the Moose and the Elks and the Eagles are to the animal kingdom, was formally organized in the Marie Antoinette Hotel, with Frank E. Campbell, undertaker, as superintendent. When the order extends its operations to other cities, each city with a branch will be called a plantation, and each group of members a bunch.

Mr. Campbell said that any one possessing a sense of humor may be a candidate for admission, but it is understood specifically that a sense of humor doesn't consist in making jokes about "yes, we have no bananas," in connection with the new order. The New York bunch will initiate 110 members at a session in the New York Athletic Club in November, and the result will be known as Banana Bunch No. 1, New York Plantation.

Members emphasized that the name has nothing to do with the fruit business or the song, but was chosen because sociology has been exhausted by fraternal organizations, excepting for the manner animals, which might give a wrong impression of the quality of the membership. Besides Mr. Campbell, the officers include William Keenan, chief clerk in the district attorney's office, assistant superintendent; George Clarke, furniture manufacturer, bookkeeper; Henry Brenwasser, chemist, paymaster; Dr. Robert J. Shuman, plantation doctor; George Kivel, foreman, and the Rev. Nathan Seagle, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, chaplain.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL IN RAILWAY BREAK

Two Indians and Man From United States Accused of Theft

Sussex, Oct. 23.—The preliminary hearing regarding the recent break at the C. N. R. station at Annapolis and the post office at Annapolis was conducted here today before Magistrate Folkins. Moses Francis and Mary Levine, both Indians, were arraigned in the case of the break at the C. N. R. station and they were sent up to a higher court.

With regard to the break in the post office at Annapolis, the case was taken up this morning at 10 o'clock. Evidence was taken yesterday in the two cases dealt with by J. J. Dunphy and J. Ryan, C. N. R. special inspectors, who were investigating the case by Wilmot Ashbell, chief of police in Sussex, and by Bliss A. Keith, postmaster at Annapolis.

Dude Robs Students With Match Trick

Fitzpatrick, Convict, Confesses to Seventeen Holdups Near Columbia University.

New York, Oct. 24.—"Dandy Dan" Fitzpatrick, who said he lived at Bay-side, L. I., was held today by Magistrate Corrigan in the West Side Court, charged with two robberies Saturday night near Columbia University.

The prisoner, dressed stylishly, confessed to fifteen other recent hold-ups in the vicinity of Riverside Drive and also to having escaped from the San Quentin, Cal., penitentiary, after serving 12 years of a 20-year sentence.

The first victim was Joann Tio, Jr., a student in the City College, who was robbed of \$50 by Fitzpatrick. "Dandy Dan" asked Tio for a match and then offered him a cigarette. Tio said he did not smoke. Fitzpatrick then pressed a revolver against his stomach and searched him.

An hour later Gary Guster, a lieutenant in the United States navy, who is taking a post graduate course in engineering at Columbia, was robbed of \$16 by Fitzpatrick. The robber used the match and cigarette trick.

In the vicinity of Riverside Drive and 10th St. a holdup was reported October 7 by Stewart Nass of Providence, R. I., a student at Columbia, who was robbed of \$50. Pro-Gov. and anti-socialist R. I. Nass was also a student at Columbia and also lost \$40 in the same way at the same time.

Two detectives at a restaurant at Broadway and Ninety-sixth street recognized Fitzpatrick, who was sitting at a table. He denied the first when taken to the station. Fitzpatrick was identified by the students and Prof. Earland.

"I was going to do a bank job and I might have been killed, so I am glad he was not," Fitzpatrick told the detectives.

CRIME CONVICTIONS GAIN IN U. S. COURTS

Crim Wants Congress to Remedy Weakness in Criminal Laws.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—There were 22 per cent. more convictions in the Federal courts under the white slave act in the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, 1923, than in the year ended June 30, 1922. The increase in convictions under the anti-narcotic law amounted to 19 per cent., according to a report by Assistant Attorney-General Crim, in charge of the criminal division of the Department of Justice. As compared with the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1921, the increase in anti-narcotic convictions was 101 per cent. over 1921.

It is not a crime to kill an officer of the United States while in the line of duty he is engaged in serving a process, though it is a crime to assault or beat him in such circumstances, according to the Federal Criminal Code. Mr. Crim believes this apparently anomalous feature of the law should be corrected.

Sending threatening letters through the mails is another unpunishable offense, the report says, unless the act is in furtherance of a scheme to defraud or as a means of accomplishing extortion. Letters threatening injury to life or property may be sent with impunity if they do not involve attempts to obtain money or other valuables from the persons threatened. Attention is also called to the need of a statute making it a crime for a single individual to defraud or attempt to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose. Amendments to the Federal bankruptcy laws are recommended.

Thornton is Due Here on Sunday

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways is making a tour of the eastern lines. His itinerary as given out here today follows:

Oct. 23, Portland; Oct. 24, A. M. Edmundston, P. M. Moncton; Oct. 25, A. M. Truro, Amherst, Sackville, P. M. Halifax; Oct. 26, Bridgewater, N. S.; Oct. 27, Prince Edward Island.

Sir Henry will return by way of Moncton arriving in St. John on Oct. 28 to attend the opening of the new Dry Dock on the following day.

Hindus Decide To Lift Ban Against The "Untouchables"

Bombay, Oct. 24.—The Hindu Maha Sabha (Grand Assembly of the Hindus), which held its seventh annual session in Benares recently, attended by about 6,000 delegates from all parts of the country, after a heated discussion, passed unanimously a resolution removing the ban against the "untouchables" with regard to schools, public wells, meeting places and temples.

This result was mainly brought about by the tact and willingness to compromise displayed by the leaders of the reform party, particularly Pandit Malaviya, in overcoming the opposition of the orthodox section. Pandit Malaviya, in the course of his presidential address, describing the miserable condition of the "untouchables" and their oppression by the higher castes, said:

"We regard ourselves as polluted by the touch of the very shaven heads of the depressed classes, and we refuse them the privilege of leading a healthy, decent, civilized life, as fathers' faith, their loyalty to their forefathers' faith, their devotion to their fathers' faith, the most orthodox Brahman (priestly caste) does not seem to receive them on terms of equality."

A few enthusiastic workers in the Sabha intend to carry out without loss of time to carry out the resolution in practice, and to take the initiative in establishing the rights of the depressed classes in places of public worship and utility all over the country.

WILL TRY TO BAN DRUG-RUNNING

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Twenty-five representatives of Canada and the United States will meet here next Thursday to decide on ways and means of stamping out the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs across the border. Close co-operation between authorities on both sides of the boundary will be considered.

\$45 ADDED TO RELIEF FUND.

The contributions to the Japanese Relief fund which were received at the Red Cross yesterday amounted to \$45. Through the Municipal chapter of the I.O.D.E., two contributions were received, \$10 from the Royal Standard chapter and \$10 from the Lady Roberts chapter. The Loyalist Temple No. 13 Pythian Sisters sent \$25.

SYDNEY MAN CLAIMS HE IS KIDNAPPED

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 23.—Charles McMillan, at tonight's meeting of the Sydney Mines town council, accounted for his recent mysterious absence, which caused some anxiety, with a charge that he had been put on board a Canadian National train in an irresponsible condition and ticketed to the United States.

The town council will hold an investigation.

BRITISH SAILOR IS KILLED IN CLASH

Antwerp, Oct. 23.—One British sailor was killed by a knife thrust through his heart last night in a clash between sailors of the United States cruiser Pittsburgh and the crew of the British merchant steamer Melita.

The sailors from the Pittsburgh claim that they had been attacked by the British sailors and acted in self-defense. One of the Pittsburgh's crew was placed under arrest and turned over to the care of the Captain of the Pittsburgh.

Bryan Scores Y. M. C. A. Liberals

Failing to Get Bid to Address Meeting, He Issues Statement.

Cleveland, Oct. 24.—The question of qualification for active membership in the Y. M. C. A. was said today to be the most important problem before the constitutional convention of that organization's practice of admitting to membership only members of evangelical churches. The Y. M. C. A. will be wrecked, he stated, if it lowers its membership bars.

Mr. Bryan issued his statement after making his second visit to Cleveland and not being invited to address the convention.

A committee still was considering a proposed constitution, known as the Slade resolution, introduced as a substitute for the Portland test adopted in 1869. The Slade resolution would eliminate reference to the Scriptures and to Jesus Christ as divine, and calls for a simple declaration of purpose to serve Christ rather than membership in an evangelical church.

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Ontario Is Asked To Assist Home Bank Depositors

Toronto, Oct. 23.—In order to better the position of depositors in the Home Bank of Canada, it is proposed to request Premier G. Howard Ferguson and the Ontario Legislature to have the province of Ontario assist the thirty thousand Ontario depositors to the extent of waiving its priority claim on half of its deposit of \$1,236,000 in the bank. This statement was made today by W. T. J. Lee, chairman of the depositors' committee, who added that the committee further proposed that banks be prohibited from allowing Canadian money to go out of the country on call loans for investment in foreign countries.

In regard to the first proposal, Mr. Lee maintained that if the Government can vote relief for forest fire victims and for the assistance of victims of the Japanese earthquake, it can also vote money for the relief of Ontario people hit by the failure of the bank.

In view of the fact that there are 60,000 Home Bank depositors in Canada, half of that number living in Ontario, it is suggested that Massey Hall may not be large enough to accommodate depositors at the meeting called for Dec. 6. The order of Mr. Justice Fisher names Massey Hall as the meeting place.

KRAFT IN LOAVES IN TINS CHEESE

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