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POINTED GUN AT PATROL CAPTAIN

Malaspina Skipper Tells of Capture on Pacific

American Vessel, He Says, Ignored All Challenges to Stop and Rifle was Pointed at Commander of Canadian Craft.

(Canadian Press.)

Victoria, B. C., April 28.—"What the hell do you want?" Captain John Courage of Seattle is alleged to have shouted at Captain Newcombe of the Canadian fisheries patrol steamer Malaspina, at the same time pointing a rifle at him, when the Malaspina overtook the schooner Siloam, in charge of Captain Courage, off Cape Cook, on last Tuesday. The Siloam ignored all challenges to stop when surprised by the Malaspina while allegedly poaching in Canadian waters.

The Malaspina arrived here yesterday, and Captain Newcombe related the details of the incident. One of the Siloam's crew pulled Captain Courage's rifle down, he said, but the latter refused to surrender when the Malaspina ran alongside. Captain Newcombe said he ordered four members of his crew to fire with rifles.

The first volley was deliberately sent wide, and when the Siloam still persisted in her efforts to get away, a volley was fired into the pilot house. Courage rushed out of the pilot house shouting that a man had been killed, and the Siloam was then hove to.

The crew of the Siloam put the wounded man into a dory with his belongings, and he was transferred to the Malaspina and given immediate attention. Courage and his three men returned to the Siloam which was being taken in tow.

The fishing vessel was scuttled and the four men made off in the dories. With the dying man aboard the Malaspina, it was out of the question to continue the chase at that time, Captain Newcombe said. Captain Courage was in charge of the Valiant, which was seized by Captain Newcombe when he was in command of the William Jelliffe, about eleven years ago.

COMMISSIONER IS CALLING FOR MORE TENDERS

The Civic Hydro Commission has called for tenders for unit prices on the erection of the civic distribution system and specifications for the work will be ready in the commission's offices by the first of the week. The tenders will close on May 10. Tenders for meters will also close on that date and a call has been sent out for bids for the concrete foundation of the steel superstructure for the outside sub-station, due to close on May 8. Tenders for more line equipment will be called for soon.

P. B. Yates, who has been engaged to organize the distribution system will leave for St. Catherines tonight and will return to the city in about two weeks.

BOXER IN HOSPITAL, BUT NOT FATALLY HURT

Montreal, April 28.—Reports from a hospital where Manny Jacobson of New York fas taken after a boxing bout with Georges Girardin here, last night, indicate that the boxer is much better this morning, and that the injury he received when he fell to the floor under the effect of a blow on the chin will not lay him up for any length of time. Jacobson was at first reported to be fatally injured.

PRINCE OF WALES IS WELCOMED IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, April 28.—The Prince of Wales arrived here last night from London, to attend the unveiling of a memorial erected to express the thanks of Great Britain to Belgium for the latter's treatment of the British troops in the late war.

King Albert and various Belgian officials greeted the Prince of Wales and rge crowds heartily cheered him.

FEARFUL DEATH OF ITALIAN AT BRICK PLANT

Milton, Ont., April 28.—At the Milton Pressed Brick Company's plant near here yesterday Vecora Govani, an Italian, aged 24, was caught by a fast revolving belt and was horribly mangled. The belt completely severed both arms close to the shoulders and the body dropped forty feet to the ground. He lived about an hour after the accident.

JOSEPH GEORGE JOHNSTON.

Many friends of Joseph George Johnston will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at the Lancaster D. S. C. R. Hospital yesterday. He was a returned soldier and had been disabled since his return from overseas. He leaves his wife, who was Miss Bridget E. Long, and three small children. A particularly sad circumstance is that this is the third death in the family within the last two months. Much sympathy will be offered by a large number of friends to the family.

ASSESSMENT BOOKS FILED.

R. Allan Love, chairman of the board of assessors for the parish of St. Martins, yesterday filed with the County Treasurer the assessment books for his parish. This is the first parish to file this year and the date is somewhat earlier than usual.

PEONS POUNCE ON LANDLORDS IN MEXICO AND SLASH OFF HEADS

Mexico City, April 28.—All of the large land owners of the districts of Ocoyoacac and Lerma, situated between Mexico and Toluca, are being terrorized by a group of assassins who are making a practice of capturing the wealthy haciendados and cutting off their heads, according to the newspaper "El Democrata." The band is thought to be composed of peasants who are attempting to obtain revenge for the suffering caused by certain powerful land owners.

The first murder took place about a month ago, when Ramon Aparicio, one of the landed proprietors, was surprised by a group of ten men while travelling to his home, accompanied by several servants. Aparicio was hated and feared by his peons, and the band announced that it was their intention to punish him. He was decapitated and his body thrown alongside of the road.

A few nights later the hacienda of Diego Irogoyen was surrounded by the murderers, who first poisoned all the dogs and drugged the servants. They then entered the room of Irogoyen and administered the same punishment to him as had been dealt out to Aparicio. A proclamation was placed upon the body, which said: "The brothers of the enslaved peasants punish their tyrants. All those who suffer under the despotic yoke of the land owners should ally themselves with us, as we demand nothing more than an oath of loyalty, a promise of mutual aid and a large dose of valor and decision."

The following week the assassins entered the hacienda of Mauricio Perez, but, as he was not at home, his nine-year-old daughter was captured and beheaded in the courtyard of the house.

A few days later they attempted to stop a picnic party in an automobile, but the chauffeur speeded and the party succeeded in escaping, after being fired upon.

The inhabitants of the region are in deadly fear for their lives and are afraid to venture on the roads alone.

THOUSAND MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED

At the Oxford Paper Co's. Plant at Murray, C. B.

Tarbot Vale, C. B., April 28.—Within the next few weeks Murray, where the Oxford Paper Co. has a part of their plant located, will be the scene of active operations. As soon as the snow is gone the company will employ about a thousand men and will engage in operations in the woods and on the plant in Murray, where considerable improvements will begin as soon as conditions will permit. The Chronicle correspondent, who recently visited the plant, was informed that a big boom in lumbering operations was in sight for the coming season and that some extensive improvements would bedone in Murray. In order to accommodate the increased number of men who will be employed during the summer around the Murray Mill, an extension of thirty-two feet will be shortly added to the Hotel and this, with other improvements, will give accommodations to about two hundred workmen in the one house and within two minutes walk to their place of work.

BURGLARS GET $600 IN DARTMOUT PLANT

Dartmouth, N. S., April 28.—The office of A. A. Weber and Sons, boiler makers, was broken into last night and more than $600 in cash and goods stolen. The burglars cut open the office safe with a blow torch.

FATHER LANDRY FINED.

Moncton, N. B., April 28.—Rev. Father Landry, parish priest of Cape Bauld, was yesterday fined $10 when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate White at Shediac to shooting wild geese during closed season.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries R. F. Stupart director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is below the normal over the greater portion of the continent and lowest in Ontario and the central states. Showers have occurred in many portions of Ontario. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fair.

Forecasts:

Cloudy; Showers.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly east and south, fair today. Sunday, cloudy with some showers.

Gulf and North Shoe—Fair today, showers in some localities on Sunday.

New England—Showery this afternoon and tonight and probably Sunday morning, followed by cloudy Sunday; little change in temperature; fresh south shifting to west winds.

Toronto, April 28.—Temperatures:

Sations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday.	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	34	48	34
Victoria	44	54	44
Kamloops	38	68	36
Calgary	40	72	38
Edmonton	34	60	24
Prince Albert	36	74	46
Winnipeg	—	62	—
Sault Ste. Marie	36	48	32
Toronto	48	65	48
Kingston	52	66	48
Ottawa	48	70	46
Montreal	44	66	42
Quebec	42	54	40
St. John, N. B.	46	56	34
Halifax	46	48	28
St. John's, Nfld.	34	48	32
Detroit	38	72	44
New York	56	68	48

ISMET PASHA.

Turkey's representative at the new Lausanne conference. He is Kemal's Foreign Minister.

G.W.V.A. IS SIX YEARS ORGANIZED

Dominion Command Anniversary This Month — Needed More Than Ever, Says MacNeil.

Ottawa, April 28.—The Dominion Command of the Great War Veteran's Association today is marking the sixth anniversary of its establishment as a national institution. The association was brought into existence by the amalgamation of some 200 returned soldiers clubs and local associations at a national convention in Winnipeg six years ago this month.

C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary today said that he believed there was a far greater need at the present time for the G. W. V. A. than there had been for any year since its formation.

He said that the great proportion of the 900 branches and provincial and district commands had already entered upon the development of community service. He expressed the hope that the association would soon be able to demonstrate more fully its value to the national life, other than in the championship of the cause of veterans and dependents.

WERE EXCITED AT CHURCH MEETING

Presbyterian Minister Interrupted Another and There Were Cries of "Put Him Out."

Brockville, Ont., April 28.—Cries of "put him out," were raised at a meeting held here last night under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Association when Rev. D. A. Cowan, a local Presbyterian minister, interrupted one of the speakers, Rev. W. G. Brown, of Red Deer, upon several occasions in the course of his address. In spite of recent amendments, Rev. Dr. A. G. McGillivray, of Guelph, a member of the union committee, declared that the proposed bill for the incorporation of the union church of Canada, "retains the essential element of coercion, its very heart, its very purpose, is to eliminate, to wipe out the Presbyterian church as such from the Dominion of Canada."

TWO MILE RACE IS EVENT TODAY

Oxford After Repetition of Honors Won Yesterday at U. of P. Carnival

Philadelphia, April 28—Fresh from their opening day victory in the spring Medley relay championship, the third American relay triumph for English runners in the last few years, Oxford University's team looked forward today to another gallant effort and possible victory in the classical. Three other major college relay championships, the one, half mile, one mile and four mile, attracted brilliant fields. Keen competition also was expected in nearly a score of other relay fixtures in which Canadian and English runners are entered.

Canadians yesterday helped to furnish one of the most sensational features of the day when Barnes, captain of the Hamilton collegiate team, and Prendergast engaged in a thrilling drive down the stretch in the inter-scholastic Medley relay event. The U. S. runner just managed to nose out the Hamilton man.

BRITISHER HELD FOR RANSOM BY CHINESE

Hong Kong, April 28.—H. C. Crowson, of the staff of the British American Tobacco Co., has been captured by robbers at Meli, in the southwest of Kwangtung province, and is held for $80,000 ransom.

DON'T SEE MUCH IN OFFER MADE BY DE VALERA

Generally Regarded as Embodying Points of Old Position.

Dublin Government Circles Do Not See any Great Change — Home Minister of Free State to Give Out Something on the Matter Today.

(Canadian Press.)

Dublin, April 20.—Eamonn De Valera's statement of the conditions on which the Irish Republicans are willing to negotiate peace sheds little new light on the political situation, in the opinion of Free State Government circles, although it does contain a definite order suspending hostilities as evidence of the irregulars' "good will."

De Valera's proclamation contains six proposals which are generally regarded as embodying the points of his old position. He asserts that the Irish people constitute "the ultimate court of appeal for deciding disputed questions of national expediency and policy," and declares in substance that persons holding Republican principles should not be excluded from the councils of the Government.

This position, set forth in article 4, is taken in some quarters as expressing the desire that the oath of allegiance prescribed by the treaty with Great Britain, may be waived. The article asks that "no class of individuals who subscribe to the principles of national right, order and good citizenship contained in the proclamation can be justly excluded by any political oath, test or other device from a proper share and influence in determining national policy, or from the councils and parliament of the nation."

Another of the stipulations is that "Freedom to express political or economic opinions, or to advocate political or economic programmes, freedom to assemble in public meetings, and freedom to press a right of citizenship and of community must not be abrogated."

Dublin, April 28.—The first general convention of the new political organization supporting the present ministry, was held in Mansion House yesterday with delegates present from the city and country. Among them were many priests and members of the Dail Eireann and the executive council. Richard Mulcahy, minister of defence, attended. The afternoon's proceedings were secret, but the evening session was public.

William Cosgrave, president of the Free State cabinet said he believed the new organization would bridge the differences between the various sections of the community. Despite the differences and further dangers which might have to be endured, he was convinced there was an organized machine which would make the nation safe; there was a national army of which the nation might be proud.

Kevin O'Higgins, Minister of Home Affairs, made a similar speech. He said the new organization had a good start and promised to be an effective aid to the Free State party at the general elections. Minister of Defence Mulcahy was received with much enthusiasm. He described the new organization as really a rally of old forces going to Arthur Griffith when he was a "lowly little man in a weekly newspaper office."

Not Impressed.

Dublin, April 28.—In government circles it was asserted last night that Eamonn De Valera's proclamation was not considered as having made any great change in the political complexion, that the document saved all the points of his old position, and left him free to interpret the proclamation in accordance with them.

Kevin O'Higgins, minister of home affairs, promises to deal with the proclamation at the usual Saturday conference with the newspapermen. De Valera's terms have been known for some time to Mgr. Luzio, of the Sacred Congregation in Rome, who is in Ireland investigating the situation on behalf of Pope Pius. They are said to have encouraged his belief that the chances for peace are good.

LARGE GIFT TO UNIVERSITY

Cincinnati, April 28.—Endowments totaling $275,000 have been made to the University of Cincinnati by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft, it was announced today.

The graduate school received $100,000 the classical department an equal sum, and $75,000 was given to the law school for the erection of a college of law building on the campus. The $75,000 will be added to the money already held by the university, thus making the building possible.

The law building will be named the Alphonso Taft hall in honor of the father of William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States, and Charles P. Taft.

Judge Alphonso Taft was formerly attorney-general of the United States, minister to Austria-Hungary and minister to Russia during the incumbency of President Arthur. He also held the post of secretary of war in the cabinet of President Grant.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I'm proud to see how you folks here in town is gittin' together on that there hydro. Now you've made up your minds to go ahead, everybory's boostin' to beat the band. That's what I like to see. The town where the folks gits together an' tries their level best to make a thing go is sure to make good—yes, sir."

"Have you any evidence to submit to prove the truth of your remarks?" queried the reporter.

"Yes, sir, I hev," said Hiram. "I been told the power at Musquash aint no good—that the town's gonto be ruined—that this here public ownership is alwus a failure—that everybody'll hev to pay more taxes an' buy candles to boot—that these here Ontario experts don't know nothin' an' never did. I haint got time to tell all I've heerd—but it shows you're all together like I read in the papers a while ago that you orto be. I'm proud to see it. You're jist one great big Sunshine Club—By Hen!"

BOY PRAISED BY COURT FOR PLUCK

Jumped on Back of Man Attacking Wife With a Hatchet and Held Him for the Police.

Toronto, April 28.—Harry George Wills, charged with attempted murder, was committed for trial yesterday. A boy named Mike Pomillio told of having seen Wills attacking his wife with a hatchet, near the corner of Queen and Shaw streets on March 19, and related how he had jumped on the back of the accused and held him until the police arrived. He was warmly commended by the court for his pluck.

A statement which Wills had made to the police was read, in which he said that his wife had deserted him and their child for another man. He did not locate her for two weeks, and when she at the time refused to return he had attempted to disfigure her so that the other man would not want her.

HIGH SPOTS IN CONTESTS IN THE BIG LEAGUES

New York, April 28.—Cleveland retained its hold on first place in the American League yesterday by overcoming Chicago's early five run lead and winning 8 to 6. It was the sixth consecutive game Cleveland has won from the White Sox.

The hitting of Witt and Dugan accounted for the Yankees' victory over the Boston Red Sox, 4 to 2. They were responsible for half of the eight Yankee hits.

Although St. Louis made seven extra base blows, three doubles, two triples and two homers, the circuit clouts registered the only tallies and for the second successive time the Browns went down to defeat before the Tigers, 5 to 2. McManus and Williams were the home run hitters, the latter making his second four base drive in two days, and his fourth for the season.

Philadelphia and Washington fought a double knockout in their ten to ten tie, darkness stopping a heavy hitting twelve inning contest, marred by many misplays.

The Boston Braves turned on the Giants and beat them 10 to 3. Stuffy McInnis, formerly of Cleveland, Southworth and Bagwell formed the battering ram of the Boston attack, accounting for seven of the Braves' eleven hits.

Grimes held the Phillies to four hits and Brooklyn took the second straight game of the series 5 to 2. Griffith, Dodger outfielder, was the hitting star, poling out a homer and a triple, scoring twice and driving in another run.

After holding the Pirates to four hits and runless for eight innings, Alexander, veteran Cub twirler weakened and three singles and a double sefit two Pirates over the pan, winning the game 2 to 1. Morrison twirled very effectively.

Rain at St. Louis caused postponement of the Cincinnati-St. Louis game.

SUPPLIES AND MAILS FOR MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Halifax, N. S., April 28.—The Stanley is still bottled up in Bras D'Or Lakes, but it is expected, she will be freed soon to sail from Halifax with mails and supplies for the Magdalene Islands, the latter part of next week. The Lady Laurier will sail about Wednesday for Sable Island with mail and supplies.

POLICE COURT

James Hanlon was before the police magistrate this morning charged with being drunk and impeding pedestrians in King Street East. He pleaded guilty to being drunk and said he did not remember impeding pedestrians. George Bowler said two girls had been in his store and sought protection from a man who they said was following them. He was remanded. One man charged with drunkenness was remanded.

FIVE MEMBERS OF FAMILY ARE MURDERED IN THEIR HOME

Parents, Daughter and Her Two Children—Estranged Husband One of Three Arrested

Haworth, Okla., April 28—Ira Gardner and A. B. Miller, farmers, were arrested yesterday by a posse in connection with the killing of five members of the family of Tom Hansell here late last night. Officers declined to discuss the arrests other than to say they were taken into custody because of letters recently received by Hansell and members of his family. The five persons, two of them children, were slain as they slept on Thursday night in a fram house near here. The assassins, it is believed, cut holes through the front door and shot the victims to death.

Idabel, Okla., April 28—J. W. Pope was captured by a posse near Clarksville, Texas yesterday in connection with the slaying of his estranged wife, their two children and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hansell, his parents-in-law, at the home of the latter, near Haworth. Pope disclaims any knowledge of the killings.

OFFICIAL WORD OF NEW STATUS OF DUKE'S BRIDE

Rank of Princess—A Way Opened by Which Commoners May Attain Royal Honors.

London, April 28.—From Buckingham Palace the following official announcement was issued last night:

"In accordance with the settled general rule that a wife takes the status of her husband, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon on her marriage has become Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, with the status of a princess." This has set at rest a question which has caused considerable discussion during the last few days. It was evident that the marriage made Lady Elizabeth a duchess, but there were no clear precedents as to her accession to the rank of princess and title of royal highness It was, of course, evident that as in the event of the Prince of Wales not marrying she might be the mother of heirs presumptive to the throne of Britain, and that she would receive the full status of a wife of a royal prince, but there was some doubt as to whether she had already attained it or whether it would be conferred on her by special grant. The King's ruling establishes a precedent which undoubtedly will be applied in event of his other sons marrying outside the royal circle, and as changes made during the war in regard to other members of the royal family opened the way for descent from royal rank and for a gradual merging of the children of royal blood into the ranks of commoners, so this provides an automatic means by which commoners may attain royal honors.

Princess Elizabeth is now the fourth lady of the land, being outranked only by the Queen, the Queen Mother Alexander and Princess Mary.

BRITISH BOYS FIND IT HARD TO GET WORK

Commissioner Lamb of the Salvation Army Tells why 10,000 are Being Brought to Canada.

New York, April 28.—(Canadian Press).—Social and economic conditions in Great Britain are such that boys leaving school each year cannot be absorbed into the industrial life, said Commissioner David Lamb, international social secretary of the Salvation Army, on his arrival here on the S. S. Aquitania yesterday.

He estimated that 300,000 boys leave British schools each year and the great number of these that cannot find employment is adding to the increasing army of unskilled labor.

The Salvation Army expects to bring 10,000 of these boys to Canada. Nearly 200 have arrived or are on the way to the Dominion at the present time. Forty were embarked at Southampton yesterday

The commissioner said that the cause of the situation in Great Britain is traceable to the fact that trade is bad and that partly disabled ex-service men are retained to do boys' work.

WINDSOR ABOLISHES HOME WORK SYSTEM

Trustee Says the System is Cruel and Obsolete.

Windsor, Ont., April 28.—Abolition of the home work system in Windsor public schools has been ordered by the Board of Education after Trustee C. H. Smith attacked the system as "cruel and obsolete."

That some teachers, who cling to old-fashioned ideas, had ignored a similar order passed by the board three years ago was charged by Trustee Smith.

Members of the board who took the stand that home work should not be given to any pupil unless the parents consented.

MAN AND WOMAN TO BE HANGED ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Lethbridge, Alta., April 28.—Unless a reprieve or commutation of sentence is granted by the cabinet council in the meantime, Emilio Piccarilo and Mrs. Florence Lassandra will go to the gallows here on next Wednesday for the murder of Provincial Constable Steve O. Lawson of the Alberto police at Coleman, Alta., last September. A new trial has been refused. Their counsel is still trying.

EFFORT TODAY TO FLOAT THE CYMRIC QUEEN

North Sydney, N. S., April 28.—An attempt will be made at four o'clock this afternoon to refloat S. S. Cymric Queen aground near Point St. Esprit, Cape Breton. The master reports that the ship is tight, the sea smooth and a light breeze blowing off shore.

FIGHTS GIRL ON A HIGH ROOF; FOILS PLUNGE

Aged Boston Lawyer Almost Exhausted when Aid Comes.

Boston, April 28.—After a struggle on the roof of the Olympia building, 3 Tremont row, Atty. Charles Ross, 62, prevented Miss Helen Ham from plunging four stories to almost certain death. The attorney was almost exhausted when Traffic Patrolman Fitzsimmons and Sawyer arrived.

The young woman, who resides at the Y. W. C. A., works in the office of her brother, J. A. Ham, on the fifth floor. Ross saw her weeping on the fire escape early in the day, and a few minutes later she climbed upon the roof, with Ross after her.

The attorney caught her near the edge, but she put up a vigorous battle. The space was small and every instant watchers expected to see the pair plunge to the pavement. Ross was scratched and bitten and the girl's foot went through a skylight, cutting her ankle. After the patrolmen had aided in calming her, she was treated at the Relief Hospital and later taken to the home of her brother.

LEAPS FROM A BURNING HOUSE; SKULL BROKEN

New York, April 28.—One man was killed and several persons burned today in a fire that swept a three story tenement in Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn. Harvey Orr, 56 years old, who jumped from a third story window, died of a fractured skull. His wife and daughter are in a hospital in a critical condition.

Firemen carried twelve persons down ladders.

GROCERS' SHELVES GIVE WAY; WOMAN SHOPPER KILLED

Simcoe, Ont., April 28.—Mrs. Gordon Butler, aged about 35, was fatally injured; Miss Misner, a middle aged woman, was seriously hurt, the 12 year old son of Isaac McInally sustained severe cuts on the forehead, and several others persons suffered minor injuries late yesterday, when heavily laden shelves in the grocery store of O. W. Learn, toppled over upon a crowd of shoppers, mostly women and children, at the counter. Mrs. Butler died within three hours. The others are expected to recover.

PRIEST URGES CATHOLIC PRESS

Ottawa, April 28.—Stressing the necessity of a powerful Roman Catholic press and criticizing the nature, growth, control and character of the Canadian daily newspapers, Rev. Father George O'Toole, rector of St. Peter Celestine Roman Catholic church, Pakenham, Ont., at the University of Ottawa last night urged the students who have talents for journalism to equip themselves so that they might become able defenders and exponents of Roman Catholic principles.

Father O'Toole said that the daily newspaper was the greatest agency for propaganda that the world has ever seen.

SECRETARY HUGHES FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT

Washington, April 28.—Participation by the U. S. in a permanent court of international justice was advocated here last night by Secretary Hughes, as indispensable to any plan for the prevention of war and the promotion of peace.

FEAR EFFECT ON WEATHER OF YEAR

U. S. Scientists Report an Unusual Situation.

"Thoroughly Startled" by Discovery That the Heating Capacity of the Sun Has Lessened Three to Four Per Cent in a Few Months.

(Canadian Press)

New York, April 28—A Washington dispatch published by the New York World this morning asserts that U. S. Government scientists, have been "thoroughly startled" by results of examinations of the sun's world heating capacity made by Dr. G. C. Abbot, home secretary of the national academy of science. According to Dr Abbot, as reported by the World, the heat of the sun upon the earth has lessened by three to four per cent during the last fifteen months. The experiments by which he has measured the sun's heat have been tried for twenty years. This is a short time in the history of the sun.

The despatch continues:

"While Dr. Abbot is extremely conservative about drawing conclusions from his investigations, he describes the drop in average heat from the sun of from three to four per cent., as extraordinary, and that nothing so outstanding in the way of a change in the heat of the sun had been observed since measurements were begun in 1905.

"The weather bureau's reports, quoted by Dr. Abbott in a paper before the nation's asembled scientists at a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences in Washington, show that 1921, the year before the decline in the sun's heat began, was the warmest on record for the last fifty years. This condition existed in Europe as well as in the U. S. Last year showed a slight decline, but was still above normal, as was the early part of the last winter, but in December, three months after the sun had cooled to the lowest point, unusual contrasts occurred.

The southeastern states were the warmest and the northwestern one the coldest for thirty years. In January unusual storminess prevailed and the storms followed strange courses. These conditions continued into February, and the temperature began to average below normal, especialy in northern and northeastern sections New England, the weather bureau reports, show, has experienced one of the heaviest snow falls for the entire winter ever known.

Neither Dr. Abbot nor Professor Charles R. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau, would discuss the effect of these strange solar conditions upon next winter. Dr. Abbot said he was interested in finding the facts and leaving to the meteorologists to draw the conclusions. Professor Marvin said his bureau was giving the findings careful examination. All acknowledge the world is facinga strange and unusual situation which probably will right itself, but which may have a startling effect upon climatic conditions during the next twelve months

QUESTION OF AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT

If Harding Can do it Legally, Naval Vessels will be Used Against Rum Smugglers.

Washington, April 28.—A plan to use the U. S. Navy against the rum smuggling fleet off the Atlantic coast has been worked out by the administration, it was said at the White House today, and will be put into effect if the President is found to have the necessary legal authority.

The Department of Justice has been asked for an opinion as to whether the President has power to declare an "emergency," and use the armed forces of the Government to curtail the operations of the rum smugglers. Announcement of the decision to utilize naval craft was made after it became known that the State Department again had requested the co-operation of Great Britain in checking rum running.

SIX YEARS FOR HIS PART IN GEM ROBBERY

New York, April 28—M. D. Bidduiph, who pleaded guilty to participating in the robbery of $300,000 worth of jewels, from Mrs. Irene Schoelkopf of Buffalo, at a gay New Year's eve party in New, was sentenced yesterday to six years in Sing Sing by General Sessions Judge Grain.

UMPIRE SENTELLE OF NATIONAL DEAD

Cincinnati, April 28.—Paul Sentelle National League umpire, died in a hospital here last night from the effects of an aggravated attack of appendicitis He was forty-five years of age and lived in New Orleans.

BEAT 112 HOUR DANCING RECORD AND KEPT ON

Youngstown, Ohio, April 28.—A new world's dancing record was established here today when at 4.04 a.m., Albert Kish of this city, had beaten the mark of 112 hours established on Thursday at San Antonio, Texas, by A. C. Watson, by one minute. Kish continued dancing.