

# WIZARD PONZI PAYS ANOTHER HALF-MILLION

## Boston Mystery Again Keeps Promise to Make People Rich.

BOSTON, Mass., July 29—Charles Ponzi, the "postal exchange wizard," who has been paying 50 per cent. interest every 45 days to thousands and who claims to have rolled up about \$15,000,000 profits in six months, today continued to pour out great quantities of cash to customers who had "lost faith" in his enterprise.

Throughout the day from 11 a.m. until after 4 o'clock this afternoon, the throngs pressed and swayed about the Pile Alley entrance of his School street offices. Thousands were curiously-seekers-only, but hundreds were after their money—and all got it, every one.

### Half a Million Back

At 4.10 a Ponzi agent came to the door and asked if there were any more who wanted their money. There was none, and the door was closed, presumably to open in the morning for the next "batch" of the "faithful." It is estimated that nearly half a million dollars was turned back to the public today.

Miss Lucy Mell, Ponzi's secretary, declared that nearly \$2,000,000 has been paid to the public since Monday, this sum including, however, a very large number of "matured loans" on which the promised per cent. was paid.

### Casual Excitement

There was unprecedented excitement about the Ponzi offices this forenoon. The office did not open at the hour announced (9 o'clock) and wild rumors of all kinds went about like lightning. The story spread that Ponzi had "skipped out." However, the office opened before 10 o'clock and Ponzi himself appeared about 11. He was greeted by a huge throng with lusty cheers. A cheery wave was his response.

Ponzi was about the office but a few minutes, however, to give certain brief instructions to his staff. He quickly disappeared, to be seen no more during the day.

# New Theatre for Picton

Picton is to have a new theatre in the near future. This is the statement of Mr. George Cook, Proprietor of the Regent, Picton's only moving picture house.

A deal has just been completed which makes a new theatre for Picton a certainty. Mr. George Cook, who purchased the Allan property from the Citizens' Committee who had held it for some years has now been released from the condition of the original sale which provided that the property should return to the vendors on certain situations arising. This condition has been waived and Mr. Cook is now planning to build a large theatre seating 1500 people with a large stage suitable for plays. Picton will therefore soon have a building that will enable Mr. Cook to bring in real shows.

He intends proceeding with construction as soon as plans can be prepared and labor and materials secured.

The present picture show building will be entirely rebuilt. The new structure will be much larger taking in not only the old site but also the machinery warehouses adjoining, giving a frontage on both Main and William streets. In the building planned Picton will be supplied with a long felt want and Mr. Cook is to be congratulated on his progressiveness.

### BANCROFT

Mr. and Mrs. James Sargent of Trenton are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Thos. O'Neill at the Queen's.

The Misses Perry of Maynooth, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Mr. George Weaver of Maynooth, was in town on Monday and took home a new Ford car.

Miss Vera McCaw is holidaying in Madoc, being the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Smith.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Meller were in town on Monday en route for Baptiste Lake, where they intend camping for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hease of Toronto, are spending their summer vacation in town the guest of the former's relatives.

Protected by armed guards the cash was brought from the banks to the office, where the "paying teller" was watched over by an alert young man sitting close by, ever vigilant. At the latter's elbow on a table rested an automatic.

To-day a new attempt was made to tie up Ponzi's stock in a number of Boston concerns. These interests include large holdings in the Hancock Trust Company, Joseph Daniels, one of the early investors, who now claims he was in partnership with Ponzi, is seeking to collect \$1,000,000 of the profits thus far acquired.

### Won't Tell Secret

Ponzi today literally defied the Government to learn the secret of his operations.

"I am in the business to make money. Ethics do not interest me any more than it interests bankers, the coupons. I do not tell it to anybody. My secret is how I cash the coupons. I do not tell it to anybody. Let the United States Government find out if it can."

### Government Inspectors at Work

Washington, July 29—Postoffice Department officials are still very skeptical that Charles Ponzi, the Boston "fifty per cent. in ninety days" man, made his huge profits through operations in international reply coupons.

The officials here said that they could not see how Ponzi could have accumulated \$5,500,000 in such a short time through the manipulation of stamps at 6 cents each. While investigation into the Ponzi scheme was authorized from Washington, its details are being conducted in Boston. Inspectors there are delving into every aspect of the case. Officials here say that the inspectors in Boston know far more of the actual situation than their superiors do here.

No estimate has been made of the number of international reply coupons issued this year, it was said today.

Dr. S. E. Lumb returned home from New York on Saturday, having completed a post graduate course. Dr. Lumb will resume his practice at Maynooth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Eby left by motor for Toronto on Sunday morning. Mr. Eby before returning will attend Masonic Grand Lodge at Niagara Falls. On their return journey Miss Edith, who has graduated as a trained nurse, will accompany them home.

In a telegram message on Monday, Mrs. A. Davy was informed that Mr. Davy had been seriously injured in a fall and that he had been admitted to a hospital in Walkerton. Mrs. Davy left on Tuesday to join at the latter place.

Miss S. Ottawa of Wood, who has been in the Toronto hospital since last November, undergoing medical treatment for gunshot wound, has so far recovered to be able to return home for a time. Although not completely well he many friends will be pleased to learn of her return home.—Bancroft Times.

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Fall Fair Fat Ladies  
Ontario government rules that those members of the Fall Fairs Association throughout the province who are in the entertainment committees are not competent censors of "side shows". Therefore the government, through the provincial police department, will see that side shows are "right" before they go on the fall show circuits.

Fat ladies must be fat, and incidentally clothed properly, and the language of "niggers" who expose with little danger their heads to the erratic heavers who frequent fall fairs must be limited to "alleg."

The department will not take a chance of the curiosity of the fall fair director overshadowing his moral obligations. Hence the rule this year that all shows must get a permit from the provincial police before they hit the hazardous fall fair circuit.

# Mrs. John Cross Had Shoulder Broken

## Unfortunate Accident at Wallaceburg to Former Sidney Resident

(Friday, July 30.)

Mrs. John Cross, while proceeding to her home in Wallaceburg along the Dover-Chatham town line, was struck by an automobile and the democrat in which she and a party of three, were riding was tipped into the ditch. Mrs. Cross received a broken shoulder, while the rest of the party escaped injury. Action likely will be brought against the motorist, says the London Free Press.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cross lived on the fourth concession of Sidney, moving to Wallaceburg, Ont., eleven years ago.

Mr. J. Cross also met with a painful accident on the 29th of November when the windstorm blew down Mr. Chas. Wickens' barn in which Mr. Cross and his nephew, Edmund Wickens, a returned soldier who served four years in France, were doing chores for the night. The barn was blown flat to the ground pinning Mr. Cross under the beams and smashing his ankle to such an extent that three bones had to be removed from his leg and ankle and other bones had to be wired to be kept in place.

# Wedding Bells

### BIGRAVE—DAVIES

The wedding took place on Wednesday, July 28th, at the home of Mrs. Weese, Isabelle street, of Miss Mary Davies of this city, to Mr. Robert Inwood Bigrave, also of Belleville. The Rev. A. H. Foster officiated.

### KEIRL—DAVIS

On Tuesday, July 27th, the Rev. A. H. Foster conducted the wedding of Miss Sarah Davis, of Belleville to Mr. Francis Keirl. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Nicholas McDonald, Herchimer Ave.

### DIED

FIELDHOUSE—At his residence in Toronto, on Thursday, July 29, 1920, Benjamin Fieldhouse.

### HILLIER

Master Vernon Clapp has gone to Oshawa on a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Osborne and Mr. and Mrs. Kale French, as well.

Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. Tom Boyle and Cecil attended Mrs. Frank Hubb's at home on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Burris of Hillier, has a new Gray Dorr car.

Several from here attended the Sunday School picnic at the Sand Banks on Thursday.

Miss Irene Demille has been visiting at Mr. Will Demille's.

Mr. Clark Clapp spent Wednesday at Mr. Clarence Terwilliger's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Tait and daughters Hilda, and Annie, spent Thursday afternoon with friends of this street.

A few from here attended the social and band concert Thursday evening at Wellington.

Mr. Kenneth Woolf of Hillier called on friends on Thursday.

MRS. LENNON RECEIVES BIBLE.  
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# Bruce Wood Died From Effects of Accident on Farm

## His Case Considered Hopeless From The Onset

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PETERBORO, July 29—After almost constant attendance by Dr. Sutton, who had begun to hope for a recovery, Bruce Wood, the Ottonabee farmer who was impaled on a hayfork in an accident while harvesting a short time ago, died at the Tuesday afternoon of internal hemorrhage. The injury was so grave and difficult to treat that from the outset there was but little expectation that Mr. Wood could survive.

On Friday, July 16, Mr. Wood was helping unload hay in his father's barn. A ladder, on which he was standing began to slip, and jumping into the mow, he alighted on a hayfork hidden by the hay. The wood on handle pierced a vital part. He was at once removed to Nicholls Hospital where the doctors, headed by Dr. Sutton, have carried on the fight to save his life. Infection from the nature of the wound was inevitable, and after the first operation, it spread and necessitated a second operation on the 20th.

Encouraging improvement had been noticed, but death came swiftly Tuesday afternoon from hemorrhage resulting from a gangrenous affection set up in a vein that had been overruled by the hay fork. Dr. Sutton's overseas experience proved of value in handling this delicate case and he felt keenly the loss of the life he had begun to hope might be saved.

Bruce Wood leaves a wife and two small children, a girl of two and a half years, and a baby boy, one year old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wood, survive, residing on the farm on the 18th line of Ottonabee, seven miles from the city. The deceased was born in Ottonabee 33 years ago. Five years ago he married Mildred Dewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewell, Ottonabee. His parents survive and one brother, Alton, of North Monaghan. One brother and one sister predeceased him.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Zion, and a regular attendant. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

His tragic accident followed by his death 12 days later has deeply affected the entire community in Ottonabee. His courage and faith through had been marvellous and he never gave up hope of recovery.

WEDDING BELLS  
A very pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. H. R. Pettom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Broad of Bancroft, at 5 o'clock on Wednesday, July 14, when Miss Violet Gunter, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Gunter, of Gilmore, became the bride of Mr. James Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Maxwell of this village. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Jean Maxwell, sister of the groom, as the bride entered the parlor, which was nicely decorated with ferns and roses, leaning on her father's arm, charmingly gowned in white satin and beads with veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of roses. The duties of bridesmaid was gracefully performed by Miss Vivian Hawley, who also was prettily gowned in white silk trimmed with beads. Mr. Wilfred Maxwell, brother of the groom performed duties of groomsmen. After the signing of the register the guests about fifty in number partook of a dainty dinner at Mr. Broad's. A reception was tendered the happy young couple by the groom's parents in the evening. They were the recipients of many and costly gifts which shows the high esteem in which they are held by the people of Bancroft and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell will reside on their farm in Bancroft and their many friends wish them success and happiness on their voyage through life.

TERM EXPIRED TODAY  
In police court this morning Magistrate Mason found Oscar Spaford guilty of the charge of theft of some rubber goods from Mr. DeLine's vulcanizing shop and sentenced him to thirty-three days from the date of his arrest, which gave him his liberty today.

RECEPTION TO ARCHBISHOP  
(Friday, July 30.)  
Rt. Rev. Mgr. Murray, V.G., of Brockville, administrator of the archdiocese of Kingston, has made arrangements for the official reception of His Grace Archbishop Spratt on his return from Rome. It is expected that His Grace will arrive at Quebec on the Empress of France on August 3 or 4, and will come to Brockville, where he will be a guest of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Murray. His Grace will leave Brockville on August 8, as a guest of Mr. W. H. Downey on the latter's yacht and on arriving at Kingston will be received by the priests of the archdiocese and Catholic people. Addresses will be presented to the Archbishop. On Monday morning grand pontifical high mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the safe return of the Archbishop. At 12 o'clock a banquet will be held for the Archbishop, priests and delegates from the different parishes.

HEADLESS BODY OF WOMAN FOUND  
(Friday, July 30.)  
Identification of the body of a woman found late on Sunday in Black River, a mile below Dexter, N.Y., has not been established. The head, feet and hands are gone and the body is badly decomposed. No clue save that the woman was 5 feet 4 inches in height and weighed about 125 pounds affords hope of identification. It was apparent that body had been in the water for many months. The head, feet and hands were gone and there was no clothing. Identification was impossible.

Undersheriff Race stated that it was impossible for a body to come up the river from the lake on account of the current, but at Dexter the opinion was expressed that the unusually high tide of three feet several nights ago might have washed the body in from the lake. It was held by some Dexter residents that the body was that of one of the victims of the ill-fated steamer T. J. Waffle which was lost last September in Lake Ontario.

The body brought to attention the possibility that the body was that of a woman who cooked on the steamer Waffle.

The Waffle was sailed from Kingston and was under the command of Capt. Charles Beaupre of Kingston. It was used to transport coal for Swift & Sons. It had left the Lehigh Valley high trestle near Oswego with coal for Kingston on a Monday morning and it was that evening that it was sunk in the storm.

Charles Sweet was mate on the boat and was accompanied by a woman giving her name as Mrs. Caroline Sweet. She was the cook. They had been residents of Wolfe Island.

BURR'S  
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morden, Northport, and family, visited at W. B. Hough's on Tuesday last.

Mr. Tom Ayrbart, Carrying Place, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Tufts, Detroit, visited at Murney Park's on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Ellie Hough, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Fitchett, Smithsfield, returned home on Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Fitchett, who remained over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Fox was very ill last week from an ulcerated tooth, the poison going through her system. Dr. Cryan was in attendance.

Messrs. George Fox and Alex. Mitchell went with W. T. Blakely, Mountain View, on a huckleberry trip to Madoc last week.

Quite a number from here attended the ice cream social at Crofton on Monday night and enjoyed a splendid program.

The next meeting of the Crofton Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Salisbury, Aug. 5th.

Quarterly meeting will be held at Burr's church next Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Ainsworth and Mrs. M. Moore, Belleville, visited at Joe Moon's on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler and baby Frank are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Butler, Belleville for a few days.

Master Donald Morton and James Moore, spent a few days last week at Mr. W. Snarr's, Wellman's.

Mrs. Wm. Coulter of Napanee is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. R. P. Coulter.

Mrs. Dillon of Buffalo, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Lagrow. Mr. Dulon, Mrs. Lagrow's brother is also here about 35 years ago, and has for

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Misses Sara and Florence Free, of Lindsay, are visiting friends in town.

Miss Mildred Dunk is visiting her cousin, Miss Frances Little, Port Hope.

Mr. Henry McGrath, of Toronto, is spending the holidays at his home in town.

Mrs. W. E. Miller, of Rochester, spent the week end with her brother, Mr. W. I. Stillman.

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Mrs. Fred Hawley and daughter, Louise, of Toronto have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hawley.

Miss Alma Upton, who spent the past year in the western provinces, returned home last week.

Mr. W. J. Dupcan returned on Saturday from the west, where he spent the past few months.

The Misses McAffrey, of Newmarket, has been spending the holidays with Miss Theresa Duff.

Mrs. W. I. Stillman received word that her son-in-law Mrs. John Jackson of Winnipeg died recently in a hospital of that city.

Mr. G. Knight, of Toronto, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. H. W. Carter.

Misses Jean and Marlon McCannan of Peterboro, are visiting their cousin Miss Dorothy Bullen.

Miss Gertrude Brown has returned to Hamilton after two weeks' visit under the parental roof.

Miss Osborne, Miss M. Osborne and Miss Gay motored to Campbellford on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. L. Denike.

Miss Jean Donald of Brunbrae and Miss Grace Rainie of Unionville, Ont. are the guests of Miss Hume.

Rev. J. Simpson, of Columbus, Ont., occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday and preached most excellent sermons.

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