

## TAKE RISK OF FIFTEEN YEARS

In Penitentiary—Sure Way of Alleged "Dips" Getting Money Back

In regard to \$1,300 found in the possession of the three pick-pocket suspects who jumped their bail, Mr. O'Brien of Gordon, Widdfield and O'Brien, while willing that any of the monies held by the police identified by those who lost their wallets at the Exhibition shall be returned to them, contends that the balance is coming to his clients. He holds that neither court nor government has any claim upon such monies unless conviction is made and that conviction cannot be secured without accused's presence in court to avail themselves of such protection as the law offers.

Magistrate Dumble declares that these men, judging by their police record, should be in jail for life, and that, if in his power, he would willingly order a return of the cash to them were they to appear in court to avail themselves of such protection as the law offers, and take the lively chance of a fourteen or fifteen years' sentence.—Peterboro Review.

## EDISON ON EVE OF GREAT IN-

Has Been Mysteriously Absent From Place of Business for Ten Weeks.

New York, Oct. 19.—Thomas Edison, the "wizard of electricity," has been absent from his workshop in New Jersey for ten weeks. Big men in the electrical world have been trying to locate him. Next Sunday, October 21, will mark the thirty-seventh anniversary of the discovery of the incandescent light, and there is a movement afoot to celebrate the occasion fittingly, with Edison as the central figure.

The projectors of the celebration were dumfounded to learn that the wizard was away from his workshop, and further disconcerted to learn that nobody at the works could inform them of the inventor's whereabouts. It is the first vacation Mr. Edison as the central figure, more than fifty years.

Early in the spring Mr. Edison's doctors told him that he must take a vacation. Reluctantly he prepared for rigging up an auto, with the paraphernalia of his laboratory, and a second machine was to be his pleasure car. When he was all ready war was declared, and he received word that his presence was needed in Washington.

Since then the public has been indirectly in touch with his movements. He was made a member of the government's advisory board and it was understood that he was working day and night upon some contrivance to offset the work of the German submarine. A few days ago a story was printed of an invisible ship which had successfully run the gaunties in the submarine zone. The "invisibility" of the ship was made possible by the lowering of masts and topping off smoke funnels until they were flush with the deck, hard coal being used and forced draught taking the place of the tall funnels, smoke clouds being eliminated for the three hundred miles of the U-boat zone.

## BACON IS SELLING IN TORONTO AT 80 CENTS A POUND

In a statement made at Toronto regarding the possibility of regulating the price of bacon, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Controller, said:

"It would be simply insane on the part of either Mr. Hoover or myself to say to the producers of bacon that they've got to sell bacon to their neighbors at a less price than Great Britain and her allies are prepared to pay for the bacon for the use of the soldiers at the front."

"The price of bacon in Canada is fixed by the price that the buyers for Great Britain and allies in New York are today prepared to pay for all the bacon that the United States and Canada can produce."

"The allies fix the price and pay without consultation with or reference to the food control organization. Every effort is being made to get these methods changed as to the future. Lord Northcliffe is doing good work in this connection."

## MAJOR MACCOLL ILL

Major (Dr.) A. E. MacColl, president of the Medical Board under the Military Service Act, 1917, was yesterday afternoon taken ill and was removed to the General Hospital. Today his condition is reported as somewhat improved.

## IS IMPROVING

Chief Newton has written from North Bay stating that his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, who was seriously ill is improving. Mrs. Wilson had a severe cold and was threatened with pneumonia.

## SPIKED TO DOOR AND LEFT TO DIE

## HORRIBLE BARBARITIES OF THE PRUSSIAN SOLDIER

Lieut. Brister of Brockville, One of The Victims

According to the Ogdensburg News-Journal, A. Anderson, late of the 2nd Battalion, and Pte. Frank Casey, of the 156th, both of Brockville, are visiting the Maple City and have been giving details of their overseas experience to the News.

Pte. Anderson, who also saw service during the Boer war, is now on hospital leave, having been wounded in the right arm and left leg. He saw service at Ypres, Verdun and Vimy Ridge and twice was buried under earth mounds created by exploding shells, being obliged to dig himself out from beneath the debris.

In commenting upon the horrible barbarities and unexampled cruelties practised by the Prussian soldiery, Sergt. Anderson gave to the News as a graphic illustration particulars of the death of Lieut. Bert. Brister, of Brockville. He declared that Lieut. Brister was spiked with bayonets to the door of a barn and there, living, left to die.

Anderson's company are declared to have found him lifeless when they arrived on the scene.

According to the sergeant, the slight of women and children horribly mutilated has become a common one in Belgium.

## FRENCH SHOOT FEMALE SPY STOLE SECRET OF THE TANKS

Paris, Oct. 19.—Mata Hari, "Eye-of-the-morning," the dancer, was shot this morning. She was arrested in Paris in February and sentenced to death by court-martial in July for espionage. Her real name was Marguerite Gertrude Zelle. When war was declared she was moving in political, military and police circles in Berlin, and had a number of roles in the German espionage services. She was in the habit of meeting the notorious German spy masters outside French territory, and was proved to have communicated important information, in return for which she received large sums of money since May, 1916.

Lloyd's Weekly of September 30th said: "Marguerite Zelle, known as the celebrated Hindu dancer Mata Hari, was arrested months ago, when it was found she was one of Germany's most skillful women spies. A tall, beautiful woman, she created a sensation when she appeared in Paris twelve years ago as an exponent of Eastern ritualistic dancing, and immediately became the idol of the city, and was deluged with handsome offers to perform in London, Berlin, Vienna and New York."

"With her snakes and sinuous dances the Mata Hari became a favorite with the Germans and Austrians especially those of high degree. Five years ago reports of her doing reached London, describing her as a high caste Indian princess who had been a high priestess in India, and acquired complete control of enormous snakes."

"Then the war came and the dancer turned up in Spain, afterwards in Holland. About the beginning of the present year she was brazenly walking about the West End of London; then seems to have gone to France, where her true character was discovered."

"It has been claimed in some quarters that the woman informed the Germans that the British were about to introduce tanks some time before they were utilized."

## RECEIPTS HAVE INCREASED

Losers Now Get More Than Winners In Olden Days

"It is worth more these days to set in a world's series and lose than it was in the old days to win," remarked a veteran player a few days ago, as he glanced over the figures showing division of world's series receipts. This player, who took part himself in a series not so many years ago, could hardly be blamed for wishing that he had reached the top of his playing form a few years later.

As an illustration of the changes that have come over the world's series, from the standpoint of players' shares of the receipts, one has only to look back over figures of the early world's series between National and American League champions. The team that loses the 1917 series will divide up something in excess of \$51,000. Winner and loser combined did not have this much money to divide up in any series from 1903 to 1908 inclusive, and in 1909 the players' money, for division among both clubs amounted to only \$67,000. From 1911 to the present time the players' pool has

ranged from \$121,000 to \$165,000, but up to 1911 the entire pool for players did not reach \$30,000; and the winners alone have shared more than that in four series since.

## WHAT'S YOUR CHANCE OF BEING CALLED?

Medical Examination Condemns Every Other Man

Speaking of your chances to go overseas, some very interesting data is now at hand. It can be summed up in the statement: "You have one chance in two of being medically fit, and then one chance in four of being called on the first draft."

The figures are now being made by the Military Department and acute percentages will be made. There are approximately 8,000 medically fit men in this military district. There will be about 1,600 called under the Military Service Act, and only half will be found to be in class "A." With only a quarter of the 8,000 being used to fill the vacancies of the two depot batteries here are big chances against a man being forced to join the khaki ranks.

The estimate of one man in two being found to be medically fit is borne out by the report of the medical board at the base recruiting office. Of 300 men who appeared last week, 161 were below class "A."

## TRACTORS DO GOOD WORK

Cost Forty-Five Cents an Hour and Plough Seven Acres

"The two big farm tractors which are working in the county are being kept busy, and there is every reason to believe they will be kept busy all the ground freezes up," said A. Sirett, district representative, to The Standard this morning. "One is now working in the Westbrooke district and the other near Harrowsmith."

"There is a good demand from farmers for the services of this outfit," continued Mr. Sirett. "The charge is forty-five cents an hour for actual ploughing and the oil and gasoline necessary, and boards the operator. The one man who goes with the machine is all that is necessary, and the saving of help is a big factor in the working of the machine. In soil which is not stoney the machine averages about seven acres a day, so the ploughing is being done very cheaply."

Mr. Sirett stated that the harvesting of potatoes and roots and the fall ploughing are the two factors which are causing the farmers much concern. He further stated that he would lend every assistance to the Board of Trade in arranging for whatever help is available from the city or from the Militia Department—Kingston Standard.

## FRATERNAL MEETING

Thursday evening (last) was rally night for the local council of the Royal Templars of Temperance. A large number met in their hall over Bleeker's drug store and were favored with an official visit from the Dominion Secretary, Dr. Emory, of Hamilton, who admirably conducted the initiation ceremony of five candidates for the Royal Degree and afterwards gave a stirring talk on the war and temperance. Select Councilor, B. O. Frederick, presided in his usual happy fashion and after a short program of music and appropriate addresses from Bros. Rev. S. C. Moore of the Tabernacle Church and J. O. Herity, editor of The Ontario, the refreshment committee served a nice lunch. The gathering broke up before a very late hour with the singing of the National Anthem.

## ACCUSED FORGER ALSO AUTO THEIF

Chief Short received a telephone message from Capt. Graham, of Kingston on Tuesday, asking him to arrest one, James Henderson, a deserter, aged 22. He is described as having blue eyes and brown hair; has the letters C.N.B. on both sides of his coat collar and likely wears a police badge on the right arm.

The deserter came, as far as Napanee, as the chief got a telegram from the police chief of that town, asking him to arrest Henderson should he come this way. He was accompanied by a tall thin man wearing a grey suit. Henderson is accused of stealing a Ford car No. 13791 at Napanee and passing a forged cheque. Parties coming across Henderson are asked to call up Chief Short.

## CAR WAS TAKEN AWAY

Mr. Fred Grey of Latta left his automobile near the post office last evening and when he returned it was gone. Later it was brought back. The police are looking for those who had the car out on a joyride.

## W. POMPA DIED OF WOUNDS

Septic Pneumonia Followed Laceration of Arm by Gunshot.

William Pompa of Maynooth who was brought to the Belleville General Hospital, suffering with a gunshot wound in the arm, died late yesterday as a result of septic pneumonia of four days' duration following the injuries. The remains were this morning shipped by Messrs. Tickell & Sons Company to Maynooth in care of the boy's father, Mr. William Pompa.

Deceased was born 22 years ago at Bancroft. He was a farm laborer and was unmarried. Ten days ago he was the victim of a shooting accident which left his arm in a badly shattered state.

## DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Jury in Stirling Inquest Makes Recommendations

"We find from the evidence that the said Ernest Phillips came to his death by accidentally falling into a vat of boiling water at the Stirling Box Factory in the village of Stirling on Oct. 9th, 1917, death occurring on Oct. 14th at his residence."

"We would earnestly recommend, that in opening vats two men be employed, one to protect the opening, while the other is engaged in peeling and if only one man is employed, immediately on taking out a bolt, the vat be covered."

"We would also recommend that a portable fence be placed alongside the north side of the vat where the roadway runs."

"Also we request that the Provincial Inspector of Factories at his earliest convenience make a general inspection of said factory."

This verdict signed by Mr. J. S. Morton, foreman of the jury, which inquired into the cause of the death of Ernest Phillips, was presented to Coroner Dr. Bissonnette at the resumed inquiry at the Village of Stirling last evening. Crown Attorney Carnew conducted the examination of witnesses. Deep interest in the unfortunate affair was manifested by residents of the village.

## THREE BOYS WERE ARRESTED

Young Vagrants Found Drying Selves in Pump House

Three boys from Toronto, ages eleven, thirteen and thirteen, were arrested at eleven thirty this morning by the police in the Belleville jumping station as the youngsters were drying their clothes in front of the furnace. The authorities had recent word that three young boys were hanging about the C. N. R. depot and set out after them. Tracking them westward, the police came upon them at the pump house. The lads told how last night at nine o'clock they started from Toronto on a C. N. R. freight. They rode all night, but this morning two Jew boys who were with them threw them off the train. Their clothing was soaked by rain.

The young travellers were handed over to Capt. Ruston of the Children's Shelter and word will be sent to Toronto.

One boy says he was in Mimico for three years for stealing, and the others have been in trouble before.

## WORKMEN MAKE ELECTION

Accused of Fraud, Will Stand Trial Here

John Burns, John Wilson, James Sweeney who were sent down from Marmora on a charge of fraud in securing advances for board from the Deloro Smelting and Reduction Company, on the understanding that they were to work at the latter's plant, appeared before Judge DeRoche at the court house this morning and elected trial by the judge without jury. The date was set for Oct. 29th at 10.30 o'clock.

## SERVICE FOR BRITISH RED CROSS

Last evening at Christ Church parish hall a special service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Blagrove, the rector, in connection with the campaign to raise funds for the British Red Cross. The offertory, \$12.00 will be devoted to this purpose.

The milk shortage is so serious at Mount Carmel, Pa., that dealers have customers on ration. Many dairy cows were killed so dairymen could raise potatoes. Much milk is being bought to be condensed.

## STOP MAKING CANDIES AND JAM

Shortage of Sugar is Serious Says Food Controller

A despatch from Montreal says: The possibility of the banning of the manufacture of candies, confectionery and jam because of the sugar shortage was hinted by Food Controller Hanna in the course of his address to the Housewives' League here on Thursday.

Mr. Hanna said that the amount of raw sugar available for the refineries in Canada and the United States was so small as to be the subject of alarm in both countries. During the past ten days a crisis had developed but drastic measures were being taken by the Departments of Food Control at Ottawa and Washington to insure a steady supply. Cuba, since the war began, was the world's main source of sugar, and the United States was in close contact with the island, and Canada was not.

Mr. Hanna said that a member of his staff had been in New York trying to secure even a moderate supply, but had not succeeded. The last consignment of raw sugar for Canada was now on its way here.

## FACE STARVATION

British Captives in Asia Minor in Bad Plight

London cable: Attention is drawn by Thomas Secombe, the eminent scholar and critic, to the melancholy position of British prisoners of war in Asia Minor.

"Unless," he declares, "these men be exchanged before the severity of the approaching winter overtakes them, few if any, can survive. Even good treatment, according to Turkish standards would involve nothing less than slow and very painful death to men already weakened by Mesopotamian starvation, tolls, marches, marches, inhuman food and the inevitable rigors of that ferocious climate."

Enquiries made by the Daily News shows that with the exception of 800 men exchanged directly after the fall of Kut, no exchange of prisoners yet has taken place between Great Britain and Turkey. There are nearly 9,000 British and Indian troops of all ranks in the hands of the Turks, of whom some 150 are in Constantinople, the others being at various camps in Asia Minor.

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