

WARNS AGAINST COUNTERFEIT BILLS IN CIRCULATION

CONSUL INFORMED OF AMERICAN FAKE

Secret Service Declares Spurious Notes Are in General Circulation.

ADVISE LONDONERS

Asks Any Discoverer To Report To United States Consulate.

The American consul here has just received circular letters from the secret service division of the treasury department at Washington, calling attention to certain new counterfeit federal reserve notes, recently discovered in general circulation.

The denominations of the counterfeit notes range from \$10 to \$1,000. A \$1,000 U.S. federal reserve note on Federal Reserve Bank of New York was received in exchange at London, England, and made its way to the secret service division of the treasury department at Washington. Some of the notes of the lower denomination are described as poorly done, while those higher are not easily detected.

The American consul points out the most salient defects indicated as follows: Figures are usually irregularly placed and out of alignment; portraits have unlikelikey appearance; the backs of the notes are not done as well as the faces; much of the lathe work on the faces appear in the color instead of fine lines; red and blue lines are used to imitate those made by silk lines.

If any such spurious notes are discovered, the case should be immediately reported to the consul. If any doubt should arise as to the genuineness of any of these bills, it would be advisable before accepting them to get an opinion thereon from a bank.

WOMAN INSPECTOR STOPS SMUGGLING

Rigid Inspection Discourages Fair Shoppers From Buying in United States.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 25.—Buying of American-made goods in the Michigan Soo by women in the city is said to have been materially reduced since installation of a woman customs inspector at this port.

The news has been kept very quiet, in fact just leaking around, for the stories told by women travellers who have been inspected. It is understood that merchants of this city agitated the employment of a woman because of the vast amount of trade which is claimed to have been going to the Michigan side.

The smuggling of clothes is said to have been enormous. Women are said to have concealed their parcels beneath their morning frocks, and women carrying back American-made products are said to have been passed up by the men inspectors. It is different now, however, as the women are given a rigid going over by one of their own sex.

TILLSONBURG FIRE DAMAGES GARAGE

Early Morning Blaze Causes Loss of Several Thousand Dollars.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Dec. 25.—Fire of menacing nature which broke out in the Tillsonburg shoe factory on Main street, early this morning, forced several people from their apartments adjoining the building and caused a loss that will run into thousands of dollars.

The blaze was first discovered at 12:40, and when the firemen arrived dense volumes of smoke and flames were issuing from the building. Fearing that the night employee of the garage might be asleep in the office, the firemen chopped their way through a door, but the man showed up later, having been downtown when the fire started.

It is thought that the blaze originated in the stockroom at the rear of the office. The fire chief was unable to give out the cause of the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butt, local restaurant owners, were forced to leave their apartment.

ELECTRIC LIGHT SMASHES, IGNITING OIL IN GARAGE

St. Catharines, Dec. 25.—It is not generally known that an electric light globe falling and smashing may cause fire. Such was the cause of fire last night in Eberhardt's garage here. The exploding bulb carried sufficient flame to set fire to some oil on the concrete floor and the flames spread to a motor car. The burning car was run out on to the street and the fire put out.

SINGER REFUSES TO TAKE GERMAN PAPER MARKS

Associated Press Despatch. Dortmund, Dec. 25.—Emmy Leisner, a Berlin soprano who was engaged to appear with the Dortmund Music Society, refused to sing unless she was paid in foreign money, or some sort of stable currency. As the management had only German paper money the concert had to be cancelled.

AIR ROUTE OVER ROOF OF WORLD IS PREDICTED

U. S. Navy Secretary Approves Proposal For Exploring Far North.

MAP UNKNOWN WASTES

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Recommendations that the navy's Polar exploration flight be attempted during the coming summer, using the dirigible Shenandoah, and using Nome, Alaska, as the main operating base, are contained in the report of the special board of naval officers, headed by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aviation. The report was made public today by Secretary Denby, who has approved it, subject to possible later modifications.

In its study, the board emphasized that the mission of the expedition would be "exploration of the north polar regions" rather than a dash for the pole. The detailed plan of operation worked out, therefore, contemplates numerous flights by the Shenandoah on mapping and charting cruises to "establish the practicability of a trans-polar air route" from Western Europe to Japan "over the top of the world."

Recommendation was made that two vessels, preferably tankers, equipped with mooring masts, six planes equipped for landing on ice or water, a permanent mooring mast at Nome, and mooring facilities at certain other northern points, be employed.

"The ships, with three planes each, will go to Nome and to Spitzbergen, where preliminary flights for aerological observations will be made," the report said. "When all is ready the Shenandoah will fly to Nome, via mooring masts at Fort Worth, San Diego, Puget Sound and Nome bases, then northward for the accomplishment of this mission. The exploration of the north polar region shall include a systematic search of the unknown area north of Alaska."

Plan Feasible. "The board considers that with all the ships, the Shenandoah and the planes equipped as recommended and provided in ample time, the Arctic exploration is feasible and practicable during the summer of 1924 without undue risk to personnel or material."

Selection of the Nome base was made because of its location, its availability to shipping as a rule during the first week in June. The distance to the pole from Nome, via Cape York, is 1,000 nautical miles. At a speed of 25 knots the Shenandoah will have a safe cruising capacity of 4,250 nautical miles, with a 15 per cent margin of extra radius.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO MISHAPS CHRISTMAS DAY PASSED QUIETLY

Hamilton People All Victims of Cars During the Holiday.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—Scalp wounds were suffered by Mrs. C. M. Montague, Burlington, this afternoon when her automobile collided with a machine driven by Charles Finch of Hamilton in the Toronto-Hamilton highway. Mrs. Montague was thrown forward in the impact and cut. Her injuries are not of a serious nature. Both machines were badly wrecked.

Knocked from his bicycle tonight by an unknown motorist, James Holm was found in an unconscious condition by a constable. The officer saw the injured boy and his bicycle, and in the distance he spotted the rear light of the car responsible for the accident, but he failed to get its number. The boy will recover.

Mrs. Nathan Mainwaring, a guest at a local hotel, suffered a painful laceration of the face today when she was knocked down by an automobile. The driver did not stop. The injured woman will be discharged for life.

PLANS MADE FOR PAVING INNERKIP MAIN STREET

Special to The Advertiser.

Innerkip, Dec. 25.—Mr. Forbes of Woodstock, Oxford county road superintendent, James Ross, deputy reeve for East Zorra, and the village council have made plans for widening and improving Main street. The plans call for a twenty-foot face of crushed stone, operations beginning at once.

Buy Park Spot. The Innerkip park board met last Friday evening and completed the purchase of a plot of ground from James Long. This plot is situated in the center of the village and will be made a real beauty-spot.

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Montreal Plays Christmas Golf

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Golf on Christmas Day in Montreal is the latest record to be credited to a fickle thermometer. Today over the Beaconsfield Golf Club course at Pointe Claire twelve members enjoyed rounds under winter rules. According to veteran golfers of the district, this is the first time in history that play has been possible locally at this time of the year.

CHRISTMAS DAY PASSED QUIETLY

No Arrests or Complaints To Care For, Say Maple City Police.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 25.—Christmas passed off quietly in Chatham and vicinity, city, county and provincial police reporting that no complaints of any kind had been registered overnight and during the day. A watchful eye was maintained during the holiday for bootleggers, but they appear to have been idle. City police state that no intoxicated person was observed either last night or today.

Christmas Services. Special Christmas services were observed in the two Anglican and two Roman Catholic churches. At St. Joseph's Church midnight mass was celebrated. Rev. D. A. Calder preached at the morning service at the Holy Trinity Church, and Rev. Canon Perkins preached at Christ Church.

Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, the widow of a well-known pioneer of Chatham Township, in the person of Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, died Christmas morning at the home of her son, John Forsythe, the concession 8. She was in her 70th year, and had suffered from heart trouble, which had confined her to her room for 12 months.

The late Mrs. Forsythe was born in Southend, Scotland, and came to Canada with her father, Donald McNaughton, in 1878, and settled on the 8th concession, Chatham Township. She was married to James Forsythe in 1879.

Surviving relatives are her son, two brothers, Thomas of Victoria, B. C., and David of Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. R. Henry and Mrs. Robert Forsythe, Sen. Eberts.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon.

A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PLANNED IN DORCHESTER

Special to The Advertiser.

Dorchester, Dec. 25.—At a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers of the village, held in the Orange Hall Saturday evening, for the purpose of discussing the continuation school question, it was unanimously decided by a standing vote to proceed with the erection of a new school building. It is understood that the new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, to be borne by Dorchester School Section No. 4.

Christmas Day Unmarred By Untoward Happenings

Police and Fire Departments Report "Nothing Doing" For Them.

FOUR DRUNKS FOUND

Warnings Regarding Lighting Christmas Trees Are Heeded.

Christmas Day was spent in London without one mishap reported to mar the joyous celebration, and evidently the warnings in regard to the lighting of Christmas trees were heeded in a most satisfactory manner.

Not one call was received by the fire department, while the police had an equally quiet time. Only four drunks being taken in. It was noticeable this year that a large majority of the people were content to spend the day in their homes, street railway officials reporting that traffic on all lines was the lightest in many years.

Throughout the day many public institutions for the sick and old were visited, the Rotary Club presenting the staff and patients at Victoria Hospital with gifts, while the Salvation Army tended to the needs of those in unfortunate circumstances. All playhouses reported capacity houses, and cafes all had a thriving business.

THREE-CORNERED CONTEST FOR THE AYR REEVESHIP

Special to The Advertiser.

Ayr, Dec. 25.—Indications point to a three-cornered contest for the reeveship. H. R. Graham is again a candidate, and the other contestants are ex-Warden R. Armstrong and Councillor Vion. It is rumored that Councillor W. A. Ramsay is retiring.

Plan Centennial.

A well-attended meeting of the citizens put the proposed centennial another step forward, when it named the various committees. John Goldie was elected chairman of the whole, and A. D. McIntyre, manager of the Molsons Bank, general secretary. The celebration will take place the first week in August next. An historical pageant, now in course of preparation, will be one of the big features.

Reeve Graham gave a banquet to the village council and a few other invited guests on Saturday evening in the Craftsman's Club Room.

Mr. Thos. Fairgrieve, for some years collector of customs and librarian, is lying very ill at his residence here, the result of a paralytic stroke.

CHOIR GIVES LAMP.

Special to The Advertiser.

Walkerton, Dec. 25.—Special Christmas services were held in the various churches on Sunday.

The choir of Knox Church, under the leadership of Mr. Weaver, put on an elaborate program at both services. The "Hallelujah Chorus" at the morning service and the "Angel's Song" at the evening service deserve special mention, as do the solos of Miss M. Schwindt and Miss Mary Hympant.

A beautiful pulpit lamp was presented to the congregation by the choir.

Rev. Burgess, the pastor, delivered two appropriate addresses.

STROKE IS FATAL TO LONDON C. N. R. CROSSING GUARD

Alfred Watson Expires in Hospital After Stricken While On Duty.

ATTACK WAS SUDDEN

Suffering a stroke while on duty as crossing watchman for the C. N. R. at Egerton street at 7:30 Christmas morning, Alfred Watson of 1104 Brydges street, was removed to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, where he died early Christmas night.

Mr. Watson had worked steadily for the past four or five years, and although complaining during the past week of not feeling well, the stroke came upon him without warning of any kind.

Dr. Clegg attended the stricken man.

He was born and lived all his life in London and was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and was 61 years of age.

He is survived by his widow. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

POSSIBLE HEADS OF COMMITTEES

Board of Education Members Suggested For Various Places.

ALL ACTIVE WORKERS

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 25.—Chairmanship of committees may cause some special discussion at the organization meeting of the board of education, to be held on January 14.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Harvey will be appointed chairman to succeed Mrs. McCulley. Mr. Harvey holds an enviable record on the board, and by reason of his years of service and the interest he has always taken in school affairs he is considered as entitled to the honor.

Trustee Bennett is now suggested as chairman of the management committee, and one of the newer trustees, possibly Trustee Cook, as chairman of finance.

The chairmanship of the buildings and grounds committee will be likely contested, as it is understood that Trustee Bennett is now suggested as chairman of the management committee, and one of the newer trustees, possibly Trustee Cook, as chairman of finance.

One suggestion is that the defeated candidates, Major Edwards and George Haynes be appointed members of the vocational committee, and that Major Edwards be offered the chairmanship. This appointment, however, will not be made until the vocational committee meets later.

Trustee P. Conley will undoubtedly be a claimant. Trustee McPherson will likely head his old committee, manual training and housework science.

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El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—More than a score were killed, many of them United States citizens, and several injured, when a train was wrecked near Ceyla, state of Guanajuato, Mexico, according to reports brought here by travellers on the Mexico City-Jaurez train late today.

Ceyla is about 250 miles north of Mexico City. No details of the tragedy have been learned. The spikes holding the rails to the ties were removed by rebel soldiers shortly before the passing of the fast limited train, according to the travellers' statements.

LOSES TWO FINGERS.

Special to The Advertiser.

Komoka, Dec. 25.—While engaged sawing wood at the farm of Alex Doan, James Dalgleish of the end concession, Lobo, had the misfortune to have the small finger on his left hand completely severed by the saw, and the one next to it so badly cut that it was necessary to amputate it. His hand was also severely cut, but the attending physician, Dr. Pardee, is hopeful of saving it.

The Komoka Presbyterian Church held their annual Christmas tree and concert on Friday evening. A very large crowd enjoyed a fine program of recitations and songs rendered by the children. Cecil Snelgrove of Mount Brydges sang some very appropriate songs, and Miss Rynna, also of Mount Brydges, gave some very interesting readings. The Rev. Mr. Graham occupied the chair. Santa Claus stripped the tree of its many tokens of friendship.

L. A. McDougald, former manager of the Home Bank, left with his family last Sunday for Toronto, where he has accepted a position with the Sterling Bank.

Alex Doan still continues in poor health.

Mr. Alfred Campbell of the 3rd concession, is confined to his bed through illness.

CITY RADIO FANS PICK UP MESSAGE TO SHIP IN ARCTIC

Chicago Station Sends Yuletide Greetings To McMillan Expedition.

INTERFERENCE NOTED

To the citizens of London who are fortunate enough to have radio-phones, the whole of Christmas morning was a most interesting time for the variety of entertainment, but the climax came when a seasonal message, sent from Chicago to the Bowdoin, Capt. McMillan's tiny Arctic ship, situated 10 degrees from the north pole, was clearly picked up by local enthusiasts.

Good wishes of the world were sent to the hardy adventurers in the north, and announcement was made that the message sent to the Bowdoin on Dec. 19, 7:45 p.m., was picked up in Samoa by Mr. Roberts, radio operator for the New Zealand government on that island.

The message was relayed by the New Zealand authorities to the U. S. naval observatory at Washington, and was stated by W. S. Bean, U. S. radio inspector, to be a record, the distance being approximately 7,500 miles.

Christmas music was rendered for the men on the Bowdoin, concluding with "O Little Town of Bethlehem," sung by a large choir. Christmas wishes to the crew were also transmitted, naming D. B. McMillan, Robinson (first mate), James (engineer), Goddard, McCue, Lewis (cook), and Donald Mix (radio operator). The messages were sent from the Edge-water Beach Hotel Station, WJAY.

Many fine programs were heard from widely separated cities, including Zion, Ill.; Knoxville, Pa.; Atlanta, Ga.; Pittsburg, Chicago; Detroit, Newark and Schenectady.

Listening on the radio-phones was somewhat bewildering, because of the great amount of interference, and the difficulty of tuning out the undesirable elements. First would come the tinkling and jangling of a jazz orchestra, and in the midst of it the sonorous tones of a preacher; then would come the harmony of a great choir, and the tones of an organ, mingling with the music of a band.

At last the clear tones of a man's voice said "Bowdoin," and an earnest effort was made to tune out all other sounds, and they finally succeeded.

FIRE PREVENTED BY TRAIL RANGER

Prompt Action by Ken Wanless Probably Saves City Building.

Trail Ranger training averted a fire on Christmas Eve, when Ken Wanless saw the first flash of a fire in the second story of Graham's store on Dundas street, across the way from Oak Hall, where he is employed.

Prompt action is a Trail Ranger principle, and coolness in an emergency is another. True to form, young Wanless ran across the street and noticed Mr. Graham, who, with the assistance of his staff, extinguished an incipient flame which had started around one of the pillars. Fortunately, little damage was done, and the blaze was extinguished without calling the fire department or alarming the patrons of the store.

The cause of the blaze is not definitely known, but it is surmised it may have been a cigarette butt.

SCOTLAND MAN INJURED IN HOLIDAY ACCIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, Dec. 25.—Frank Smith, Scotland, Ont., when driving into the city today, was hit by a Lake Erie and Northern Railway car, suffering scalp wounds. He was removed to the hospital, where he is expected to recover.



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