

IMPOSTER'S TALE GOT CASH AND BRIDE QUICKLY

In Two Days He Got \$2,000 and Married a Southern Heiress.

SIGNED CONTRACT FOR \$25,000 PLACE
Then Fled Before the Real "Ace" of the Army Appeared.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23—After posing as Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous American "ace" and marrying Frances Hamman, one of Jacksonville's prominent society girls, and victimizing a number of prominent men of hundreds of dollars, an unidentified man departed for parts unknown, taking with him his bride of two days and cash estimated at more than \$2,000.

The imposter was elaborately entertained at clubs and social functions. Several days ago he arrived in Jacksonville. Two days afterwards he met Miss Hamman, daughter of a prominent business man. At a banquet Sunday night they announced their engagement. The same night, accompanied by friends, they went to St. Augustine, where they were married.

Got a Big Job

While here he signed a contract with W. M. Parsons of New York and Philadelphia, said to be salesman of a brass manufacturing company of Philadelphia, appointing him manager of the state Motor Car Company at a salary of \$5,000 a year. After the appointment was accepted, the imposter borrowed \$1,000 from Parsons. The real Eddie Rickenbacker was said to be in Oakland, Cal.

CRIME WAVE IS LESS DANGEROUS

Bail Amounting to \$150,000 Ordered Forfeited in New York Court.

New York, Dec. 23—New York crime epidemic appeared to be waning rapidly today before intensified police activity, supported by drastic measures of criminal court judges. Eighty-four men, most of whom previously had been released on low bail, were sent to jail by judges in the court of general sessions, while the amounts of the sureties was raised so high the prisoners could not furnish them. Bail amounting to \$150,000 was ordered forfeited in the cases of sixty others who failed to appear when ordered.

Spreads in Toledo.
Toledo, O., Dec. 23—With every policeman and detective on duty working full time to apprehend criminals in an effort to halt the epidemic of hold-ups, house robberies and safe-blowing, nearly a dozen other crimes were reported to the police today.

Halifax Sleuths Taken To Task

Magistrate Ritchie Said Two Women and a Man Were Acting Without Authority.

Three Halifax people, Miss Maudie Reidie, Miss Margaret Dowling and a man of the same town, were severely taken to task by Police Magistrate Ritchie yesterday in connection with the arrest of a local woman for shoplifting. The three Halifaxians were employed by the Retail Merchants' Association to detect any shoplifting which might be going on during the Xmas season. It was as a result of their activities that the woman was taken into custody.

Magistrate Ritchie informed the would-be sleuths that they were acting entirely without authority and contrary to the city's by-law which permits the fulfilling of such office by a resident of St. John city or county unless a special permit has been issued. The three were then sent to the mayor to see that proper authority was secured before they officiated in the city again. Mayor Schofield will consider their case today.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM ROTARY CLUB

The St. John Rotary Club will today send out boxes of Christmas Cheer to fifteen deserving families.

Each box will contain—One pair fowl, half bushel potatoes, two pounds mixed candy, ten pounds tins, one pound Red Rose tea, two pounds mixed nuts, one pound confectionery butter, one bag (24 lbs.) flour, one package Quaker oats, two pounds sugar, two pounds beans, one loaf bread, one pound soap, package household necessities, hair cream, etc. St. Charles Evangelical Mills, one dozen oranges.

Boxes covered in 6 to 14 days. Packed in rubber matting if P.A.S.D. desired. Boxes to be returned to P.A.S.D. immediately unless taking them, and one of the boxes should be returned after first use.

Commercial Club Before City Council

Ask for Changes in Civic Budget — Harbor Commission Brought up.

The delegation from the Commercial Club appeared yesterday morning and laid their suggestions to the civic budget before the members of the common council and asked for information in regard to harbor commission and the overhead bridge.

Secretary H. R. McLellan acted as spokesman for the delegation and laid the request of the Club before the council. They asked that all departments be required to itemize their proposed expenditures for the year and the estimates as passed by the council be placed in the hands of the comptroller so that he could keep a check on the expenditure and see that the money was spent as it was voted. That the estimates be certified by the engineers of the various departments instead of by the commissioner alone; that the estimates be printed and published at least one week before action on them by the council and the public given an opportunity to be heard before they were finally passed and that the amount for sewer maintenance be taken out of water revenue.

All Should File Estimates.

Mr. McLellan said they believed the water and sewerage department and the harbor department should file with the comptroller their estimates as well as the other departments, even though they were revenue producing. Mr. Wilson said he endorsed the proposals made particularly that relative to sewer maintenance being taken out of water revenue. He believed if this were done there would not be as much trouble with the catch basins and streets overflowing. He had been told that much of the trouble last year was due to the fact that catch basins were not cleaned out as they should have been because of lack of money.

Commissioner Jones Objects.

Commissioner Jones resented the statement that catch basins had not been cleaned out and asked where Mr. Wilson got his authority. He was informed that it was from one of the workmen. The commissioner seemed to think this was not very good authority and stated the catch basins had been cleaned several times during the summer.

Commissioner Jones then wanted to know from Mr. McLellan if there was any change from the way that estimates were made up when he was in the council and was informed the procedure was the same. He then wanted to know why these should be the subject for a change now. To this Mr. McLellan retorted that he had been a consistent advocate of the change which the Commercial Club was now asking for and in this was he backed up by Commissioner Frink. Commissioner Frink moved the request lie on the table and be taken up when the estimates are under consideration. This passed.

What About Harbor.

Mr. Wilson wanted to know the status of the harbor commission at present, whether it had been shelved or not.

The mayor said under the provincial legislation it required a four-fifths vote of the council to take a plebiscite on the matter and when the question was put before the council it had not got the required vote and was a standstill. Mr. McLellan asked about the overhead bridge. His Worship said that application had been made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for grade crossing and until their reply was received nothing further would be done. With regard to some of the propositions which were being put forth at present if they had been considered sooner there might have been something done but matters had reached such a stage before bringing them forward that he did not see how they could be adopted.

Mill Street Bridge.

Commissioner Dalbok referred to the overhead bridge on Mill street, the plans for which have been submitted to the city. These show the bridge beginning at the present level crossing and do not interrupt traffic through Pond street.

Commissioner Frink submitted an estimate of the cost of the work on Willard street. The work would cost \$26,516 and provide work for between 75 and 100 men.

The members of the Commercial Club delegation were H. R. McLellan, A. P. Paterson, R. S. Sims and Leab. Wilson.

RIOTERS IN MANILA JAILED FOR SEDITION

Accused Constabulary Members May Hang if Proved They Fired Shots.

(Copyright, 1920, By Public Ledger.) Manila, Dec. 22—The prosecuting attorney in Manila has filed charges of sedition against seventy-seven members of the Philippine constabulary. The men have been removed from their barracks to Bibid prison. All against whom participation, meaning firing, is proved will be charged with murder, for which the law provide hanging. The prompt action is due to Governor Harrison's activity. Americans and Filipinos are incensed at the action of the constabulary and also equally elated at the governor general's stern measures. He has abolished the constabulary barracks in Manila and will order the constabulary from the city tomorrow. Contributions are pouring in from the public and also the Legislature. A total of \$12,500 in gold to the families of victims of the constabulary.

The governor general has ordered a complete investigation into the incident to determine the possible culpability of rioters and other men. Confidence in the safety of the city was shattered by the constabulary's attack on General Harrison, which elicited the usual optimism in Wednesday's edition. General Harrison was not called to assist the city authorities kept the army in their quarters.

HAD RHEUMATISM FOR FIVE YEARS

No Return of the Trouble Since Taking "FRUIT-A-TIVES."



MR. JOHN E. GUILDERSON. P. O. Box 123, "Arrobaro, N. S."

"I suffered with Rheumatism for five years, having it so badly at times I was unable to get up without assistance. I tried different medicines I saw advertised and was treated by doctors in Amherst, also in my home town, but the Rheumatism came back. In 1916, I saw in an advertisement that 'Fruit-a-tives' would stop Rheumatism, and took one box and got relief; then I took them right along for about six months and the Rheumatism was all gone and I have never felt it since.

"Anyone who would care to write me as regards 'Fruit-a-tives' I would be glad to tell them what 'Fruit-a-tives' did for me."

JOHN E. GUILDERSON, Contractor and Mason. Soc. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED"

Ring out, ring out, Ye Christmas bells, Ring out again across the sky! But softly ring in that dark land Where little children starve and die.

Here, in this goodly land of ours The tables groan with hearty cheer; And, feel and warm and safe from harm, And all we hold on earth most dear.

And shall we kneel before Thy Throne, Oh Babe, who in a manger lay, And kneel that in that fasted land A million babies starve today?

Thy Kingdom Come, we vainly call, While these our neighbors go unfed; The crumbs that from our tables fall Would be a feast before them spread.

Our neighbors, though the sea divides, Though strange in thought and word and deed; Our neighbor is the one who calls To us, in plenty, of his need.

Thou hungered Lord, and there was none To wait on Thee in that sad hour; O grant that we, Thy dear name, May give what lies within our power.

FALL IN VALUE OF RUPEE DEPRESSES TRADE OF INDIA

Merchants Refuse to Take up Documents and Storehouses Piled Full of Goods.

(Copyright, 1920, By Public Ledger.) Calcutta, Dec. 23—The optimism of the Indian commercial circles has been impaired by the failure of the Indian Government to maintain the exchange value of the rupee at two shillings and gold, the point decided upon last February. The value of the rupee down to the end of 1918 was 15 1/2. During the middle of February last the rupee fell to 12 1/2. During the middle of last month it was worth 15 1/2. There have been fluctuations in the international exchange value of other countries' currency but it is doubtful whether any country has a record of instability extending to a rise of over 100 per cent and then, within eight months, a drop of 80 per cent from the altitude attained.

The result has been general business depression. The buying export market which, to the end of September last, showed excellent strength has gone to pieces and now porters who stood at well over nineteen rupees per hundred yards can now be purchased for fourteen rupees. The fall in other guany prices is parallel. At present, although exchange has temporarily stabilized itself at about 17, shippers are doing nothing, and the absence of demand from America is attributed to exchange uncertainty and the hope that the rupee may go lower. On the other hand the raw cotton export market is beginning to show a slight improvement as the result of a faint commencement of Japanese buying.

Will Not Take Up Documents.

The worst feature has been the attitude of native importers. They placed their future to take up documents the banks have held up import goods estimated at from one and a half to three million sterling in value in Calcutta alone.

The shipments of sundry goods from the United States, soap, razors, razor blades, etc., thus held up is said to be large. From Bombay and Colombo come reports of considerable numbers of American automobiles immobilized on the spot quays for the same reason. At Delhi importing merchants passed a resolution to refuse to honor import bills until the government, by some arbitrary expedient, afforded them the two shilling rate which they were led by government to expect when they placed their orders. As matters stand now, there is a slow revival of confidence although the hope that the rupee may shoot upward restrains all importation orders, just as a hope that it may fall operates against the revival of the export trade.

ALFRED LETHEAD, JOURNALIST, DEAD

President of Montreal Herald Expired Suddenly at His Home While Undressing.

Montreal, Dec. 23—Alfred Lethead, president of the Montreal Herald Publishing Company, Ltd., died suddenly early this morning, at his residence, 363 Quebec, Ave. Outremont. Mr. Lethead had returned home from his office early in the afternoon not feeling well, but he did not rest until about one o'clock. While undressing he suddenly collapsed and died before a doctor could be summoned. He was fifty years of age, and is survived by a widow and two brothers, both of this city.

Mr. Lethead had been president of the Montreal Herald for two years, and previously he had been manager of the Montreal Standard.

In his younger days, the deceased was an active participant in sports, and was well known as a sprinter of some merit. He carried the winged wheel colors in many hand-picked races for Canadian championships and was always a dangerous contender in the 100 and 220 yard events. Mr. Lethead leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Benjamin, of Amherst, N. S.

BORN.

SMITH—At 149 Canterbury street, on December 23rd, to the wife of E. S. Smith, a daughter.

DIED.

McAFEE—At Rod Head, December 23, Mrs. Mary J. (George) McAfee. Funeral Sunday at 3 p.m. Coffin leave Brewer's Corner at 2.15.

BEVLEY—In West St. John, on Dec. 23rd, 1920, Catherine A., relict of the late Beverley Bevley, leaving three daughters and one brother to mourn.

Funeral Saturday from her late residence, 90 Prince street, west; service 2.30, funeral 3.

BROWN—On December 23rd, at the Evangeline Maternity Hospital, Edith L., wife of Walter W. Brown, leaving husband, infant son, father and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral from father's residence, 319 City Road, 2.30 p.m. Sunday.

IN MEMORIAM
Thorp—in loving memory of G. Edward Thorpe, who left us December 24th, 1919.

More heavenly is the vast beyond since he hath entered there.
MOTHER, SISTERS AND BROTHER

FINAL FIGURES IN REFERENDUM VOTE

Ottawa, Dec. 23—The final figures in the referendum held in the four provinces last month are as follows: Nova Scotia—Affirmative, \$3,422; negative, 25,574. Total number of names on the voters' list, 285,276.

Manitoba—Affirmative, 68,831; negative, 66,856; total, 135,687. Total number of names on the voters' list, 275,985.

Saskatchewan—Affirmative, 86,949; negative, 55,257; total, 142,206. Total number of names on the voters' list, 275,985.

Alberta—Affirmative, 63,012; negative, 44,321; total, 107,333. Total number of names on the voters' list, 309,874.

STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Messrs. George McInerney, Harry Osbourne, Leo Mallette, and Aleide Dweide, students of St. Thomas College, Charlottetown, are spending the Christmas vacation in the city the guests of their parents.

The boys are much pleased with the new Bishop of the Chatham Diocese who recently arrived there to take over the duties of his office.

In replying to an address of welcome delivered by the rector of St. Thomas on behalf of the faculty and students, His Lordship extended graciously the collegians' Christmas vacation three days. Instead of going back on the 7th the boys will not need to resume their studies until the 10th.

Every automobile driver in Chicago is required to carry a card bearing his signature, his photograph, the number of his car and his qualifications. Violators of this order are subject to fines of from \$10 to \$200.

AT MARCUS'

In just a very short time you will be eating that Christmas dinner. Surely there must be something that you need to make your home complete for the observance of this most joyful holiday; and if so, why not visit our showrooms NOW and give us an opportunity of displaying for your approval our beautiful assortment of FURNITURE GIFTS for the entire family. The prices will be an agreeable surprise to you.

Our entire stock of Kiddies' Gifts at greatly reduced prices.

J. MARCUS, 30-36 Dock St.

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LUXURY TAX NOW OFF

We will sell our PIANOS for the next four days at tremendous discounts, making the prices so attractive that people, desirous of purchasing, will find they can now do so at a low price and on very easy terms of payment.

We sell the Genuine Old Heintzman & Co., Martin Orme, Morris, Townsend, Cecilian, Weber, Ennis and Haines Bros. Pianos.

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HUGE LOANS MADE TO U. S. RAILROADS

Eight Lines to Receive Help Totalling Almost \$27,000,000 at Once.

Washington, Dec. 23—A loan of \$26,725,000 to eight Western United States railroads to help finance improvements amounting to \$56,625,000, was approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The railroads which are to receive the loan are the Michigan Central, the Big Four, the New York Central, the Cincinnati Northern, the Toledo and Ohio Central, the Zanesville and Western and Kanawha and Michigan Railway, and the Lake Erie and Western.

ACTING MANAGER OF ATLANTIC PLANT

A. F. Blake, Formerly Chief Chemist, is Now in Charge—Other Appointments.

It has been announced that A. F. Blake has been appointed acting manager of the local plant of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery Ltd. L. J. Seidensticker is now general superintendent and has taken up his headquarters at Montreal and the new appointment is necessary on this account.

Mr. Blake was formerly chief chemist and is succeeded in that position by Herbert I. Knowles. The appointment of W. S. Fisher as Dock Superintendent is also reported. There is no definite date set for resuming operations but it will only be a matter of perhaps a week.

MY CHRISTMAS PACK

Those kindly cheery words I mean to say, Those notes I never got around to write, The deeds undone (My heart mis-gives me quite), I mean them all to you this Blessed Day.

Oh heavy is the burden, friend I fear, I crave most humble pardon on your part, So find inclosed one whole delinquent Year Of good intentions—sent with all my heart.

—From Life.

Comfort Your Skin With Cuticura Soap and Fragrant Talcum

"OF COURSE I'D LIKE TO GO ALONG TO THE MOVIE BUT I BETTER STAY HOME WITH MY SCHOOL WORK."

"AW! HE WUZ OVER AND SAW IT THIS AFTERNOON!"

Little Sister blocks the 'See-Bye'-Xmas Grandstand Play

ECONOMIC CHAOS IS THREATENING WHOLE OF IRELAND

Railways Will Soon be Down—Burning of Ings Enormous Loss.

by HUGH CURRAN. (Copyright, 1920, by Cross-Atlantic, Dublin, Dec. 23—Economic chaos is threatening the whole of Ireland. There is no other way to describe the outlook with which the country is faced. For the moment the calm which is impending is noticeable to those who think and who have imagination sufficient to draw a picture forward and see to what present conditions are tending. This is no mere alarmist's cry. A casual glance at the facts reveals the truth. The ways will all be shut down in weeks. Their staffs are being reduced by the fact that they are unable to work trains carrying Government material or unformed or police. When such military senders are presented, the trains refuse to start and are postponed or dismissed. The result from this cause has been a number of companies have already down branch lines from this cause.

No Sign of Agreement. There is no sign of the men way and agreeing to carry all regions and goods presented. With the railways closed or even reduced it is obvious that the whole industry of the country be gravely affected. Coal can be brought from the ports and the vice versa agricultural products not be brought to the towns. The cess of exchange will be made possible, the town-dwellers will hunger and the farmer's production in his farmyard.

Other services as well as that the railways are also threatened. The towns the bounds which charge of the sanitary work health welfare generally are a immediate danger from lack of fuel.

Another aspect of the three economic chaos is the apples which the country is suffering during warfare of the past months. The country's lost burned police barracks along with into millions of pounds and the material damage to reprisals by the payment forces can hardly be than that. The burning in B. gun, Kells, Malloy, Trillick, Drogheda, and other places can hardly be overestimated.

Outlook So Bad. With inter-communication cut and with the least boards and without means to carry of essential services, the outlook for the country during the winter is approaching its darkest hour.

And worst of all, there is the sign of the clouds fitting. The new republican policy is as solid as ever. The railways are withoutstanding the suffering they must endure, show no giving way on the question of inter-communication. If they do it would be a sure indication of general breakdown.

WILSON POOR PEASANT LEADER SAYS BERLIN

Press Declares Nobel Award Was Grave Mistake—Critics Bourgeois.

(Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger, Berlin, Dec. 23—General dissatisfaction is expressed here following announcement that President Wilson and Leon Bourgeois have been named by the Nobel committee as the Norwegian Assembly. The honor of the statesman, Mr. "Alfred" Nobel, were he alive would be the first to acknowledge that the prize committee had made a grave mistake and rewarded instead of deed the undeserving.

Other Berlin dailies likewise do not suggest more eligible candidates. It is estimated that eighteen published from which lecture could be made, it might be difficult to pick worthy honor. Speaking of the selection President Wilson, the Times says:

"We cannot consider his appointment to 1912, for he was political significance, and his work consisted in making a declaration of war, militarism on a country where previously unknown and help made a League of Nations, in the chief essential, the arbitration, was omitted. This honor he considered the reward of a man who has been proved by recent developments which show the seed of discontent, not peace, shown there.

The objections raised against Bourgeois are on the ground that nothing to prevent France from among the first to raise a veto during peace in 1918. On the comments indicate that objections could and would have been raised against the selection of other prominent citizens of other nations.

GET BONUS CHEQUERS

Federations, Dec. 22—Cheques for the semi-annual bonus to be distributed yesterday, the amount ranging from \$50 to \$150. The cheques are for the same amount last year.

DENY UNION WITH LIBERALS

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—J. T. H. A., leader of the Conservative legislative party denied this afternoon that there was any movement on foot in contemplation for this group with that headed by Mr. Norris.