

FIRM ASKS PAYMENT FOR HANDLING TAX FOR AS Hoey Urges Political Secession of West and Maritimes

J. WATSON CAPTURED BY POLICE

Held on Charge of Receiving
Stolen Goods Found in
London House.

GIVEN REMAND

Third Arrest Following Series
of Robberies in This
District.

James Watson, 51 years old, who has been wanted by London police for more than a month on a charge of having been in the possession of stolen property, was arrested last night. He made the great mistake of his life, when he took too much liquor and walked out into the streets in an intoxicated condition. He was picked up by Police Constable Loder on the corner of Pall Mall and Richmond streets.

The charge was laid against Watson on the suspicion of the police that he was in a house at 13 Hamilton road on the night of Nov. 27 which was raided by police. Goods which had been stolen from a store in Belmont were found, and Sweeney and Mrs. McCulley were placed under arrest. The other man, however, made his escape.

J. M. McElroy, K. C., who appeared for Watson in police court this morning, asked that his client be remanded to jail for a week. His request was granted by Magistrate Graydon.

Two Arrested.
Mrs. McCulley and Sweeney were in the Hamilton road house when it was raided by High Constable Wharton, License Inspector Walter Bolton and two C. P. R. detectives, after information had been supplied the officers by a London man that they would find stolen goods at the store.

W. C. Barons, Belmont, in Mrs. McCulley's house.
A man made his escape from an upstairs window via an outside staircase and disappeared over the back fence. A warrant for Watson's arrest has been in the hands of the local police and High Constable Wharton since the day after the finding of the goods. Police were tipped off that he was in the city several weeks ago, but he had left the vicinity when the officers arrived.

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Springfield, Man., Declares
New Party Essential.

OUTLINES DEMANDS

Claims Ontario and Quebec
Taking Unfair Advantages
Through Federal House.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brandon, Man., Jan. 9.—If the Canadian confederation cannot be maintained on a basis of equity and justice to all its divisions, why should it be maintained at all? R. A. Hoey, Progressive member of parliament for Springfield, asked this question last night after he had outlined to the convention of the united farmers of Manitoba the situation which he thought made it imperative that something be done speedily in the interests of national unity.

"Why," he asked, "maintain the confederation on the basis of injustice and discrimination?"

Mr. Hoey said he had returned recently from a tour of the West, and he found many people who believed that unity could be preserved only by political division.

"We all know," he said, "that the political division, let us say so."

He had come to the conclusion that Western Canada should organize for its own interests and those of the Maritime Provinces, and demand of Ontario and Quebec equitable treatment.

"I have come to the conclusion," declared Mr. Hoey, "that this experiment should be made as a last resort. I would have Western Canada present a united front from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains, and if possible to the Pacific, and I don't care what the party is called, provided it extends to urban centers the same democratic form of organization which we have in rural areas."

All the people of Western Canada, whose interests, after all, are almost identical, would present a united front in the interests of Western Canada.

"I feel that the time is ripe for this united west, with a national program which will include the prairie provinces and the Maritime Provinces."

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PARLEY MAY HIT CANADIAN CLAIMS

Conference of Finance Ministers
May Reduce Sum
Due Dominions.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Whatever result the conference of the allied ministers of finance, which is now being held in Paris, may have in reducing the sum of money to be paid to the United Kingdom under the Dawes reparations plan, Canada's right to receive 4.35 per cent, without any reduction of the 22 per cent original, but he had left the vicinity when the officers arrived.

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Cornwall, Jan. 8.—The murder trial of Thomas Collier, charged with the slaying of Beatrice Thorpe on Nov. 22 last, which was slated to be heard at the winter assizes, which opened last night, has been postponed until the spring assizes in March, it was announced yesterday.

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an uncontested divorce from her
fourth husband, who is a Los Angeles
physician.

HIGHEST QUALITY EXPORTS URGED

Canadian Produce Commissioner in England Addresses
Dairymen.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 9.—The final session of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's association convention was held last night, when J. Wilfred Kennedy, M.P., and J. C. Milligan, M.L.A., referred to the way in which the farmers are meeting conditions for the purpose of increasing Canada's prestige in the dairy product markets of the world.

W. A. Wilson, Canadian produce commissioner in England, who returned to Canada a few days ago, spoke on the observations he had made as to how Canada can improve her position in the British market for dairy products.

The British market wants to be able to get what it wants and wants it regularly. The reputation of a country's product is built up, not, he said, on individual shipments, but on the general quality, and for this reason the highest quality must be maintained.

While there is a sale for a second-quality article, he deplored the sending of such an article abroad, and it was a bad influence on Canada's general reputation.

W. H. Sproule, of the dairy department, Ontario Agricultural college, Guelph, gave an address on the composition and feeding value of milk. J. J. Payne, of Brimston, auditor of the association, presented his report, which showed receipts of \$4,611.60 and expenditures of \$4,828.23, an improvement over last year.

Officers were elected as follows: President, W. P. Olmstead; first vice-president, Alexander Hume; second vice-president, Alex. McGruer; treasurer, J. R. Anderson, Mountainview; secretary, T. A. Thompson, Almonte.

NEW YORK CITY WATER
KILLS CANADIAN FISH

Exhibit Taken to Metropolis
Fails to Survive For
Celebration.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 9.—A heavy casualty list was reported today by the Canadian government section of the motor boat show at Grand Central place, where twenty-eight Canadian fish—muskellonges, rainbow trout and black bass—were captured in Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay and brought to New York in special tanks to be placed on exhibition in the Canadian section. Today is "Canadian Day" at the show, but only two of the fish are flopping about in the big tank, a sad situation. The others all died en route to New York or during the early days of the show.

The New York aquarium has no muskellonges or rainbow trout, and the intention was to present the Canadian fish to the aquarium at the close of the show. Experts from the Canadian co-operation with those in charge of the Canadian exhibit in looking after the fish, but the combination of the long train journey and New York water proved too big a handicap.

BENEFITS OF DIRECT
TRADING PRESENTED

Hance Logan Now in West
Indies Boosting Canadian
Interests.

Associated Press Despatch.
Bridgetown, Barbadoes, Jan. 9.—Hance Logan, head of the Canadian delegation, who is here to promote closer trade relations between the West Indies and Canada, yesterday advised the chambers of commerce and agriculture on the benefits of direct trading, instead of via America.

Mr. Logan presented an invitation from the Canadian prime minister for the Indian delegates to attend a conference at Ottawa in the spring to revise the 1920 reciprocity agreement.

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London, Jan. 9.—The agricultural workers' union has decided not to accept the invitation of the minister of agriculture, E. F. L. Wood, to the proposed conference of land owners, farmers, farm workers and representatives of the land owners, to discuss a national policy to improve the condition of agriculture in Great Britain. The farm workers take the ground that the proposed representation in their behalf would be inadequate as they would have only six representatives at the conference as against twelve owners of the land and the farmers. It is possible that the conference scheme may be wrecked by the refusal of the farm workers' union to attend. It will be regarded as futile to hold the conference without the workers being represented.

ALLOTMENT TO BELGIAN COMES FIRST

Inter-Allied Finance Conference Expected To End
Early Next Week.

DEBTS COME NEXT

Distribution of Receipts Under
Dawes Plan Relieved of
Some Complexities.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 9.—Present expectations are that the inter-allied financial conference will close by next Wednesday, perhaps even on Tuesday, and the delegates are so confident of their ability to achieve this result that they are already making preparations to leave. Wednesday night to submit the conclusions of the conference to their respective parliaments for approval.

The Anglo-American conference continues to make headway, many details already being settled. Of those remaining, the principal is understood to be whether extension of the time of the Dawes agreement for repayment of the American occupational army costs should be 24 years to a longer period, even up to 40 years. It is hoped that this and other points will be settled tonight.

Indeed, the Anglo-American controversy over the right of the United States to share in the Dawes plan annuities, which was at first regarded as the principal obstacle to the possible success of the conference, now is placed by the delegates as third in order of difficulty among the questions on the program.

Belgium's Percentage.
First comes that of Belgium's percentage of receipts from Germany. This is particularly delicate because it raises the whole question of the disposal of the Dawes plan proceeds.

Second comes the question of dividing the receipts from the Ruhr occupation. This fifth of such complexity that it is not impossible that it may be postponed to some future date, as proper examination of the books will, it is believed, require months.

The United States claims come third, the costs of the occupation fourth, recovery of amounts collected in expropriated claims, the Belgian industrial machinery and the like removed from the occupied region by Germany, seventh.

Winston Churchill, the British chancellor of the exchequer, and Premier Thorneycroft of Belgium will have their first meeting this morning, which will be followed by a second attended also by the Italian finance minister, Professor De Stefani, James A. Logan, Jan., of the United States delegation, and Sir Otto Niemeyer, British controller of finance, will continue their conversations.

Debts Question Next.
As to the question of inter-allied debts, which loomed so large at the beginning of the week, although extraneous to the conference, the exchanges of views thus far have convinced the delegates of the principle of interest. The task of the question is neither ripe nor suitable for treatment at the general conference.

The great hope of the present meeting—and it is a hope which grows daily—is that, by friendly settlement of the financial problems which form its agenda, will create a favorable atmosphere for discussion of the larger issue of inter-allied debts.

N. Y. POSTMASTER DIES.
Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 9.—Edward N. Morgan, postmaster of New York city, died at 1:50 this morning in the Lutheran hospital.

Rise in Pound Not Pleasing
To British Manufacturers

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable To The Advertiser.
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London, Jan. 9.—The manufacturing interests are making their voices heard on the question of restoring sterling to parity with the dollar.

John Baker, M.D., secretary to the iron and steel trades confederation, says:

"It has to be remembered that the road to pre-war parity with America is the same road which leads away from parity with the franc, mark and lira."

"Depreciated currencies have given these other countries an immense competitive advantage over the British industries of this country, especially in the manufacture of iron and steel and in engineering work and shipbuilding."

"It is obvious that if sterling becomes dearer it will make it more difficult for foreigners to purchase British goods, and it will make it easier for Britain to purchase foreign goods. It is British manufacturers who supply the foreign markets who are the least enthusiastic about the rise in the pound."

Premier Baldwin has declared himself resolutely against taking any artificial measures to restore the pound to parity. If the restoration comes, it will be because the dollar has fallen to the level of the pound, and not because the pound has been raised to the dollar.

Negotiations now taking place in New York between the American federal reserve board and the Bank of England are based on the recognition of this fact. The gold standard can be restored without the Bank of England raising its discount rate and without a fall of prices in England, everybody on this side will be pleased.

Loans Are Postponed.
But this cannot happen unless the federal reserve banks keep the money rates low. If they raised them, money would flow back from England to America, and the pound would fall again.

Only if the federal reserve board are able to give the Bank of England assurances on this point, will the British restrictions on gold export be removed.

The Bank of England has already indicated its intention by placing embargo on the issue of foreign loans in London till sterling is nearer parity. The result is that projected loans to Peru, Brazil and Hungary have been held up.



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CITY FACES BILL FROM LOCAL FIRM

Asks Payment For Handling
Tax Forms of the
Employees.

BENNETT REPLIES

Claims Check-Up Obtained
Possible in No Other
Way.

Claiming payment for making out employees' income tax forms for the Gray Construction Company to-day billed the city of London for \$20, representing 45 workmen at \$2 each. The company, through R. J. Fuller, local manager, states that it is entitled to this indemnity for preparing statements on the earnings of employees. The matter is at its first meeting, though it is not likely that the city will pay the account. Assessment Committee member R. J. Bennett, who was asked to speak on the matter, stated that it was a matter of a few dollars, but it has proved wide of the mark. It is more expensive than it is. Information were obtained by the assessment department.

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Information Duplicated.
"As a matter of fact, in the contracting business, information is duplicated a number of times because the help circulates so freely. When we have a large job, we have a large number of men, in a couple of months, may be on a job with another concern. Each company, however, is reporting them and paying \$2. It is a duplication of the assessment department were doing it."

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Legislature Resolution Calls
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Regina, Sask., Jan. 9.—Unanimous assent was given in the Saskatchewan legislature yesterday to a resolution urging substantial reductions in the customs tariff to bring down the high cost of living and reduce the cost of instruments of production, and calling for an increase of British preferences to 50 per cent of the general tariff, and the establishment of reciprocity with United States.

The resolution states that "negotiations should be entered into by the government of Canada with the government of the United States with a view to establishing a reciprocity on lines similar to those of 1917."

REFORMATORY REFUSES
SHORT TERM PRISONERS

Ontario Prisons Are Reported
Crowded—Five Taken
This Morning.

Although Middlesex county jail is at the low water mark, as far as prisoners are concerned, Ontario reformatory are jammed full with men who have broken the laws of the country. There are twenty men in the county jail at the present time.

The condition has become so serious that Bailiff Ryan, who visited the county jail this morning, notified Governor Dawson that in future he would only take long-term men to Burwash and the Ontario reformatory at Guelph.

Five men, all sentenced to terms of a year or over in the reformatory, were removed from the Middlesex jail by the bailiff. They were Jack Conroy, Leo Flannigan, John Moffatt, Frank Jamieson and Eric VanEvery. Bailiff Ryan escorted the men to the C. N. R. station this morning, where they boarded the 9 o'clock train for Burwash in company with seven prisoners from Chatham, who spent the night in the London jail.

BELLEFEUILLE DENIES
DEAL WITH ST. PATS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 9.—Reports that Pierre Bellefeuille, formerly of Iroquois Falls, who recently was refused a certificate by the Ontario hockey association to play for the London club, had signed professional forms for St. Patricks in the National hockey league, were contradicted in London late last night by the player himself.

He declared that he had not yet accepted terms offered by the Toronto team and would not take any definite action until after the week-end. He stated that he had wired St. Patricks officials to that effect.

DEATH OF SISTER LEAVES
J. D. ROCKEFELLER ALONE

Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Mary Ann Rudd, 82, sister of John D. Rockefeller, died at her home here last night. She had been a invalid for nearly twenty years. Her death makes Mr. Rockefeller the only survivor of three boys and three girls who were born to her.

A telegram of condolence from Mr. Rockefeller at Ormond Beach, Fla., expressed his inability to attend the funeral.