

MONTREAL BANDITS CAPTURE IS EXPECTED TODAY

ADVISORY BOARD FOR BETHESDA IS NOW NAMED

Dr. Robert Ferguson Chairman of New Control Committee at Hospital.

GRADUATION IN JUNE

Reorganization of the Bethesda Hospital control has been accomplished by the appointment of a new body, to be known as the advisory board. Dr. Robert Ferguson, the chairman, is chief of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology in the medical faculty of the University of Western Ontario. The two other members are Dr. Angus Graham, medical director of the London Life Insurance Company, and Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the faculty of public health. Bethesda Hospital is the only public hospital in London devoted exclusively to the care of women. It is quite distinct from the free Fort Hope Rescue Home, with which it is often confused. The latter is housed in a separate wing of the hospital and is fully equipped, independently of the Bethesda Hospital.

A regular monthly meeting of the new advisory board was held March 28, together with Adjutant Holland, the superintendent of the hospital, and Captain McAnnamond, secretary. The fact that Bethesda, with accommodation for 35 patients, with its modern, well-equipped operating room, its sanitary precautions against dust and germs, its airy corridors, sunny rooms, cheery sun porches and up-to-date diet kitchens, is open alike to the rich and poor of the city, was emphasized in Adjutant Holland's report.

Adjutant Holland reports that seven or eight of her ten pupil nurses would graduate and receive their diplomas early in June. The examinations are now in progress. Besides the pupil nurses there are five graduate nurses on the hospital staff, insuring practical training for pupil nurses, who also receive lectures on theoretical work through the co-operation of the university staff and others on the staff of the Bethesda Training School.

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TO PRESENT MEDALS IN ORATORY CONTEST

Nicholas Wilson Chapter Makes Further Plans—Miss Campbell Winner.

Plans concerning the presentation of medals for oratory at the Central and East London Collegiate Institute, offered by the Nicholas Wilson Chapter, were made at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the chapter held at the home of Mrs. G. L. MacDonald, the regent. The medal for the Central Collegiate has already been won by Miss Jean Campbell, while the contest in the East London School is to take place shortly.

Dr. Madge Macklin of the Western University staff was the speaker of the occasion, her talk dealing with food values, the importance of milk, eggs, butter and green vegetables in the diet. Mrs. Clinton Northwood assisted the hostess at the tea hour. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. V. K. Greer, in May, when papers on education will be given by Mrs. Whitton, Mrs. J. W. Russell, Mrs. Greer and Mrs. J. D. Detwiler.

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OLD SPANISH PRISONER HOAX IS AGAIN REVIVED

J. J. Carr Receives Letter Offering Him Mere Pittance of \$120,000 For Aid.

BAGGAGE HELD UP

Tells Usual Story of Two Checks Hidden in Secret Spot.

Optimism is considered by some to be a pre-eminent characteristic of the Spanish race. There isn't the slightest doubt that it is the prevailing characteristic of that section of the race who perennially bring forth the ancient "Spanish prisoner" wheeze. If this is not the case, then Spaniards must enjoy a delightfully soothing opinion of the general gullibility of the Canadian section of the British empire.

The fine Italian hand of an imprisoned Spaniard is detected in a letter recently received by a local citizen, J. J. Carr. The letter is dated Barcelona and sets forth the hopelessly out-of-date plea that the writer is within reach of a fortune, but unfortunately, owing to prison walls, as the result of bankruptcy, is unable to get at it. The sum of \$360,000 is lying at his disposal once his removal from jail is effected, and to this end he asks the assistance of the generous Canadian, promising to repay him magnificently with a third of the treasure.

At first appearance the letter seems to be written by hand, but a closer examination reveals the fact that it is a form which is sent out by the thousands yearly. They seemed to have over-played their hand as far as this city is concerned, as the constant recurrence of these epistles is becoming more and more of a joke. The address is unusual. Canada is written across the top of the envelope, and the address is "J. J. Carr, c/o Carrs," London, Ontario, occupies an insignificant place at the bottom. The appearance is very much as though London were a suburb of Canada.

The letter itself reads: Dear Sir,—Being imprisoned here by bank-ruptcy, I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$360,000 I have in America, being necessary to come here to raise the ransom of my baggage, paying to the registrar of the court, the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau, containing a secret pocket, where I have hidden two checks, payable to bearer for that sum.

"As reward I will give you the third part, viz., \$120,000. "I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you can send a cable-gram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me addressed as follows: 'Jose Carr, Sista Correo, 550, Cortes, Spain.' "Awaiting your answer to instruct you all my secret, now sign only 'R.' First of all answer by cable, not by letter."

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Today she is celebrating the 80th anniversary of her birth. She is well known in Lobo and is enjoying fairly good health. For fifty years she has been an interested reader of The Advertiser.

MRS. J. W. SCANDRETT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Wife of Prominent Businessman Is Mourned by Host of Friends.

Mrs. J. W. Scandrett, 835 Richmond street, died yesterday following an illness of some weeks' duration. A resident of this city for a great number of years, her passing will be regretted by a host of friends.

Mrs. Scandrett is survived by her husband, Joseph W. Scandrett, prominent in London business circles. The funeral, which will be of a strictly private nature, will be held from her residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, following services by Rev. Dean Tucker of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which church she was a member.

Interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

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GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE MILK TESTERS' STAFF

Dr. W. S. Tamin, district inspector of herds and dairies, reports that the federal government will be reducing its staff of milk testers. He denies an unofficial impression among the farmers generally that the government is going to decrease its compensation for the tubercular test of cattle.

BUILDING IS ACTIVE.

With the approach of spring weather, building activity is more pronounced.

This is April 2 only, and the record since yesterday stands at 14 construction and alteration permits issued for \$22,500.

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CUSTOMS REPORTS DURING PAST YEAR SHOW INCREASE

Ontario Ports Present Splendid Gains in Majority of Cases.

WATERLOO EXCEPTION

Customs collections for the fiscal year ending March 31 show large gains in most of the Ontario ports. St. Thomas shows a gain of \$171,533.26, or 32% over last year. June was the peak month last year, yielding \$74,309, February the poorest with collections of \$35,817.

Total collections at Hamilton for the year was \$11,459,253, a jump of nearly two million dollars over last year.

Woodstock's total showed \$268,374.91 for that port, a gain of \$65,000 over the previous year. During March the gain was about \$10,000 over last year.

The port of Stratford shows that \$59,743.16 was the amount received last year, a gain of \$58,807.63 over the previous year.

Total collections at Galt show \$1,075,613.32, a decrease of \$26,691.71. In March the collection came to \$102,210.09, a decrease of \$25,443.91.

Waterloo shows a decrease of \$263,528.81, and may be partly attributed to the fact that formerly liquor shipments were legal and these shipments were a source of considerable revenue.

Kitchener shows a slight increase in imports this year, being \$168,405.94, against \$165,061.29. Excise taxes show a decrease this year, figures being \$206,910.94, as compared with \$211,940.87 last year.

Chatham shows an increase for March of \$36,000 over the previous month. The returns are: Chatham, \$261,125.67; Blenheim, \$1,406.15; Erieport, \$7,815.65.

Niagara Falls shows an increase of \$141,506. In the port office there is a gain of \$9,131. The figures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1923, were \$1,571,171.14, and for the year ending March 31, this year, \$1,498,643.26.

Port Arthur returns show \$520,442.79 for the year just ended and \$507,102.55 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1923.

The Fun Shop

Our Own Radio Department.

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Q. I am having considerable trouble with my radio. What would you advise? A. Eat more fish.

Q. I have an alternating current power transformer which I use to develop the necessary plate voltage. (1) Should I provide a secondary coil for heating the filament of the oscillation tube? (2) As this adds to the life of the filament, is it not better than a direct current?

A. (1) B wins, but A is absolutely correct. (2) "Ode to a Skylark," by Percy Bysshe Shelley, lines 134-141.

"Benny." "Jo-Jo." "Red Murray." "Cornelius." and "Unhappy Father!" You don't need a loud speaker to hear Alfonso Gurgle. He was boss of a section gang before studying music.

Excelsior!

"How remarkable for such a young girl to be a dancing star in such a short time." "Well, she put her best foot forward and aimed high."

—Edmund J. Kiefer.

A spinster may truthfully say that such a thing as marriage never occurred to her.

How Much Did They Set You Back, Gelett?

Furs, furs, furs!

Women are all connoisseurs. Furs of chinchilla, and ermine, and Caracul, kangaroo, kolinsky, and cat. Trying 'em, buying 'em, Various furs. Wear 'em with voile or with velvet and lace. Furs always make a sweet frame for your face. Furs, furs, furs! Are always in style, she avers. Furs for the season whatever it be—May or December, in furs she must be— Furs, furs, furs! Isn't mine better than hers? Furs of seal, sable, and squirrel and sheep. Whether expensive, or whether they're cheap. Furs, furs, furs! Whenever, wherever she stirs. Furs, furs, furs! Crazy they are, over furs! —Gelett Burgess.

Folks who boast of their family trees generally neglect to mention the shady branches.

As She Likes It.

Agent: "Madam, you will sink nearly out of sight in the luxurious cushions in this new car." Lady (decisively): "No. When I ride in a new car I want to be plainly visible!" —Frank Crosby.

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Near "Touched" Coming, Going

City Engineer W. P. Near relates a novel experience with assessment authorities hither and yonder.

When Mr. Near came here from St. Catharines he purchased property. Not long afterwards the assessment was jumped, he relates. And then down in St. Catharines, where he left his property still unsold, he found that the same was true after he left for London—his assessment was jumped.

"I got it coming and going," the engineer remarks.

Papa found it with his feet. But what he said I can't repeat.

Yesterday and Today.

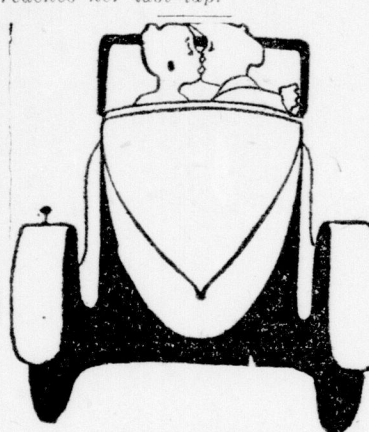
Dick: "I've lost a wealthy aunt since I saw you last."

Dan: "Wasn't her death very sudden?"

Dick: "Oh, no, but her niece jilted me."

—Barbara Mead.

Sometime in life's race a girl reaches her last lap.



AUTO-SUGGESTION.

Hebrew Proverb. Nothing succeeds like failure.

—Eugene Lockhart.

Far-Seeing Sambo.

Mrs. Jackson: "Say, Mis' Johnnies, did Sambo give Celestine a ring for being engaged?"

Mrs. Johnson: "No, Mis' Jackson, he done bettuh 'n dat; he gave huh a engagement wringer."

—Richard Matlory.

Scotch-Mist.

"Mac, would you like a little of something Scotch—the real thing?"

"Well, now—I never—"

"Of course you would, Mary, bring out that pot of Dundee marmalade."

—John Duncan.

The most pitiful sight is a jealous man's effort to smile.

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Readers are requested to contribute. All humor, Epigrams (or humorous mottoes), jokes, anecdotes, poetry, burlesques, satires, and bright sayings of children, must be original and unpublished. Accepted material will be paid for. All manuscripts must be written on one side of the paper only, and should be addressed to the Fun Shop, The London Advertiser. No manuscripts can be returned. The rates are \$1 to \$10 for accepted material, and 25 cents to \$1 a line for poetry.

C. S. E. T. BALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED FOR 1924

Elgin Speiran Chosen President of Organization at Special Session.

The C. S. E. T. Baseball League was organized last night when it was decided to run three leagues, Junior, 12 to 14 years inclusive; Intermediate, 15 to 17 inclusive; Senior, 18 to 20 years inclusive. It was planned to open the league about May 15.

The following teams were represented: Trail Ranger; Onwegoes, Cubs of Knox Presbyterian, Tecumseh, Centennial Methodist, Horncastle, and Livewoods of Wellington; New St. James Presbyterian; Tuxis; Olympics and Wingfoots of Knox Presbyterian; Meteors and Hawks of Askin Street Methodist; Alens and Livewoods of Wellington Street Methodist; Crusaders of Colborne Street Methodist; Nikators of Dundas Center Methodist; and Owls of Centennial Methodist.

Election of officers took place, resulting as follows: President, Elgin Speiran; vice-president, Jack Rankin; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Spearman; and councillors, Charlie Barbour and Harold Gray. At the meeting last night the constitution was discussed and several important changes made.

FORMER LONDONER SEEKS HIS PARENTS

William Campbell Has No Definite Trace of Father or Mother.

J. T. Hansen of Milwaukee has written to City Treasurer Bell seeking information on behalf of William Campbell, formerly of this city.

Mr. Campbell seeks definite knowledge concerning his parents. With two other brothers, James and Robert, he was placed in the local Protestant Orphan's Home, May 30, 1878.

Despite continued inquiry, he has been unable to ascertain what became of his father or mother, although he has heard, in an indirect manner, that his mother perished in the Victoria boat disaster of 1881.

POLICE FOLLOW SEVERAL CLUES TO GET BANDITS

Every Exit From Montreal Carefully Watched in Attempt To Catch Gunmen.

BATTLE DESCRIBED

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, April 2.—The discovery of \$8,000 on the persons of two men arrested last night in connection with the hold-up of the car of the Bank of Hochelaga has led the police to believe that they are on the right track. The men were taken into custody in a boarding house in St. Henry division of the city, and after the police had scoured the underworld here. With them were two women who were also held for interrogation, though it is not thought by the police they had anything to do with the crime, which resulted in the death of a bank messenger and a bandit. The police declined to hand out the names of the suspects until their investigations are complete. The money found will be examined to see if it had passed through any of the branches of the Bank of Hochelaga, who were sending surplus earnings to the head office in the car held up.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 2.—With every exit from Montreal carefully watched by detectives, the police were hopeful this morning that all men who staged yesterday's dramatic hold-up of an automobile carrying probably half a million dollars belonging to the Bank of Hochelaga would be arrested during the day. Very good descriptions of the men have been secured.

This morning the police began the examination of four men taken yesterday as suspects. The inspectors of the Bank of Hochelaga worked during the night to check up the exact amount of money that was stolen. It was clear that while it would take some time to get accurate information, the bandits failed to get away with most of the money in the bank car and that their carefully planned hold-up was spoiled by the courage of the messengers in charge of the cash.

Describes Gun Battle.

A description of the fight for bank money was supplied by A. Chaput, an employee of the C. P. R., who was working on the bridge over the subway in which the hold-up took place. He said that when he heard the rattle of rifles he looked over the parapet. He saw the bank chauffeur get out of his car and reel coughing across the street, ultimately falling on the street car tracks. Another man in the bank car stood up and fired his revolver at the messengers. One of the robbers stood in the middle of the road moving his shot gun from side to side as he fired quickly and accurately. The appearance of two motor-cycle policemen apparently frightened the bandits because after exchanging a few shots with them, they jumped into their cars and made off.

The bandits had evidently detailed off two men to pick up the loot, because these men worked at transferring the parcels and took no part in the firing.

Dead Bandit's Career.

The criminal career of Paul Webster, alias H. P. Stone, the bandit who was killed, appears to have started in Vancouver. He was arrested there, but acquitted in 1908. He was arrested there again for vagrancy in 1911, and again discharged. He then became an international drug smuggler. He was charged in Calgary in 1916 with frequenting an opium joint, but sentence was suspended. A year later in Port Arthur he was sentenced to a year in jail for opium peddling, and escaped by sawing out the bars of his cell. He afterwards escaped from Atlanta, penitentiary. Caught in Montreal in 1923, he was sent back to Port Arthur to complete his term.

SHIPPING HORSES.

A trainload of horses numbering 54, en route from Chicago to New York, passed through the city today on the C. N. R., where they will be exported.

This is the first time in the history of this division that an absolute train of horses has been carried through the city.

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MUSICAL ART INSTITUTE HOLDS WEEKLY RECITAL

At the weekly recital given by the pupils of the Institute of Musical Art the following participated in the program: Margaret Darragh, Dorothy Edwards, Grace Tambling, Ruth Northey, Ruth Beamish, Marjorie Watson, Madeline McDonald, Mary Young, Harold Gray, Margaret Channer, Munroe Clark, Everett Case, Madeline Leigh, Margaret Ross, Ruth Feeney, Pinney Matthews, Bentley Baldwin, Betty Treleven, Marion Knight, Marion Hooper, Irene Orendorff and Pauline Ivey.

The teachers represented were: Misses G. Blady, Roedding, Dorothy Munroe, Hazel Taylor, Mabel Stevens, Irene Burns, Edith Irvine, Lenora Coughlin, Laura Kirkwood and Alberta Torg.

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