

# REV. J. O. L. SPRACKLIN'S ACCUSED

## U. S., THOUGH NOT MEMBER OF LEAGUE, CLAIMS EQUAL VOICE IN DISPOSITION OF GERMANY'S POSSESSIONS

League Council Takes Up Consideration of American Note—Further Claims That American Government's Consent Was Never Given That the Island of Yap Be Included in Territories Subjected to Mandate of Japan—Some Members of League Council Hold U. S. Has Forfeited Rights by Withdrawal.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The United States Government, in its note to the council of the league of nations on the question of mandates, claims an equal concern and interest with the other principal Allied and associated powers in the overseas possessions of Germany and in their disposition.

This was shown today when the note sent by the United States State Department was laid before the council of the league yesterday was made public.

The council again took up the note this morning, considering it with particular reference to the island of Yap.

Some of the members held that the United States had forfeited such rights by withdrawing, as an associated power, from the supreme council.

Had never given consent.

In the summary of the note, which was made public yesterday, it was revealed that the United States had never given its consent that the island of Yap, an important link in the chain of cable communications in the Pacific, be included in the territories

## WOULD IMPOSE HANGMAN'S DUTIES ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO OPPOSE ABOLISHING EXECUTIONS

Hon. George P. Graham Makes Startling Suggestion at the Board Meeting of Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association—Would Have Every Member Take Oath That He Would Not Shirk Task If Imposed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Feb. 24.—A novel, but gruesome, duty would be imposed upon some members of Parliament if the suggestion made by the Hon. George P. Graham, ex-minister of railways, and president of the Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association, at a board meeting of that organization were carried out.

The issue of capital punishment was under discussion, and the president was pointing out that when any bill in favor of the abolition comes up in the House of Commons, there is a tendency on the part of men who have never looked into the pros and cons to dismiss it at once.

"What I would like to see," said Mr. Graham, "would be that when there is a case for the hangman, the governor-general should turn to some of those who are so strongly in favor of maintaining capital punishment and request them to undertake the execution. In fact, it should be in the oath which is taken by every member on entering Parliament that he would not shirk this task if it were imposed." It was reported that local action was being taken at Quebec in the matter of seeking commutation of sentence for Remillard in case the court action failed, and the association decided to support any such appeal for clemency.

## Boy Beggar Woman Whiskey Gets \$20 a Day Runner Is Fined

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Canadian Press.—Ottawa's "cleverest" beggar was the title given a 12-year-old boy yesterday at the meeting of the Children's Aid Society. It was not uncommon for the boy to be seen begging for a day, and in one instance \$10 was found upon him at noon, which was the result of the "unfruitful" half of the day.

Other children have been highly paid, and this champion was in the high-salary class.

## WILSON WILL RIDE WITH HARDING ON INAUGURATION DAY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—President Wilson will ride with President-elect Harding to the capital on March 4, it was announced today at the White House.

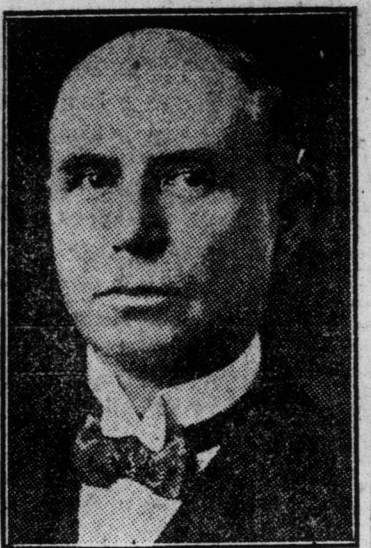
## HOME IN HOSPITAL PROVIDED FOR DIPHTHERIA SUFFERERS

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Twelve little boys and girls, held virtual prisoners of science at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases for periods ranging from ten months to six years, will be given a home of their own at the institution, it was announced today.

The children are suffering from chronic diphtheria, and must be kept at the hospital not only to protect the public from contagion, but for their own safety. It is explained that the disease has settled in their throats, destroyed important tissues and muscles provided by nature as a part of their breathing apparatus, and that unless hard rubber tubes are kept in their throats the children are likely to die of suffocation. Nurses must constantly be in attendance in case one of these tubes slips from its place.

Not one child in a thousand attacked by diphtheria contracts it in its chronic form, the hospital authorities say.

## CROWN PROSECUTOR IN SPRACKLIN CASE



A. MUNRO GRIER, K. C., of Toronto, who conducted the case for the crown in the trial at Sandwich.

## DRURY DECLINES TO AID PLAN OF BOARDS OF TRADE

Declares Government Will Not Be Party to Propaganda.

URGES CHEAPER GOODS Advises Greater Campaign of Advertising by Manufacturers.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—That the United Empire Labor Government should start a propaganda for Canadian-made goods was one of the resolutions brought by the Associated Boards of Trade before Premier Drury and his ministers this morning when a deputation waited on them to present resolutions passed at the last meeting at Belleville. The premier, in reply, stated, emphatically that the Ontario Government could not get into any scheme of propaganda for Canadian-made goods.

Mayor Copley, Hamilton, suggested that the Government should take this up. "We are asking that a propaganda be started for Canadian-made goods to encourage employment in Canadian factories," he said. "We think that the Government should help in this propaganda." It would relieve the unemployment situation in the province, and would save a lot of money that is now lost to Canada, he said.

Premier Drury said that the best propaganda and the only possible one was cheaper goods. He asked: "Why should we sell Canadian-made goods for more than United States goods?"

Mayor Copley said that there might be a special price for Canada, and that he might see more owing to the publicity. The premier thought that this could be met by a campaign of advertising by Canadian manufacturers.

## PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY

YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT. Ottawa, Feb. 24.—In the Commons: Joseph Archambault (Chamby, Vercheres) made severe criticism of L. J. Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe), who recently withdrew from the Liberal party. Other speakers in the debate were: C. R. Harrison (Nipissing), Joseph Demers (St. John's-Berwick), R. K. Anderson (Halton), and Dr. Beaudry (Toronto).

Progress was reported in committee on the amendment to the Dominion Elections Act, providing for lists in the Ontario prohibition referendum.

Sir George Foster introduced a bill to amend the trade mark and design act.

House adjourned at 6 o'clock. No night sitting.

In the Senate: The debate on the speech from the throne was continued in the Senate yesterday by Senators Turfitt and Pope. Senator Turfitt (Assiniboia) declared his intention of supporting the Farmers' party in parliament.

The divorce committee met this morning.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT. In the House: Hon. T. A. Greer, leader of the National Progressive party, will continue the debate on the speech from the throne.

The Ontario prohibition amendment will likely receive third reading today.

The House reassembles at 3 o'clock.

In the Senate: Senator Robertson, minister of labor, will likely conclude the debate on the throne speech.

The speech will probably be adopted without division.

Senate reassembles at 3 o'clock.

## RETURNED SOLDIER IS APPOINTED JANITOR

Goderich, Feb. 24.—The appointment of janitor of the court house has been secured by George James, a returned man, B. Delong having resigned on account of the county not paying what he thought was sufficient to live on.

## SEVEN DIE IN FIRE IN MANNE

Fatalities Occur in Coal Pit at Duquoin, Ill.

Duquoin, Ill., Feb. 24.—Seven men are believed to have lost their lives in a fire that has been raging in the Ketchikan mine at Duquoin, five miles from here, since yesterday afternoon. The fire started in a gallery a half mile from the shaft, impeding the workmen. Heat and gas prevented rescues from getting near the fire.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

St. John, N. B.—May Gowan from Montreal.

## LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 34; lowest, 23.

## BUILDING PROGRAM ALREADY OVER \$25,000 AHEAD OF LAST YEAR; PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT

Mild Weather and Falling Prices Active Causes in Promotion of Building in All Parts of City—Several Big Buildings Are Planned for 1921.

Never in the city's history have the building trades been so active during January and February as this year. The total for the year has reached \$25,000, and it is now certain that the \$100,000 mark will be exceeded before the end of the month. Comparatively mild weather accounts for much of the work being undertaken at the present time, but decreased prices of material are also helping.

Small building operations make up practically the whole amount. It is, however, a much larger output of Canada-made goods which will be taken up in the spring, there is every prospect of rivalling the record of the two past years.

Many Big Buildings.

A permit will likely be taken out shortly in connection with the Children's Hospital and several other big buildings contemplated for this year. The new high school will considerably increase the year's total, while additions and repairs to public schools will also do their share. Many private concerns are reported to be considering the making of additions and alterations.

The Government approves the appropriation for Western University a brick building program will in all probability be taken up there.

The only permit issued today was to Thomas James for a two-story brick and stucco house at 55 Wortley road to cost \$4,200. This made the total for February \$28,540, and the total for the year \$28,640, as compared with only \$72,210 at the end of February last year.

## MAJORITY OF CITY COUNCIL SAYING DURING SUMMER

Motion to Pass Bylaw Will Come Up for Discussion Monday Night—Mayor and Six Daddies Look Kindly On the Proposition.

London may have daylight saving this year. A motion to pass a bylaw bringing most of the people here in touch with the next meeting of the city council, and it will have a fair opportunity of being heard. A certain number of council members will certainly not receive a unanimous vote. An unofficial poll today revealed the fact that six of the eleven aldermen and the mayor are in favor of it. Ald. Harney is out of the city.

Mayor Little said he had not considered that the question was likely to arise here this year, although he had received a communication from Chatham stating that it had been taken on there. Personally, he believed in daylight saving, and believed that many of the council members would be in favor of it.

Ald. B. F. Brighton was in favor of the plan, but admitted that it was not an enthusiastic one. He pointed out that it interfered with some lines of work, but that it gave an opportunity to enjoy an hour of daylight which they would not get otherwise. Ald. Watt warmly approved the plan, but admitted that it was not an enthusiastic one. He pointed out that it interfered with some lines of work, but that it gave an opportunity to enjoy an hour of daylight which they would not get otherwise. Ald. Watt warmly approved the plan, but admitted that it was not an enthusiastic one. He pointed out that it interfered with some lines of work, but that it gave an opportunity to enjoy an hour of daylight which they would not get otherwise.

## FRENCH DEPUTIES REFUSE TO DIVERT MONEY TO THE ARMY

Paris, Feb. 24.—Andre Lefevre, former war minister, asked the Chamber yesterday to divert 100,000,000 francs from the navy budget to the army.

"We have the greatest army in the world," said M. Lefevre, "while among navies we stand sixth or seventh. We cannot gain supremacy on the water, but we must maintain it on land. The next war will be decided by land and air, with the navies negligible. The Chamber refusing to vote the amendment, only about fifteen deputies favored it."

## THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—TURNING MILD.

Forecast.

Today—Fair and cold.

Friday—Higher temperature, with a few light snowfalls or flurries.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Station	High	Low	Weather
St. John's	32	22	Clear
Halifax	34	24	Clear
Quebec	36	26	Clear
Montreal	38	28	Clear
Ottawa	40	30	Clear
Toronto	42	32	Clear
Windsor	44	34	Clear
London	46	36	Clear
St. John's	38	28	Cloudy
Halifax	40	30	Cloudy
Quebec	42	32	Cloudy
Montreal	44	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	46	36	Cloudy
Toronto	48	38	Cloudy
Windsor	50	40	Cloudy
London	52	42	Cloudy

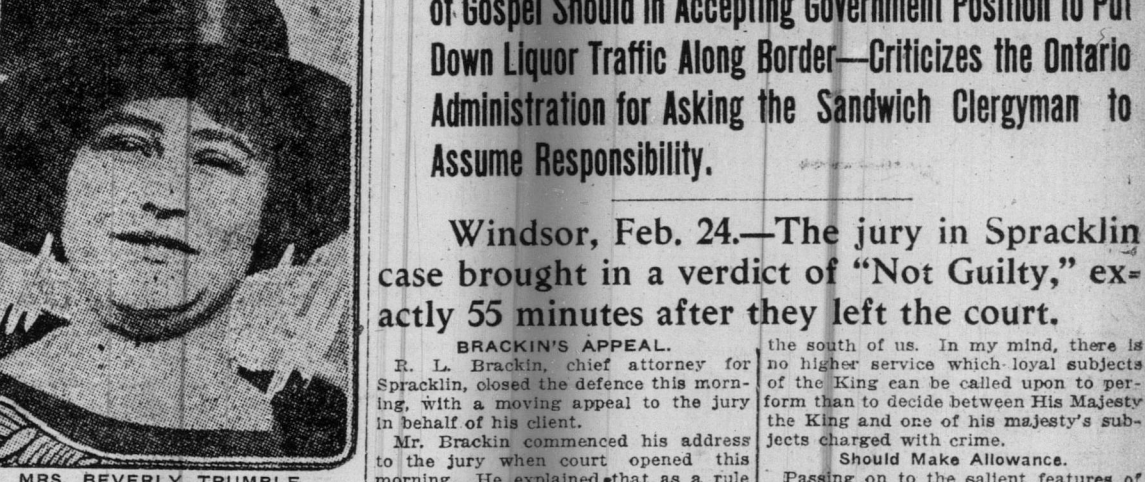
Depressions exist in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Iowa and in Northern British Columbia. High pressure continues high in the Pacific States.

Moderate snowfalls have occurred in Quebec, and rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces.

The weather is colder in Ontario and Quebec, but it remains unusually mild in the West.

## ESSEX COUNTY JURY FINDS REV. J. O. L. SPRACKLIN NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

CONSPICUOUS AT SPRACKLIN TRIAL



## TORONTO BANK IS ROBBED OF NEARLY \$20,000

Box in Teller's Cage Is Removed by Unknown.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—A daring robbery was committed shortly before noon today, when between \$18,000 and \$20,000 in cash and \$11,000 of money known between banks as non-negotiable legal tender was stolen from a box in the paying teller's cage in the head office of the Bank of Montreal, Yonge and Front streets.

## BOGUS MILITARY PAY CHECK ARTISTS ARE BUSY IN ONTARIO

Police Warn Citizens Against Activities of Two Strangers.

DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN

Bank of Montreal Checks Are Used—Amount Inserted by Machine.

Police of Ontario are seeking two men who forged Militia and Defence checks at Peterboro on February 18. The entire net of the two men, Anderson, an ex-private of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. They were signed R. S. Crawford, capt., and R. S. McDonald, capt., and countersigned B. H. Beamish 1473.

Local police warn citizens to be on their guard as the men have been reported at various places in this end of the province.

No. 2.—Five feet seven inches, fair complexion, clean shaven, sandy hair, wearing a green check cap and dark brown overcoat.

No. 3.—Five feet seven inches, fair complexion, clean shaven, sandy hair, wearing a green fedora hat, green overcoat and a returned soldier's button. The man used Bank of Montreal checks, on which amount was written in red by means of a check writing machine.

Samuel Newhall, chief of police at Peterboro, has notified police departments throughout Ontario that he will pay any expense incurred in the arrest of the men.

## WHAT'S YOUR GAIN?

Should you invest a two years' subscription for The Advertiser and win \$750 in the Puzzle Contest? What would be your percentage of gain? What would be your gain should you invest only \$2.75 and win \$237.50. In view of the fact that you receive full value in your paper, wouldn't it really be all gain any way you figure? These are questions you should put to yourself before The Advertiser's great figure puzzle contest closes on March 19. A random shot at the puzzle takes a minute or two; it may net you a hundred or two at that. A little more systematic work may bring you as much as \$750. Get some working charts and enter the contest now while you have ample time to work out your solution. You can't lose. The only chance you take is of winning.

## FRIGHTENED HORSES LADEN WITH T. N. T. STAMPEDE OVER PRECIPICE

Washington, Feb. 24.—The daring of a Government pack train was the cause of a stampede of horses, laden with the brink of the Grand Canyon, in an effort to save the train from an official announcement by the National Guard of the first accident on the Bright Angel Trail. The January 20. Three horses out of eleven tied together over the brink and were dashed to death below.

and his pack saddle was unharmed. Another horse, however, was killed.

The pack train was carrying a metal suspension bridge across the Colorado River, slippery with ice and snow. The packers yond the first turn on the trail and the horses, when one of them became nervous, the pack train was stampeded. The horses off the trail. Packer J. Ann man and cut the rope between three of the train.

the south of us. In my mind, there is no higher service which loyal subjects of the King can be called upon to perform than to decide between His Majesty the King and one of his Majesty's subjects charged with crime.

Should Make Allowance.

Faithful to the salient features of the case, itself, Mr. Bracklin reminded the jury that it had heard considerable of how long it took so and so to get from one point in the Chappell Hotel to the other, and how long after the shot was fired before such and such happened.

Military service and service upon a jury were the only occasions upon which a man's country might be said to have the right to interfere in the daily life of the average individual and perhaps because of this, which should be remembered, of acting as a juror, the task was especially distasteful.

But in the present instance, Mr. Bracklin felt that the jury deserved to be congratulated rather than commiserated with. He believed that the twelve men who had been summoned to hear and weigh the evidence adduced in the case which they had listened to for the past two days should feel honored that they should be selected to decide upon the verdict which should be returned.

This was an ordinary case, the attorney pointed out. "I venture to say that in every newspaper office in this country special preparations are being made, today, to feature the report of this trial, and to place the facts before the reading public. The interest in the case of Spracklin is not confined to our immediate vicinity, to the county of Essex, to the province of Ontario, or to the state of Michigan, but it is felt by people throughout our Dominion and from coast to coast of the republic to this day."

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## UNITED STATES DUTY ON WHEAT GREAT BENEFIT TO CAN. MILLERS

Tax of 35 Cents Per Bushel On Canadian Wheat Will Mean More Flour Ground in Canada, Says Local Man.

As a result of the compromise agreement, fixing the tariff on all Canadian wheat imported to the United States at 35 cents per bushel, between the Senate and the House conference of the United States Government, local grain buyers stated today that the price of wheat would fall in proportion to the tax placed on it. This action of the United States was brought about as a result of the introduction of the Fordney bill. The Senate proposed that a tax of 40 cents a bushel should be placed on wheat, but the House claimed that 30 cents per bushel was sufficient.

That the first tax that has been placed on any Canadian wheat importations. The United States and Canada agreed that they would both export wheat to one another free from any duties. Since the inception of this agreement exportation from Canada has been exceptionally large.

"Canadian millers will be greatly benefited by the passing of the Fordney bill," said T. Dexter, to The Advertiser today. "Millions of bushels of Canadian wheat were exported to the United States, and now that wheat will be kept in Canada and ground into flour, a much larger output of Canadian flour from Canadian wheat will result. Canada will be in a position to sell to the United Kingdom and Europe what the United States millers were importing from us."

Now that the bill has passed the Senate and the House, it will certainly meet with the approval of President-elect Harding. If he vetoes it, he will

## LITTLE NURSE GIRL STEALS GOLD WATCH

Forty-One Dollars Disappears At Same Time.

Convicted of stealing \$41 and a gold watch from a citizen by whom she was employed as a nurse-girl, a 14-year-old girl was sent to the Industrial School at Toronto by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon this morning. It was not her first or second appearance in court.

She disappeared from home a few days ago and secured the position as nurse-girl. She started to work at 9 o'clock in the morning, and left in the evening with the money. She spent all but 39 cents, buying a coat, hat, and shoes and rubbers. When Detective Inspector Thomas Nickle found her she was in the care of Salvation Army officials.