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REV. J. O. L. SPRACKLIN IS 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 in the disposal of Germany's overseas possessions. The note states that the United States, as a principal ally and associate, has an equal voice in the disposition of the same, which is in respect to the mandate of Japan.

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

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.

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 Gets \$20 a Day

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Canadian Press.—Ottawa's "cleverest" beggar was given a 15-year-old boy yesterday at the meeting of the Children's Aid Society. It was not uncommon for the boy to be given \$20 a day, and in one instance \$10 was found upon him at noon, which was the result of the "unfortunate" half of the day.

Woman Whiskey Runner Is Fined

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Canadian Press.—First conviction of a woman whiskey runner in federal court here was entered yesterday when Jessie Labonge of Lewiston was fined \$100 on her plea of guilty to a charge of transporting ninety quarts of whiskey in her automobile from Canada into the United States at Lewiston. She was arrested last month.

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 the 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

Advices Greater Campaign of Advertising by Manufacturers.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—That the United Farmer-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 go 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 counter 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, but that the premier thought that this could be met by a campaign of advertising by Canadian manufacturers.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT. Ottawa, Feb. 24.—In the House: Joseph Archambault (Chamby-Vernon) made severe criticism of L. J. Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe), who recently withdrew from the debate on the speech from the throne were C. R. Harrier (Niagara), Joseph Demers (St. John's-Berthelme), R. K. Anderson (Halton), and Dr. Sheard (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 session.

In the Senate: The debate on the speech from the throne was continued in the Senate yesterday by Senators Turritt and Pope. Senator Turritt (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. C. Crerar, 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 continue the debate on the throne speech.

The speech will probably be adopted without division.

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DENIES SECRET TREATIES. Santiago, Chile, Feb. 24.—Reports to the effect that Chile has made secret treaties with Great Britain and Japan with a view to the eventual victory of either one or both of these powers and the United States were officially denied by George Matte, Chilean minister, in a conference with Joseph H. Shea, United States ambassador to Chile, today. The reports are asserted, have been published abroad.

BUILDING PROGRAM READY 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 \$28,000, and it is now certain that the \$100,000 mark will be exceeded before the end of the year. The comparative mild weather and the falling prices of material are active causes in the promotion of building in all parts of the city.

Many Big Buildings. A permit will likely be taken out for a building program in all probability by the city.

The only permit issued today was to Thomas James for a two-story brick and stucco house at 15 Westley Road, to cost \$4,200. This made the total for February \$5,840 and the total for the year \$38,840, as compared with only \$12,320 at the end of February last year.

MAJORITY OF CITY COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF DAYLIGHT SAVING 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 this about will be brought in at the next meeting of the city council, and it will have a fair opportunity of passing, although it 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, and four are definitely opposed to it. Ald. Harley is out of the city.

Mayor Little said he had not considered that 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 was in favor of the plan, and believed that many of the aldermen would be in favor of it.

Ald. John Bridge approved of it in a modified form. It would be all right if it was only to affect from May until the middle of September, or an even shorter period. The benefit of the plan was not such as to justify adopting it for the whole spring and summer season.

Ald. W. A. Wilson was one of the opponents of the plan. He said: "The good old standard time is the standard time. It is a measure of convenience, but it is not a measure of necessity."

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

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The men 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.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—TURNING Milder. Toronto, Feb. 24.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Fair and cold. Friday—Higher temperature, with a few light snowfalls and drizzles.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria.....22.....12.....Fair. Vancouver.....24.....14.....Clear. Calgary.....24.....14.....Clear. Winnipeg.....24.....14.....Clear. Port Arthur.....24.....14.....Clear. Sault Ste. Marie.....22.....12.....Cloudy. Toronto.....27.....17.....Fair. Kingston.....26.....16.....Fair. Ottawa.....26.....16.....Fair. Montreal.....34.....24.....Fair. St. John.....34.....24.....Fair. Halifax.....32.....22.....Cloudy.

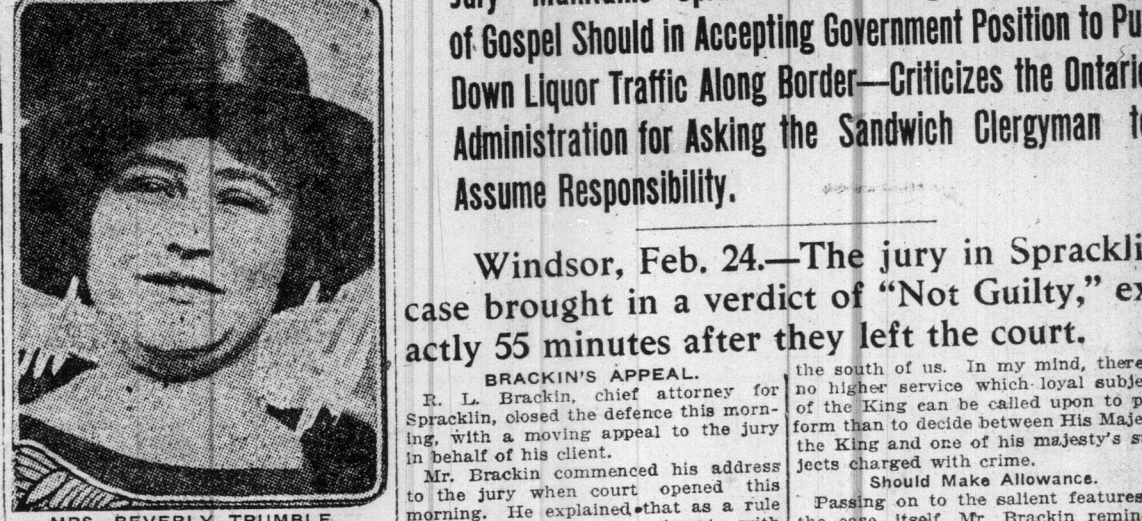
Minutes below zero. Weather Notes. Depression exists in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Iowa and in Northern British Columbia, while pressure continues high in the Pacific States.

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

CONSPICUOUS AT SPRACKLIN TRIAL



MRS. BEVERLY TRUMBLE.

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 \$10,000 and \$20,000 in cash and \$1,000 of money known by bankers 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 13. The notes were made payable to J. T. Anderson, ex-private of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. They were signed R. S. Crawford, capt., and R. E. McDonald, capt., and counterfeited E. H. Beamish 1472.

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WHAT'S YOUR GAIN?

Should you invest a two years' subscription for The Advertiser and win \$700 in the Puzzle Contest, what would be your percentage of gain? What would be your gain if you invest only \$2.75 and win should 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 13.

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 \$700. This chance lasts only until March 13. Get some working charts, 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.

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Counsel for "Fighting Parson" Delivers Lengthy Appeal to Jury—Maintains Spracklin Was Acting Only As Minister of Gospel Should in Accepting Government Position to Put Down Liquor Traffic Along Border—Criticizes the Ontario Administration for Asking the Sandwich Clergyman to Assume Responsibility.

Windsor, Feb. 24.—The jury in Spracklin case brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty," exactly 55 minutes after they left the court.

BRACKLIN'S APPEAL. R. L. Bracklin, chief attorney for Spracklin, closed the defence this morning, with moving appeal to the jury in behalf of his client.

Mr. Bracklin commenced his address to the jury when court opened at 10 o'clock. He explained that as a rule he was inclined to commiserate with jurors who were dragged away from their homes and their occupations and often subjected to considerable inconvenience not to say hardship, to serve His Majesty the King in his courts of law.

Military service and service upon a jury were the only occasions upon which a man's life was in jeopardy. He pointed out that in the daily life of the average individual and perhaps because a man had no opinion in the matter 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.

The ordinary case, the attorney pointed out, "I venture to say that in every newspaper office in this country special precautions are being made, to place the facts before the reading public. The interest in the Spracklin trial is not confined to the 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."

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