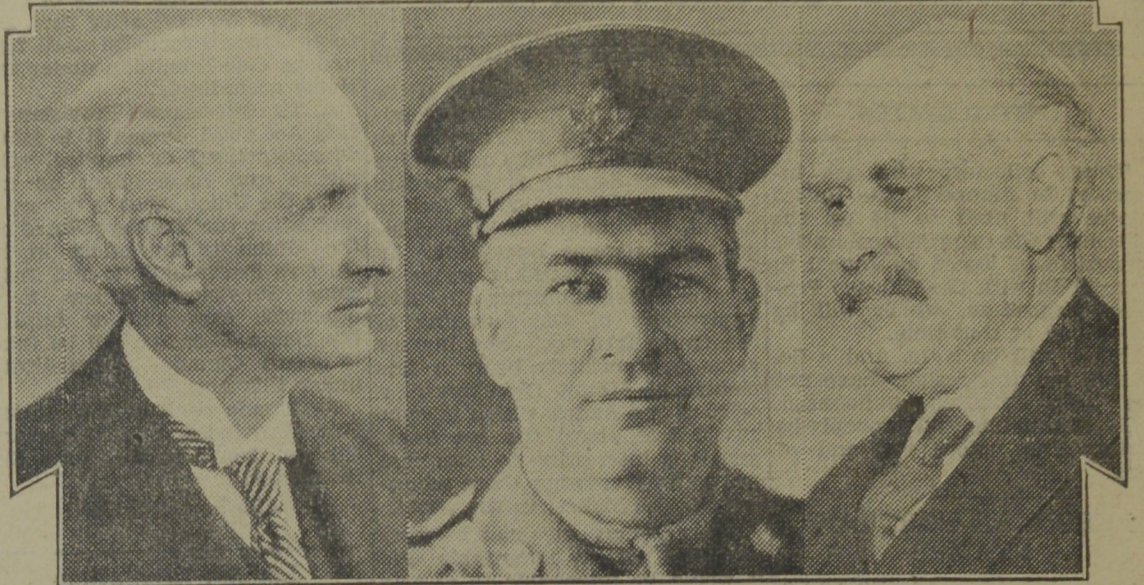


### Dictatorship of Cuba Is Menaced



While Cuban exiles in New York are making plans for the overthrow of President Gerardo Machado's dictatorship of Cuba, a sinister underground warfare is being prosecuted in the island paradise between the Machadistas, supporters of the President, and a group of societies opposed to the government, which have combined with the common aim of acquiring control of the country. In New York, Dr. Carlos de la Torre, former professor at the University of Havana, has been elected president of a new Cuban revolutionary junta, composed of prominent exiles, among whom are Dr. Miguel M. Gomez, former mayor of Havana; Colonel Mendez Penate, leader of the Nationalist party; General Mario G. Menocal, former President of Cuba. During the week before Easter no less than fifty-six deaths by violence were reported to have occurred in Havana. It is charged that the government is using the dreaded "le de fuga" (law of flight) to murder political opponents. But the Cuban administration denies everything—even the existence of a revolutionary movement.

### University Confers Degrees at Special Convocation



On May 26th the University of Toronto will hold a special Convocation for the conferring of degrees, which will take the place of a formal installation of President H. J. Cody, originally scheduled for last October. Above are three prominent persons who will be honored by the University. Left to right: The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, His Honor, DR. H. A. BRUCE, who will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa); DR. E. H. OLIVER, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada; and SIR JOSIAH STAMP, eminent English economist and financier, who also will receive degrees.



### LORD HOPE'S UNLUCKY DIAMOND ON AUCTION BLOCK

Although Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, Washington society matron, hopes to raise \$250,000 by the sale of her famous Hope diamond, it is probable that a very great many people would refuse to accept the ill-starred gem were it offered to them for the sum of a thin dime. The great diamond has an evil reputation which has followed it down the years since the time it was brought out of Central Asia in the seventeenth century up to the present. It is alleged the gem first came into prominence when Louis XIV of France gave it to his wife as a bribe, and the curse is supposed to have asserted itself and France was forced to sign the humiliating treaty of Paris that deprived her of India and Canada. Lost for two centuries, the stone reappeared in England when Lord Francis Hope presented it to his wife, May Yohe, for a wedding present. Lord Hope later divorced his wife and the diamond was blamed. He sold it to Habib Bay, an Oriental nobleman, who was drowned, and the stone became the property of Prince Kantivski, who was assassinated. Edward McLean bought the diamond in 1910 for the wife from whom he is now estranged, and since that time ill-luck seems to have dogged the footsteps of the McLean family.



### GERMAN MASTER SPY EXPLAINS "BLACK TOM" MYSTERY

The method employed in causing the great "Black Tom" explosion in New Jersey, back in the days of the World War, is graphically described in a recently published book, "The Dark Invader," by Captain Franz von Rintelen, who was, he asserts, the master mind of Germany's espionage system in America before the United States declared war on the Central Powers. Von Rintelen describes the "pencil bomb" by means of which he destroyed munition ships destined for the Allies in Europe. Although von Rintelen was in a British prison camp at the time of the "Big Tom" explosion, he claims to have engineered the affair. The book is of great interest to Great Britain, not because of the story it tells, but because of the dedication. For von Rintelen has dedicated his opus "To my daughter, Marie Luize." The name of this 22-year-old daughter of the master spy was mentioned in the recent court martial in which Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, a British officer, was convicted of having sold his country's secrets to a foreign power. Von Rintelen denied that his daughter had any connection with the "Marie Louise" mentioned in the case, although he admits the evidence brought forward at the court martial was a remarkable coincidence.



### WINNIPEG DRAMATIC CLUB WINS THE BESSBOROUGH TROPHY

The Canadian Festival of Drama, which was completed at Ottawa when twenty-four groups from all parts of the Dominion met in the final, saw the Winnipeg Masquers capture first place honors and the Bessborough Cup. Our picture shows three of the five members of the Winnipeg troupe in a scene from the play "The Man Born To Be Hanged." They are ERNEST NICHOL, MORAY SINCLAIR and R. ROBERTSON. Inset is WINSTON McQUILLAN, the director of the first-place Masquers.