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THEFT COST RAILROADS IN UNITED STATES OVER TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR

MUCH LIQUOR IS PILFERED

Loot Said to be Nearly a Fourth of All Freight Claims During 1920—Plan is Now Being Sought to Stop the Losses—Dry Goods and Wet Goods Stolen.

New York, July 18—By theft and robbery the railroads of the United States lost \$21,890,000 during 1920. This amount represents nearly one-quarter of the estimated total of the freight claims which the roads were called upon to pay during the year. It was considerably larger in proportion to the total claims than it had been any previous year in the history of United States railroading.

These figures were presented at the annual meeting of the protective section of the American Railway Association in the Hotel Pennsylvania, which had for its chief business the formulation of a plan whereby these losses may be reduced. W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania system; E. J. Peirson, president of the New Haven, and R. H. Ashton, president of the American Railway Association, all addressed the meeting on the necessity of working out the plan.

Police officials of the roads who told their troubles at the meeting said the shipment of liquor was proving their most difficult problem. The losses through these shipments are soaring every month and it requires more police to guard them than it does any other shipment of like value.

The railroad men propose to deal with the problem by bringing about fuller co-operation between their own special police and municipal and Federal authorities. They also will endeavor to obtain a higher average in the quality of the men doing railroad police work. An educational campaign to teach shippers to place their goods in stronger containers will be undertaken.

There were 126 railroads represented at the conference, including all sections of the United States. R. S. Mitchell, chief special agent of the Missouri Pacific, was chairman.

More dry goods are stolen from the freight trains than any other commodity. In the six months from Sept. 1, 1920, to March 31, 1921, when losses were considerably less than in the six months preceding, dry goods valued at \$1,200,344 were stolen. Other losses included \$551,509 in shoes, \$9,604 in liquor, \$87,552 in tobacco and cigarettes, \$224,140 in automobiles, trucks and accessories and \$137,533 in candy.

It was brought out by the heads of the railroad police that railroad thieves nearly always work with railroad employees, obtaining from them needed information.

SCOTTISH RELIC

Ring Said to Have Belonged to Sir William Wallace.

(Chatham Gazette)

Mrs. J. M. Currie of Ferry Road, has in her possession a signet ring which is claimed was once the possession of Sir William Wallace, the great Scotch liberator. On the ring is the Wallace crest, a mailed arm with hand grasping the dagger, and beneath are the initials, W. W. in Engraved Old English letter.

Mrs. Currie gives an interesting account of its history and says that it was in possession of a McLeod family of the Miramichi at the time of the great fire here in 1825, and that some 40 years ago her husband became possessor of this prized token. Mrs. Currie is anxious to get in touch with some Scotch antiquarian house.

Police Court

The drunk who was arrested on Saturday morning, after sobering up, was allowed to go on the payment of the usual deposit.

17 YEAR OLD LAUNDRY GIRL MADE A FIND

New York, July 18—Miss Anna Hughes, who is 17 years old and works in the Domestic Steam Laundry at 127 Twelfth Street, Brooklyn, matched her honesty against \$10,000 worth of jewelry which literally fell into her hands a few days ago, and won. Now she is looking forward to a week's vacation with double pay as one of her rewards. The other has been paid by the owner of the jewelry, Mrs. M. Markowitz of 66 Pulaski street, Brooklyn.

As she was sorting a big bundle of laundry which came in Monday Miss Hughes found among the soiled clothes a small chamois bag wrapped up in a handkerchief. She opened the bag and found a platinum lavalliere set with three diamonds, two brooches, also containing diamonds and several rings. She took the bag and its contents to the manager's office and gave him the laundry mark on the handkerchief in which the jewelry was found.

DINING CAR PRICES DROP

Chicago, July 18—Dining car prices have joined the procession toward a lower scale, said T. A. Dempsey, president of the American Association of Dining Car Superintendents, at their meeting here today.

"There has been a reduction of 25 per cent, since the war," said Mr. Dempsey, "and as food prices decrease at the grocery there will be additional cuts on the trains."

The convention discussed today the methods of increasing efficiency in dining service and equipment. Eighty superintendents from railroads in all part of the country were present.

GIRL DROWNED.

Ottawa, July 17—Alice Roy, aged 24, and her two cousins, Annette and Yvette Chatillon, aged 6 and 8 years respectively, were drowned in the Ottawa river yesterday under tragically mysterious circumstances. The girls left their parents' summer cottage yesterday to pick flowers and were not seen again until their bodies were recovered this morning.

Death at Lower Southampton

The death occurred yesterday afternoon after a short illness with pneumonia of Jennie B. McGuire, at her late home at Lower Southampton. The deceased lady, who is well and favorably known throughout the community, is survived by three brothers, John and Joseph, at home, and Robert of Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Connick, of Brewer, Me. The remains will be brought to this city today, arriving at 12.45. From the railway station they will be taken to St. Dunstan's church where solemn service will be conducted by Rev. Dean Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

Cause For Alarm.

Halifax Chronicle: An attempt to scare the average householder blue is contained in the despatch from Fredericton, which states that the New Brunswick potato crop may be a failure. It will probably have the effect of stiffening the potato market, putting more starch in the tuber than Nature provided.

United Services.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Sutherland of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, was the preacher at the united services of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations on Sunday. The morning service was at the Methodist church and the evening service at St. Paul's church.

Miss M. C. Monaghan of the staff of the Maritime Light Co. has gone to Halifax to spend a well earned vacation.

J. F. Kirpatrick of St. John is at the Queen.

LLOYD GEORGE MAY NOT ATTEND THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AT CAPITAL

The Question is One for His Doctors to Decide—Should he Cross the Atlantic He Will be Invited to Visit Canada—Canadian Ministers in England are Pleased Over the Harding Proposal.

(By Dominion News Service.)

London, July 18—In spite of the fact that Lloyd George officially announced that he would go personally to Washington to attend the Disarmament Conference called by President Harding, the Dominion News is informed on the highest authority that the question of the visit is a matter for the decision of the doctors. The British premier's health has been indifferent for some time past although the fact has been largely concealed from the general public and those who are closest to him do not hesitate to say that a visit to the United States would be an additional strain on the Prime Minister which would be a severe tax on his strength. Moreover there is no doubt that if he goes to Washington a most pressing invitation will be made to him to visit Canada and although no decision has yet been taken with regard to a visit to the Dominion, his journey may depend on this. Lloyd George is most anxious to discuss disarmament proposals directly with President Harding.

HON. MR. BALLANTYNE'S VIEWS

In an interview last night with Hon. G. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Meighen Government, the Minister said that "the position taken by Mr. Meighen and myself as Minister of Naval Affairs on the question of disarmament is that owing to Canada's heavy war debt and the welcome news which the Harding invitation has brought this is no time for Canada to increase her naval expenditure."

"We welcome the conference with the great satisfaction and regard it as a most hopeful sign for the future peace of the world. The nations are tired of war and all will rejoice at a prospect of a cessation of naval building progress and the consequent reduction of expenditure."

Mr. Ballantyne whose offices while in London are in the same building as those of Mr. Meighen, has attended nearly all the Downing Street conferences representing Canada on the Naval Affairs committee as well as on the committee on Wireless and Air Communications.

BIG FIRE SET BY A METEOR

Stockbridge, Mass., July 18—A fire which destroyed a \$10,000 barn and farm machinery on Henry McBurney's farm Tuesday is believed to have been caused by a meteor. A dazzling bolt of fire shot down from a cloudless sky in the evening with a terrifying noise. It struck a corner of the building and made a deep hole in the ground two feet in diameter. Superintendent Frank Scott had men digging today for the celestial visitor. It will be presented to the Berkshire Museum at Pittsfield.

Air Signal Being Constructed

The thirty-foot signal required by the Canada Air Board for the guidance of pilots of 'planes desiring to alight on the river at this point is being erected in the rear of the City Hall. About a week ago a letter was received by the civic authorities asking that this signal be put in position and also that buoys be placed in the river. Nothing has yet been said about the arrival of more planes but it is thought that some will be here before long.

The Keswick Fire

Mr. Elwood Burt of this city had a large crew of men out last week fighting fires on his lands in the Keswick Stream. The rain came along just at the right time and greatly facilitated the work. The fire was burning beneath the surface of the ground and has not yet been entirely extinguished. Mr. Burt is certain that it was started by lightning.

Non-Support Case

A local man was arrested on a warrant on Saturday afternoon on a non-support charge. He made a satisfactory arrangement with regard to the future support of his family and was allowed his freedom after a few hours confinement.

Z. H. Cliff of Woodstock is at the Windsor Hall.

MAY TAKE KICK FROM EXTRACTS

St. Louis, Mo., July 18—The Flavoring Extract Manufacturers' Association in convention here yesterday was asked to make extracts so they would be unfit for intoxicating beverage purposes.

The request was made in an address by James M. Doran, chief of the government chemistry bureau. He asserted that one of the big problems facing the prohibition enforcement bureau was the apprehension of persons who under cover of legitimate business endeavor to obtain supplies of alcohol to use for illegitimate purposes.

"The last few months," he declared, "have seen the development of a class of so-called flavoring extracts which undoubtedly have to receive immediate attention. The quantity of imitation flavors, such as peach, apricot, rum and brandy, that are sold evidences the fact that they are not all used for cooking."

Cars in Collision

A smashup occurred at the corner of Charlotte and York Street on Saturday afternoon when the car driven by Mrs. William D. Gunter collided with that of City Engineer McDowell. Mrs. Gunter was coming down Charlotte street and in endeavoring to take the turn to her left into York Street, she swerved well over onto the wrong side. Mr. McDowell was travelling south on York and when he saw that a collision was imminent he tried to swing over and pass Mrs. Gunter on the right. Seeing that it would be impossible to make this he pulled on his brakes, and the two cars met. Mrs. Gunter's car suffered little damage but the City Engineer's top was badly ripped and broken.

Miss Nellie Estey, who has been studying nursing in the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, returned to this city on Friday and will spend a month's vacation here with her father.

THE CONFERENCE ON THE IRISH QUESTION WAS RESUMED TODAY; QUIET WEEK END IN IRELAND

FASTEST TIME IN THE EAST IS EXPECTED

Horsemen are gathering here for the opening of the Maine and New Brunswick Circuit races tomorrow. More than 100 horses are quartered at the local track and the fastest time that has ever been made in the East is predicted if weather and other conditions remain favorable.

The Problem, 2.04 1-2, is the favorite in the early betting on the 2.12 class, which is the feature of the opening programme for tomorrow, but Roy Volo, 2.10 1-4, the local pacer, is expected to bring almost as much as the winner last week at Woodstock. Some horsemen are expecting Zom Q. 2.09 1-4, to spring a surprise here, while eter Setzer, 2.12 1-4, always goes well over this track.

The 2.18 class will be confined to pacers only, as a 2.14 trot will be added to the programme to give Alred King, 2.13 1-4, Border Prince, 2.13 1-2, Malee, 2.13 1-4, Togo M., 2.14 1-4, and other fast trotters a chance to race without the sidewheelers. That will leave a good field of pacers for the 2.18 class, there being the same bunch which raced six heats at Woodstock and several additional starters. Nutwood Lou, which is in the Means stable, that arrived on Saturday from Machias, Me., will be one of the new starters in the 2.27 trot, in which there will be more than 10 starters.

The 2.14 trot will be added to the programme for Wednesday and is expected to be one of the best races of the meeting. John R. Braden, 2.02 3-4, was given his first workout on the local track on Sunday and Harry Nevers, the Houlton trainer, who arrived yesterday, put Calgasy Earl, 2.02 1-4, through his paces today.

THE ALBERTA ELECTIONS

Calgary, July 18—Voting in the Alberta provincial election is taking place today under favorable conditions. Premier Charles Stewart has been returned for Sedgewick by acclamation. There are in all fifty-two constituencies, and no elections are deferred. The cities of Calgary and Edmonton return five members each. All of the others are one member ridings. The United Farmers have forty-five candidates in the field, and the Conservatives have fifteen.

LADY HOOKS BIG SALMON

Lenox, Mass., July 18—Mrs. Giraul Foster and son, Mr. Giraul Foster, Jr., returned to Lenox today from the Little Cascapedia River, Quebec, with a salmon weighing 27 1-2 pounds, which she caught after a two hours' struggle in her birch bark canoe. The fish was said to be the largest and gamest taken from that section this summer.

Misses Heloise Meyer and Gertrude Parsons, who also are at the Cascapedia clubhouse, have sent salmon weighing 20 pounds each which they hooked, to Mrs. John E. Parson and Mrs. Robert Winthrop.

Assessment Understated.

J. F. VanBuskirk has called the attention of The Mail to the fact that there has been an understatement of his city assessment in the list published on Saturday. There was an error in the assessment book. Mr. VanBuskirk's assessment totals \$1,171.96. Mrs. VanBuskirk's assessment totals \$672.80.

J. H. McLaughlin of Windsor is in the city, registered at the Barker House.

C. Evans of St. John is a guest at the Windsor Hall.

E. E. Smith, of St. Stephen arrived in the city this morning and is registered at Windsor Hall.

DEVALERA ISSUES ANOTHER MANIFESTO

Has Asked That the Self Determination of Ireland be Recognized—Declares that the People Demand a Republic—Troops are Still Patrolling the Streets of Belfast.

London, July 17—The discussion between Premier Lloyd George and Eamonn De Valera, with the object of finding a basis for a general conference on the Irish situation, will be resumed tomorrow. It is probable that Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, will confer with the Prime Minister. But whether Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. De Valera and the Ulster Premier, will meet together for a general exchange of views, is not known. A spokesman of the Sinn Fein has said that this is not possible, as the head of the Ulster government is considered by Mr. De Valera as outside the pale of the present negotiations, so far as the representatives of Southern Ireland are concerned.

This has been the quietest week-end in Irish annals since January, 1919, when the extremist Sinn Fein campaign began.

There was no hint of disorder, even in Belfast where, according to the Associated Press correspondent, Col. Duffy, republican liaison officer for Ulster, has put a stop to Sinn Fein activities.

Troops, however, are still patrolling the streets and the police are carrying revolvers.

De Valera Manifesto.

The Prime Minister spent Sunday at his country residence, Chequers Court, where it is presumed he was in consultation with members of his cabinet and other advisers. The Irish Republican leader, who had a comparative day of rest, issued a new manifesto, insisting upon adhering to self-determination.

In his declaration, he says: "I have made no demand but one—the only one I am entitled to make. That is the self-determination of the Irish nation shall be recognized."

Mr. De Valera has already said that as he had received mandate for a republic from the Irish people he could not withdraw from that position unless instructed by the people themselves. It is considered possible that he may receive the government proposals, modified by his own views, conditional upon their submission later to the Irish people for their decision.

When he attended mass at Southwark Cathedral today, the Republican leader had another ovation at the hands of Irish sympathizers.

WANT STREET WATERED FIRST

Residents of Charlotte Street Do Not Like Dust Clouds in Evening

The residents of Charlotte Street do not object to having the pavement kept clean, but a proceeding of Friday evening is going a long way in deciding some of them that it would be better dirty. About 7.30 o'clock the City Street Sweeper made its appearance on that street and from that time until 10.30 o'clock it made its way up and down. In all it traversed the street or parts of the street upwards of six times. Had the watering cart been used first things would not have been so bad, but the road was perfectly dry and the dust raised by the big brush filled the street like a heavy cloud of smoke. At that particular time in the evening most people are enjoying the cool breezes on verandas, porches, door steps and lawns, and it was exceedingly unpleasant to have quantities of dust with the vile odor attending hurled into their faces. Most of them were driven within doors and not even windows could be left open. Great indignation has been aroused over this unsanitary attempt at sanitation.