

N. S. Liquor Inspector Was Wounded While Pulling off a Raid

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION
Citizens Hold the Town Councillors Morally Responsible for the Shooting.

North Sydney, N. S., March 11—Nearly 2,000 citizens of Sydney Mines tonight took the law into their own hands practically abolishing the government of the town by council appointed a large committee of citizens to administer the civic affairs and passed a resolution demanding that Charles Ballard, who they alleged was the local chief of the "rum ring," quit the town within twenty-four hours.

The meeting was the direct outcome of the assault last night on W. J. Theabault inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, who lies at death's door from wounds received in the discharge of his duties the meeting was called at the instance of a large number of citizens and filled the Strand Theatre to overflowing. Those who could not gain entrance waited in the street to hear the outcome and to sign the slips pledging support to the action of the meeting. The meeting held the majority of the council morally responsible for the fate which befell Inspector Theabault last night and demanded the instant removal of the squirette from the civic board.

Dissension in Council.

Inspector Theabault was appointed to the position of inspector last October in the place of Thomas Clarkson, whose services were dispensed with. The change caused considerable bad blood and the present Mayor Nicholson resigned his seat the council to contest the mayorality against the then Mayor McCormack with the temperance question as one of the vital issues. Mayor Nicholson was elected but had to face an unfavorable council. About ten days ago the council by a vote of 4 to 2 ordered Inspector Theabault's dismissal and sought to appoint Thomas Clarkson in his place. Mayor Nicholson voted the action.

The temperance element ranged strongly to the support of the Mayor and a ratepayers' meeting held a night or two later repudiated the action of the council.

Mayor Nicholson refused to recognize Clarkson or sign the town checks if he took office, and as a result Theabault remained on the job and carried on raiding activities as usual. The next act in the drama was the assault on Theabault on Saturday night and the meeting tonight held the five councillors who attempted Theabault's dismissal responsible for the unfortunate shooting. The Mayor was advised to call no further meetings of the board until the councillors in bad order has resigned. The committee to administer the town is headed by Mayor Nicholson, and includes the three councillors who opposed the attempt to dis charge Theabault the town clerk, clergy and several prominent citizens.

Many Convictions.

Charles Ballard, against whom the meeting issued a decree of expulsion has one hundred convictions under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act against him and is said to be an American citizen. He will be served with a twenty four hours notice to leave town and if he fails to do so, proceedings are to be taken against him as an undesirable alien.

Twenty special constables will be sworn in to assist the Nova Scotia Temperance Act officers to administer the law. One thousand five hundred slips were signed by those attending the meeting tonight pledging support to the action of the meeting and the enforcement of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act and those present also pledged themselves to contribute toward the support of the wife and five children of Inspector Theabault in the event of his death.

W. B. Theabault, thirty-eight, inpector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act for the town of Sydney Mines has practically no chance to recover from bullet wounds he received on Saturday night while in the performance of his duty. He is holding his own tonight but with knowledge of the complications that are menacing him, the doctors in attendance hold out no hope that the officer will recover and his ante-mortem statement was taken this afternoon.

Miss Bessie McGinnis formerly of Fredericton, but now a resident of St. John, spent the week-end in the city.

RED MEN IN NEW YORK GO ON WARPATH

Got Too Much Fire Water and Beat Up Two Cops.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

New York, March 12—Three Iroquois Indians got more firewater than was good for them yesterday, went on the warpath and descended with whoops worthy of their ancestors upon the corner of Myrtle avenue and Bridge street, two blocks from the heart of the Brooklyn shopping district. By the time the police reserves arrived one of the busiest corners in the borough was a wilderness in which no white man was to be seen save two bruised and battered patrolmen in a gutter.

Scientists at Work

London, March 12—Investigations are being carried out at Cambridge which may yield results as sensational as the discovery of insulin, the new diabetic specific.

En Route to St. John

Halifax, March 12—The Canadian Pacific Steamships liner Marburn was one hundred and fifty miles east of Sable Island at 8.30 Sunday morning. Camperdown wireless station stated this morning. They had been working with her then and the ship was all right and proceeding to St. John.

FISHERMEN MET THEIR DEATH ON THE BANKS

Halifax, N. S., March 11—Four fishermen out of Gloucester and two out of Hubbard's, N. S., went to their deaths in the southwesterly hurricane which swept the North Atlantic fishing grounds on Wednesday and Thursday. Of their respective vessels the crack Gloucester, Elizabeth Howard, barely saved her self from resting her bones on Sable Island and the Hubbard's schooner Helen M. Coolen was foundering when last seen. This story was brought here today by the Gloucester vessel which rescued the survivors of the Nova Scotia vessel and brought them to port.

John MacLeod, St. Peter's Canal, Cape Breton aged forty-two, James, Murphy, Casno, N. S. aged forty-eight, Herbert Blondin, Newfoundland aged thirty, and Miles O'Brien, Bay Bulls, Nfld., aged twenty-five, were swept overboard from the Elizabeth Howard about 12.30 a. m. on Thursday when their vessel fell off a heavy sea almost on her beam ends and was buried beneath tons of water from leeward. There men were unmarried. Stewart Boutillier Dill Cove N. S., and Joseph Launt, West Dover, N. S., also went to their deaths about 10.30 p. m. Wednesday night when the Helen M. Coolen was buried beneath a mountainous sea. Boutillier leaves a wife and three children.

BEGINS WAR ON FASHIONS OF WOMEN

Rome March 12—Fancy frocks and flapper styles are distinctly frowned upon by the Fascisti, Mussolini's Under Secretary Averba made it known today. The Fascisti programme for economic restoration of Italy requires the simplest and plainest type of dresses for all Italian women, Acerbo said, in addressing a large gathering of working women.

"The Fascisti Government is counting absolutely on Italian women to inaugurate propaganda calling for the most rigid domestic economies," he said. "The plainest and most severer type of dress must be the fashion until the restoration of the national prosperity permits a return to luxury."

DOG HAD A BONE STUCK

Oakmulgee Okla. March 12—"Spot" may have been ignorant of the fact a veterinary surgeon when he called that he was knocking on the door of at the office of Dr. A. C. Pilgrim—and again he might not.

When Dr. Pilgrim returned to his office from answering a call he found "Spot" a stray bird dog, sitting on his steps asking for attention.

Upon examination the veterinary found that the dog had a bone about two inches long lodged crossways between his molars.

STATEMENT BY L. R. STEEL CO. LIQUIDATION

AFFAIRS NOT IN GOOD SHAPE

Amount of Canadian Investors to Be Thrown Into Melting Pot.

Toronto, March 12—G. T. Clarkson liquidator has made the following statement:

"The L. R. Steel company, Limited have made an assignment to me today for the benefit of creditors. From the information at present available, it would appear that there are amply sufficient liquid assets to pay the creditors, whose claims amount to approximately \$200,000 and leave a substantial surplus. The assignment has been made by reason of the difficulties of the American business, coupled with the efforts of creditors to collect their claims from the Canadian company. The assignment has been made for the purpose of conserving the assets for the creditors and shareholders and with a view of re-organizing upon some basis which will preserve the business. The whole of the capital stock of this company is owned by the L. R. Steel Company Inc. of Delaware, U. S. A.

There are thirteen L. R. Steel stores in Canada eight being in Ontario, four in Quebec and one in Manitoba. In Toronto there is but one store. Hamilton, Oshawa and Owen Sound are among the other Ontario centres in which the company has been operating. In Quebec, there are two stores in Quebec City, one in Montreal and one in Sherbrooke. The only Manitoba branch is in Brandon.

A month ago stock in the Steel organization was still being sold. Some 47 companies, including two Canadian firms, are involved and the money of the Canadian investors to be thrown into the general melting pot. On the possibility of reorganizing the Buffalo concern the safety of their investments depends.

A chain store organization, the L. R. Steel Company has had a most spectacular career. It grew all at once. In 1920 it was an idea, in 1921 sixty stores were in operation and 100 were planned to be opened within twelve months. It was to be the greatest chain store business in the world. Shareholders were dazzled with the vision of quick returns on their money.

How much Canadian capital is involved it was impossible so far to find out. According to Peter White, K. C. solicitor for the Canadian Company Canadian money was not earmarked. It forms part of the total capital raised, which is placed approximately at \$23,000,000. The Canadian company has an authorized capitalization of \$8,000,000, but how much of this was subscribed Mr. White was not prepared to state. Canadian investors, he said, had financed the operations in Canada. Whether they had done more than this he did not know. Stock selling continued Mr. White, said, until after the resignation of President L. R. Steel, at the end of January, 1923. When the other executive heads had difficulty in carrying on the business it was deemed advisable to withdraw the stock salesmen.

The resignation of Mr. Steel naturally made the creditors uneasy. Bills began to pour into the office. Yesterday the Canadian company went into voluntary liquidation.

BABY WAS LEFT AT THE TOWN HALL

Woodstock March 11—A young woman on her way to church early yesterday morning was attracted by a crying baby as she passed the police office at the Town Hall. A bundle in the alcove on investigating, she found to contain a new born babe. On the quilt in which it was wrapped a piece of paper was pinned on which was written: "Take this baby to the hospital, its mother is dying."

The little one was cared for and afterwards taken to the hospital by Chief of Police Kelly for needed attention. It must have been placed in the doorway after six o'clock, as the night police came up Main street and went into the office at that hour before going home.

The authorities will make every effort to find those who left the child in the doorway. A similar case occurred not long ago and the guilty parties were never found. The child appears healthy and its two hours in the snow seemingly had no bad effect.

Sentence Was Suspended

In the police court this morning an assault case in which a wife was the informant against her husband was settled by sentence against the accused being suspended. G. T. Feeney appeared for the accused.

SCHOONER HELD UP AND LIQUOR WAS SEIZED

PIRACY OFF JERSEY COAST

Crew of Vessel Now in Halifax Tell About the Hold Up.

Halifax March 11—"Get ready." Two guns were flashed on an astonished crew deck and rigging were splintered by a fusillade of shots and Supercargo Philip Knowles fell unconscious with three shots fired point blank at his face.

This was the beginning of a story of piracy and gun work on the high seas, as told on her arrival here today which befell the Yarmouth schooner Eddie James as she lay off the Jersey coast, about nine miles from Highland light, on March 2. The rest of the story tells of the carrying away of Knowles, in what condition his shipmates did not know, and of the taking at the point of guns of 600 cases of whiskey and \$8,000 to \$9,000 in cash.

The Eddie James is from Nassau for St. Pierre. On March 1 as she lay becalmed off the Jersey coast a large motor launch kindly consented to bring her a cask of water from another vessel. They were a genial group aboard the launch and the crew of the James liked them. They even consented to bring a supply of provisions to the vessel. Accordingly next day they ran alongside and were welcomed on board. Two men went aft to the cabin where Captain Wilson Mosher and Supercargo Knowles were. Three remained on deck.

Suddenly one of the men in the cabin shouted, "Get ready." The Captain and Knowles were instantly covered by four guns, two in the hands of each man. The supercargo took warning enough to reach for his pistol with the result that he was fired at. The captain tells that three shots were fired and that the man fell unconscious but he did not see any trace of blood. And although Knowles lay in the cabin for upwards of an hour no vestige of blood was found there when the raiders left nor were there any bullet marks. The supposition on board the ship is that lead bullets were not fired at the supercargo and it is suggested that some kind of a gas was used.

Real bullets were being fired on deck however, and their traces are there yet. These seemed to be aimed at the feet of the eight men there or over their heads. They were backed towards the fore-castle and made to go below. The captain was also taken there. Then they were ordered up one by one and under the muzzles of the doubly armed raiders were set to unloading their cargo into the launch. This done all were backed into the fore-castle again and barred there. The raiders said they were taking the supercargo with them and would take care of him. When the men or the Eddie James could come on deck again the launch was speeding away towards the American coast. Their supercargo, in an uncertain state, their liquor and their money all were gone. Supercargo Phipp Knowles belonged to Nassau and is twenty-four years of age.

On Wednesday last the Eddie James was badly battered by the gale which swept the north Atlantic. She put into Halifax in a leaking condition.

MR. GRAHAM IS LIKELY FOR RAILWAY POST

Montreal, March 12—A Star special from Ottawa says: It is said to be definitely settled that Hon. G. P. Graham will become Minister of Railways in succession to the late Hon. W. C. Kennedy and the fact that, with little contention the militia estimates have now passed the House will, it is believed tend to accelerate the Cabinet shuffle.

Probably Hon. T. A. Low, Minister without portfolio will go to the Militia Department and H. B. McGiverin, M. P. for Ottawa is prominently mentioned as his successor. As no salary or travelling expenses go with the post of a Minister without portfolio, the Ottawa member would be peculiarly in a position to accept such an honor.

Some other cabinet changes including the translation of Hon. D. D. McKenzie to the bench may be deferred till after the session.

BOYS GIVEN UP AS LOST

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 12—Hope that Sydney Morris and Harvey Simpson, five year old Winnipeg boys who have been missing since Wednesday afternoon are alive now has been abandoned.

Four Fires Reported In Montreal District; Church Badly Damaged

GERMANS HAVE TREMENDOUS IMAGINATION

Correspondent However Says That They are Devoid of Wit.

Cologne, March 12—On the final morning of my solitary tour in the Valley of the Ruhr, where for the last week I had attempted to penetrate mysteries that veil it from the outer world, I had instructed my chauffeur to arrive at seven o'clock sharp at the Park Hotel in Duesseldorf, where I passed the night. I wanted to get in a long day on the road and so was ready ahead of time.

In front of the hotel I walked up and down awaiting the car. As the clock began to strike the hour the car appeared. I happened to be at least 50 yards from the hotel door in the direction from which the car was coming. The chauffeur saw me saluted, shouted a salutation and went on at full speed to the hotel where he stopped the car exactly as the clock finished chiming. I walked the 50 yards, got in and we drove away.

Why do I tell the story? Because it perfectly illustrates the greatness of Germany and explains why she lost the war. The French have little imagination in comparison with the Germans—of course the argue otherwise—but they are possessed of wit. On the other hand, the Germans, as the war proved, are gifted with tremendous imagination and little wit. My chauffeur was only marvelous in being at the spot where he was told to be but not at the post where his wit should have told him he ought to be.

TELLS OF HIS EXPERIENCE DYING FOR LOVE

Hammond, La., March 12—Harry Devine today changed his mind about dying for unrequited love.

The decision was reached after Harry rejected by his sweetheart swallowed 30 grains of poison sufficient to kill 15 persons—and started out on the seven mile road between Tickfaw and Hammond to "meet death" writing a "death diary" as he went along.

The young suitor was found "conscious yesterday in the suburbs of Hammond his diary clutched in his hand. The open page revealed such passages as these:

"I don't feel the effects of the poison yet. I wonder if the death I seek will relieve me?"

"I am feeling badly—but still able to walk. It looks like the death I seek will come."

"I have just passed the fair grounds where I danced with her only a few months ago. My next dance will be with death."

The hand writing became feebler and more wobbly as the poison became active. Passersby who found Devine rushed him to police headquarters where a physician was summoned. The extra large dose of poison saved his life, physicians said.

HAD BUSINESS INTERESTS HERE

Halifax, March 11—Blake G. Burdill, aged forty-nine, president and managing director of the Standard Bond Company, Halifax, Vice President of the Maritime Trust Company promoter, reorganizer, and director of several important industrial and financial corporations in the Maritime Provinces died suddenly at his home in Halifax Saturday night. Mr. Burdill was a native of Yarmouth and was active in the development of electrical power there. He organized the Maritime Electrical Company which controls the electrical systems of Fredericton and St. Stephen in N. B., and Charlottetown, P. E. I. He reorganized the Minard's Liniment Company Yarmouth, and the Amherst Foundry Company.

\$5 REWARD FOR VERMIN IN JAIL

Millersburg Ohio March 12—A reward of \$5 for every bug or roach that can be found inside the Holmes County Jail has been offered by Sheriff J. A. Stevens. Holmes Co. prosecuting Attorney Kuhn, who with the Grand Jury made an inspection of the jail, declaring it more sanitary than most hotels.

LOSS WILL BE ABOUT \$30,000

Royal Commission to Resume its Sittings—Gov. Grant of U. S. is in Hospital.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Montreal, March 12—Four fires were reported from the outlying municipalities over the week-end. Longueuil, St. Lambert and Pointe St. Trembles being the scenes of the outbreaks. Antique furniture valued at \$3,500 was destroyed when fire swept the home of Charles Davies, St. Lambert.

Damage amounting to over \$30,000 was done to the Mountain street Methodist Church this morning. The interior of the edifice was gutted. The origin of the fire is unknown. The church was one of the most historic in the city.

Governor Grant III. The Hon. MacCallum Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia who was admitted to the Ross Memorial Pavilion of the Royal Victoria Hospital on Saturday was reported this morning to be resting fairly comfortably.

Daylight Saving General preparations are being made by the Canadian Manufacturers Association through the province to take definite action toward making favorable representation to the municipal authorities regarding the adoption of daylight saving this year.

Wants Enlarged Powers When the city council meets this afternoon Ald Bray will suggest that enlarged powers be obtained for the boxing commission which he contends should have control of all athletic events in Montreal. In view of the recent boisterous hockey match Ald. Bray is convinced that the time has come to prevent a repetition of such scenes.

The Grain Combine Investigation by Royal Commission into the charge that there exists a grain combine in Lake shipping will be continued today in Montreal. The sittings will be held at the Mount Royal Hotel.

THE K. K. K. IS NOT IN QUEBEC

Quebec, March 12—"There is no Ku Klux Klan in Quebec" Eugene Leclerc, Quebec Fire Marshal said today. "Instead of declaring war on the Ku Klux Klan," he continued "the Knights of Columbus would do more good if they would aid the Fire Prevention campaign. If one is to believe that the numerous fires in Catholic churches are the result of the work of an anti-Catholic society then it would be advisable to look after the proper protection of the churches. I admit that anti-Catholic societies which destroy Catholic churches exist, but they have not spread to this part of the country yet at least. The fires are due to the neglect of those who are responsible for guarding the buildings destroyed. The Fire Marshal's statements bears out the findings of a court of investigation which probed the Basilica fire at Quebec that the outbreak was due at an accident and not to the act of a criminal hand."

DR. ELIOT NOW A TEETOTALER

Boston Mass. March 12—Dr. Chas. W. Eliot president emeritus of Harvard used to drink wine and beer previous to the enactment of prohibition legislation and he is now a teetotaler.

In an address at a prohibition debate last night he said that he had been accustomed to drinking these beverages whenever in company with those indulging in them, but barring liquor from the vicinity of training camps caused him to become a total abstainer.

He declared that prohibition is no joykiller and that statements to the contrary were nonsense.

A TAX FOR OLD MAIDS

Raleigh, N. C., March 12—The House of Representatives of the North Carolina Legislature enjoyed hearty laughter over the introduction of a bill to provide for taxation of single men over the age of forty years in an amount not to exceed \$100 per month.

The money would be used to support maiden ladies over thirty years of age.