

Prairie Provinces to Equip Cars With Rifles To Prevent Bandit Raids

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN

Armed Cars to be Used Along the Lonely Stretches of Border—To be Heavily Armed.

Winnipeg, May 14—Active measures designed to prevent a repetition of last year's border banditry when banks, stores and postoffices were entered, many thousands of dollars stolen, and towns and villages terrorized by gunmen have been taken by the provincial police departments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta picked for their knowledge of border patrol duty, a strong force of men will guard the international boundary day and night during the coming summer. The three prairie provinces have reorganized their patrols, and they will co operate with each other in preventing lawlessness along the boundary. Powerful motor equipped with searchlights and machine guns will be used along the southern border of Manitoba. Commissioner H. J. Martin, of the provincial police announced here recently. Each car will be manned by an expert driver and mechanic a crack shot and by a machine gunner with practical experience in the war.

To Be Heavily Armed.

The men will be armed with sawed off shotguns, Lewis guns revolvers and team bombs. In addition to the motor cars, motorcycles with side cars also will be used to intercept possible raiders. In Alberta machine guns are mounted on the handle bars of the machines, fixed so that the motorcycle may be steered by the grip stock of the guns. Tests carried out by a motorcycle machine gunner of the Alberta provincial police resulted in sixty two hits being registered out of seventy shots fired while the machine was traveling at sixty miles an hour.

"These instructions seem to be drastic in peaceful Manitoba" stated Commissioner Martin in announcing his plans of patrol work for the summer "but the situation requires drastic measures. Manitoba has a long and lonely stretch of border peculiarly adapted as a happy hunting ground for thugs from the south to rush in and make a quick and clean get-away."

Police Signals.

"For the information of persons who may be tempted to ignore police signals it is to be considered that each car and motorcycle on patrol has its own machine gun equipment and that the smashing of a speeding car wheel, thought necessary is but a matter of moments. Experimental practice on the border by provincial police last fall, in machine gun firing at targets from cars running at high speed, gave very satisfactory results."

Since last fall Manitoba provincial police have organized a secret service system along the boundary for the purpose of getting information of intended raids. Last year it was declared bootleggers and bann robbers worked together in their border raids, being directed from a central headquarters in a town close to the border on the United States side.

IRISH REBEL KILLED BY FREE STATERS

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Dublin, May 15—A son of Count Plunkett who has been an active leader in the Irish regular forces was killed today in a clash with free state troops near Kildare.

KING AND QUEEN BACK IN ENGLAND AFTER VISIT TO ITALY

LONDON, May 15—King George and Queen Mary after a week's holiday in Italy returned to London Monday night. They were welcomed by the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Derby and Lord Curzon, Foreign Minister. Italian Fascists met the Royal Party at the train and presented Queen Mary and King George with a bouquet of flowers.

CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER TEXAS TOWN WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

(Special to the Daily Mail)

COLORADO, Texas, May 15—With a known death toll of nineteen and with seventy eight seriously injured, including a score of little children, this stricken little town spent a night of horror. A cyclone which swept south and east of here yesterday filled the local sanatorium with injured and dying, until it was necessary to make temporary hospitals out of the Baptist and Methodist Churches and all through the night in these three scenes of death, Colorado's people worked to save their neighbors. Fifty one of the most seriously injured are being cared for at the Baptist Church. At least ten of these may die.

REGISTRATIONS FOR U. N. B. REUNION INCREASE STEADILY AS GRADUATES REASSEMBLE TO HONOR ALMA MATER

Garden Party at the University This Afternoon—Fredericton U. N. B. Club Held Most Enjoyable Dance Monday Night at Old Gaiety—Bliss Carman, Alumni Orator, Arrived Here Today—Reunion Speakers Addressed Rotary Club Today.

W. Bliss Carman of New Canaan, Conn., who is to deliver the Alumni Oration at the encaenia of the University of New Brunswick on Thursday arrived here at noon today. He will be the guest of Mrs. F. St. John Bliss while in Fredericton.

Before Rotary Club

The Fredericton Rotary Club at its regular weekly luncheon held today was addressed by two of the alumni of the University who are here for the reunion and who will address the alumni and alumnae Wednesday afternoon. They are Sir George E. Foster of Ottawa, ex-Minister of Finance and member of the Canadian Senate, and Rev. Dr. E. M. Kierstead of McMaster University, Toronto, where he is professor of Systematic Theology.

The Registration

Up to an early hour this afternoon there had been a registration of some one hundred and fifty alumni and alumnae of the university with others arriving constantly.

The garden party at the university late this afternoon and the college play tonight are today's features of the proceedings.

U. N. B. Club Dance

Last evening at the Old Gaiety the U. N. B. Club of this city entertained the graduates and under-graduates of the University, the cast of the U. N. B. Club play, and the graduating class of the Fredericton High School at a most enjoyable dance. A programme of fifteen dances and three extras was carried out and music was furnished by the College Orchestra. Refreshments were served during the evening and the affair came to an end about one o'clock.

Chaperones were the Countess of Ashburnham, Mesdames Pulling, Turner and Hill.

Garden Party Today

The campus was the scene this afternoon of a very enjoyable garden party. The campus was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and flowers. Weather conditions were excellent and the large crowd in attendance made the affair very successful.

The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Miss Anderson from the Alumnae Society and Miss Allen from the Senate. The numerous tables on the campus were prettily decorated and while refreshments were served the College orchestra, seated on the terrace rendered music.

Those pouring were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Steeves Mrs. Chestnut, Miss Thompson and Miss Hunter. Those serving were Mrs. MacRae, Mrs. VanDine, Miss Bailey, Miss E. VanWart, Miss Hall, Miss Hallett, Miss McIntosh, Miss Gregory, Miss Morrison, Miss Scott, Miss Young, Miss McElvaney, Miss D. McLeod, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Wolff, Miss Alward, Miss Babbitt, Mrs. Maxwell. The catering was composed of Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. McMurray and Miss Murray. The wives of the professors assisted in looking after the entertainment of the guests.

In the hallways of the college, dancing was indulged in and many enjoyed this mode of entertainment.

From Outside

Registrations this morning of those from outside places included the following:—

Dr. E. M. Kierstead, McMaster University, Toronto.

Mrs. Gertrude G. Mae Rae, St. John Mrs. Grace Davis Vaughan, St. Martins.

Helen F. L. Bennett, St. John. W. G. Pugsley, K. C., Ottawa. Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, Toronto. S. Stanger Crockett, Campbellton. H. A. Bridges, St. John.

Celia MacKenzie, Campbellton. A. H. McKee, Ottawa. C. E. McCullough, Chamcook, N. B. W. M. Addison, Petitcodiac. P. B. Perkins, St. John. H. F. Morrissey, St. John.

Russell R. Sheldrick, Kingston. Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Moncton. Wm. Jaffrey, Devon.

Mrs. Helen Robinson Coffyn, Plas-ter Rock. J. L. Feeney, St. John.

E. Stanley Bridges, St. John.

PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE IN DRY RAID

Gambier, O., May 15—President Walter Peirce of Kenyon College and nine Kenyon students were taken to police court in a patrol wagon early to-day following a raid by State prohibition agents on the college's annual "spring prom."

Peirce was not placed under arrest. He was ordered to "come along" agents said, when he attempted to interfere with the raid. The students all men were charged with violating the dry law. Eight of the students entered pleas of guilty and paid fines of \$100 each.

ROBBED WIFE OF U. S. MINISTER

Prague, May 15—Caroline Pavlista a professional dancer, who appeared several weeks ago at a fashionable ball where Mrs. Lewis Einstein, wife of the American Minister here, was a guest, was convicted this week of having in her possession Mrs. Einstein's diamond brooch, which disappeared that evening. The dancer, who presented a dashing figure in the court room, was sentenced to one month in jail, which she accepted with a brilliant smile to the judge.

Mrs. Einstein's brooch, which was insured for \$5,000, was missing for days after the ball, until a jeweler appeared, saying he had bought it of the dancer, who said it was an heirloom, at a "great sacrifice." The girl's arrest followed.

NATIVE MINERS SWEEPED TO DEATH

Capetown May 14—A party of from 100 to 150 natives when going to their work in Randfontein mine were swept away by an enormous avalanche of rock. The exact number of deaths is not ascertainable but it is expected that the list will be a heavy one as the rock crashed from the seventh to the eighteenth level. No casualties occurred among the European workers.

Night of Terror Spent At Famous Summer Resort in United States

PHYSICIAN PREDICTS RISE IN AVERAGE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 15—Sixty nine years and not the average 65 years, will soon become the average span of life in the United States due to preventive medicine, according to the belief expressed by Dr. Haven Emerson of New York city before the Harvard Student Liberal Club.

"During the last sixty years the average life has been increased in the United States about fifteen years, or from 40 to 55 years," he said. "This limit may be raised to 69 within the course of two or three decades."

TORNADO WRECKS TOWN

Indefinite Number of Casualties—Property Damage of Over \$1,500,000—Search Parties Out.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Hot Springs, Ark. May 15—Searching parties tramped through debris and mud today in search of a number of persons believed to have been killed when this famous summer resort was stricken by fire, flood and Tornado. Physicians and nurses who spent the night in the storm swept area reported some persons were killed but are unable to give any estimate. No bodies had been received at the morgues. The rescue parties were made up of staffs from the army and navy hospitals and business men and other towns people were commandeered to aid.

Property damage will exceed \$1,500,000 business men estimated, as they made their way through the torn and broken buildings and visited two of the city's most popular hotels which were swept by fire following the flood and tornado.

The night of terror began with a cloudburst shortly after dusk which turned streets in the business districts into raging rivers, which carried frame buildings before it and tossed automobiles and other impediments about like chaff.

SMOKE SCREEN USED TO SAVE VEGETABLES

Baltimore, May 15—Smoke screen barrages are being used experimentally to rout Jack Frost in tests which are being made at the Edgewood Arsenal. The Chemical Warfare Service and the Weather Bureau are co-operating under direction of Prof. H. H. Kimball to find some means for preventing large fields of vegetables from being damaged by frost. The experiments give promise of success.

A smoke screen acts like a blanket shutting in the plant heat and shutting out the cold air. Records indicate that smoke screens have been able to keep the ground temperature about 32 degrees, or freezing, when the air immediately above had gone down to 27 degrees, and was cold enough to wither every green thing it touched.

ANGRY WHEN CALLED STAR

London, May 15—Although the British royal family from the King down are constantly photographed and appeared in patriotic films during the war, Viscount Lascelles, husband of Princess Mary, is said to have been so annoyed by references to himself as a film star that he made an effort to have a hunt film scrapped in which he is one of the principal figures.

The film, which is illustrative of fox hunting, includes pictures of a meet with the Bramham Moor fox hounds, of which Lord Lascelles is master. The producer declares that Lord Lascelles wanted to have cut out his picture and his name as the result of his being referred to as a film star, and the producer insists he will exhibit the picture.

William McManiman of St. John formerly of this city, is spending a few days in the city.

TORNADO IN TEXAS CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE

Sixteen People Killed and Many Injured Late Yesterday.

Colorado, Texas, May 15—Sixteen dead and one hundred injured were reported late this afternoon as a result of the tornado which tore through Mitchell county, south and east of here, early today. The injured are in the hospital, Methodist and Baptist churches and many private homes here. Some were hurt so seriously their deaths are expected.

The tornado descended in Mitchell county, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, and caught most of its victims in bed. It levelled buildings and left death and injury in its wake for thirty miles. Starting south of West Brook, it continued for seven miles through the county and passed just west of Lorraine. All the deaths were in more or less isolated farms. Due to the distance between farms and demoralization of wire communication, it was expected here that it would be many hours before the entire district could be heard from.

Citizens of towns near the storm-swept area rushed first aid, provisions and relief supplies for the victims.

WINNIE BLAIR REFUSES OFFER TO ENTER MOVIES

New York, May 10—Miss Winifred Blair, of St. John, N. B. chosen during the Montreal ice carnival as "Miss Canada" the girl whose sportsmanship and social graces made her the most typical girl of the Dominion and its "Queen" for the year said she had declined a contract to enter the movies and would stick to her typewriter. She returns to Canada Monday. She visited the Canadian Club of New York of which she has been made a life member.

REGAINS SIGHT AFTER ILLNESS AT SEA

London, May 15—Hibbart Gilson a London poet boarded a liner at Durban totally blind. He landed at Southampton this week his vision completely recovered. During the voyage Gilson fell deliriously ill and for some time was unconscious. Then his sight which he lost in the war gradually came back as he slowly recovered from his illness.

GERMANY HAS DECIDED TO MAKE NEW REPARATIONS OFFER TO ALLIES

BERLIN, May 15—Germany now proposes to make a new reparations offer to the Allies. With replies from France and Belgium, Italy and Great Britain in hand, all rejecting the Cuno Government's latest offer the cabinet has decided to try again. The next proposal will contain more guarantees, but the limit of thirty billion gold marks, fixed in the most recent offer, will not be raised. At least, this was the decision this far which possibly may be changed by another cabinet meeting this afternoon before the next note's context is finally agreed upon.