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MARSHALL TELLS OF BIG GEM THEFT

DOUBLE CROSSED BY HIS PALS

Says They Robbed Him at Gun Point of Most of the Swag.

New York, Feb. 21—Matthew Dallen Biddulph, the handsome "R. A. Marshall" of the trio who robbed Mrs. C. P. Hugo Schoellkopf early New Year's morning after a party in the apartments of Frank Barrett Carman at 64 West Fifty-second street, was locked up in a cell in police headquarters last night rejoicing that he had just done his best to accomplish to 'downfall of his erstwhile confederates—the still mysterious McGowan and Lewis.

Biddulph, for that is his real name was arrested in Albany Friday and hustled back to New York by Detective Sergeants, Daly, Moran, and Buckley yesterday afternoon. Still debonaire and with the same smile they say he wore when he calmly invited himself in on New Year's Eve to Barry Carman's party where Mrs. Schoellkopf was, he was told to stand in the center of Inspector Coughlan's office and be scanned by Carman and a young woman who was on the third floor of the Fifty-second street house the morning he and his pals rented the flat below Carman's.

There was no need of scanning. Carman looked but once, then smiled and greeted the prisoner.

Answers Carman's Greeting

"Hello, Marshall."
"Hello Carman," replied Biddulph, smiling back.

The young woman, the partner of Lottie Carter, who owns the house and who is in the millinery and dress making business on the ground floor was not so offhand about it. She nodded and turned to the detectives, saying that it was surely Marshall. Her first name is Peggy. She refused to divulge her other name and the police refused too.

However, all this identification was more or less unnecessary. Biddulph confessed. Not only did he tell his entire story but he told all he knows (and the police says it virtually makes certain their early capture) about Lewis and McGowan. He did it with unctious. He had, said, been the victim of as desperate a double cross as ever a man got at the hands of friend or foe.

The mass of jewels that Mrs. Schoellkopf wore that night was barbed in its brilliance. The best estimate of their worth was \$520,000. Biddulph and his two pals got them all and about \$400 in cash besides. But out of all this, according to Biddulph's story, he got less than \$200. It was his rage, born of the treachery of his pals, that loosened Biddulph's tongue and it was the looseness of this tongue that brought about his arrest. The handsome member of the trio comes back to New York broke and in debt after being the central if not the leading figure in one of the most remarkable and maybe the richest jewel robbery of recent years.

Water Tank for McAdam

A new steel water tank, with a capacity of 100,000 gallons, to replace the present wooden vessel, of smaller capacity, will be constructed at McAdam next summer by the C. P. R. The construction of heavier engines in recent years has increased the length of trains, and to take care of this condition additional siding trackage will be provided in New Brunswick at Enniskillen, Lakeview, Canterbury and Deer Lake, to obviate delay in "sawing by." There will also be the usual allotment of gravel ballast on the New Brunswick district and a programme of the drainage and ditching will be carried out to improve main track drainage.

The Near East still is sitting up nights with the crisis.

A Young Apple Grower in Nova Scotia Wants a Wife

LONDON, Feb. 21—A Cardiff grocer found, upon opening a barrel of Canadian apples, a note addressed as follows: "I am looking for a wife. I am 25 years of age and have a farm and stacks of money. Answer please."

TO CHRISTEN KING'S GRANDSON AT ST. JAMES

Infant to Wear Costly Lace Trimmed Robes Once Worn by the King.

London, Feb. 21—The christening of Princess Mary's and Viscount Lascelles' son which is expected to take place within the next fortnight, probably will be held in the chapel royal at St. James' Palace. The Archbishop of Canterbury or the Bishop of London will officiate. Only a few of the royal family and the relatives of Viscount Lascelles will be present and the entire ceremony will be simple. It is said that the Queen would have preferred Sandringham for the occasion, but Princess Mary is anxious to leave for her new country home, Goldborough Hall, as soon as she is able.

The King and the Queen and the Prince of Wales will be among the sponsors. It is understood that tentative names for the infant include Henry, George, Edward and David, the last being a pet name in the family for the Prince of Wales, whereas Henry is the name of the father and his father, the Earl of Harewood.

The christening robes will be those used by both King George and the Prince of Wales. The lace trimming is of almost priceless value.

One question causing much speculation here is the title of Princess Mary's son. It is pointed out that in the event of the death of the present Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, the title would then devolve upon Viscountess Lascelles. But it would be unusual if the son of a princess were a commoner. Besides the child is sixth in a direct line of succession to the throne. The belief obtains that the King soon will advance Lord Harewood to a dukedom whereupon Viscount Lascelles would be an Earl and his son a Viscount. But it is thought that the details of this and the christening will be left until Princess Mary is able to give the matter her personal attention.

IMPOSTER AT CHATHAM SAID SHE BELONGED HERE

(Chatham Gazette.)

A young woman giving her name as Gertrude McNeil of Fredericton, was caught soliciting funds for the Red Cross in Newcastle yesterday and was made to return all money that Newcastle Red Cross members could learn she had collected, as she was wholly unauthorized to engage in such work.

People are warned not to give money for the Red Cross to any solicitor unknown to them, as all soliciting is always done by local members in any community and of course thus known personally by the people whom they solicit from.

Miss McNeil is described as fairly tall, thick set with straight bobbed hair and wears spectacles. She wore a blue hat and pony coat, so other communities should be on their guard if she attempts the collecting game elsewhere.

When detected she said she was collecting for the Provincial Red Cross and had come from Fredericton. On Newcastle members phoning to Fredericton she changed her place of residence to Boiestown, so this with the fact that the Provincial Red Cross never sends out collectors into the territory of local branches made her work fraudulent. The young woman was warned not to repeat her performance elsewhere and was then allowed to go as it is supposed this was the first time she had attempted such action.

He who does you an injury will never forgive you for it.

University Federation Proposals Rejected by the Government of the Province

The government of New Brunswick in session Tuesday night definitely rejected the proposal to enter the scheme for Maritime University Federation at Halifax as far as the University of New Brunswick is concerned. This action was anticipated as the University Senate had recommended such and public opinion was decidedly opposed.

Official Statement

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick, this morning issued the following statement expressing the view of the Government:—

A proposal for the Federation of the Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, and the consequent removal of the University of New Brunswick to Halifax has been before the Government for consideration. Various representations have been made both for and against the proposal. The Senate of the University, with the Chief Superintendent of Education as President, has declared itself to be unanimously opposed to the removal of the University outside the Province.

Against the Scheme

Upon a question involving the policy of the Province in educational affairs, it is but natural that the Government should look largely for advice to those charged with the administration of one of the educational system. This consideration and those mentioned below have influenced the Government in declaring against the proposed scheme.

Details of Expenditure

In addition to the various institutions to be assembled at Halifax it is proposed that there shall be a central University charged with the support and administration of Professional Schools in Law, Medicine, etc., all courses in pure and applied science, and advanced courses in Arts. The finding of a competent committee, which went into the question most thoroughly was that an immediate capital expenditure of \$1,000,000 and an annual revenue of \$225,000 in addition to that now available, would be required to enable the new University even to begin operations. The Governments of

the three Maritime Provinces and the Dominion of Newfoundland will be called upon to furnish the amount required for the yearly running expenses. The endowment of the existing colleges are to be retained for their own upkeep.

Would Not Be Justified

It is felt that the proportion of this annual amount which the Province of New Brunswick will be called upon to pay, provided it became a party to the scheme, would be more than could at all be justified as an expenditure without the bounds of the Province. It would be far more than the Province now contributes to the support of the University of New Brunswick. Rightly or wrongly, it is felt by many that such an institution would make a smaller contribution to the educational development of the Province than the University of New Brunswick is now making.

Carnegie Contribution

Doubtless many who support the project are influenced by the promise of a contribution of \$3,000,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. It must be borne in mind, however, that this contribution is essentially to pay the expenses of the removal of the constituent colleges to Halifax, and that it will doubtless be fully required for this purpose. The University of New Brunswick would not stand to gain by the suggested contribution in any way. In the case of the denominational colleges, there might be a gain since the existing buildings could still be used for secondary denominational schools. The present plant and buildings of the University would of necessity be completely abandoned and this would represent a greater loss than the suggested gift would amount to as a gain.

Not To Participate

The University of New Brunswick has unquestionably in the past and is at the present time rendering valuable service as the head of the provincial educational system. The Government cannot see its way clear to disturb the present condition to participate in an untried experiment in another Province.

PROGRESSIVE MEMBER IS UNSEATED

Ottawa, Feb. 20—A strangely anomalous situation of the Supreme Court made known today in the case of Robert M. Johnson, Progressive member for Moose Jaw. The judgment of the highest court is to the effect that the member is unseated but that it thinks that any pronouncement of judgement upon the question of disqualification would be an "impertinence" inasmuch as the trial judge did not make his position clear on this point.

Another feature of the case, it was pointed out here tonight, is that it constitutes a curious irony of fate in that the Progressives had considerable to do with the Elections Act of 1918 and the first victim of that legislation is a member of that party considerable sympathy is expressed for Mr. Johnson in all three parties in the House who also share with him the perplexity caused by today's decision.

The trial judgment's declaration that the seat being vacant was unequalled. Then there was the implication that because a corrupt act had been personally committed, but this was not stated in so many words. The Supreme Court today affirmed that part of the trial judgment which was clear but declined to illuminate the question of disqualification.

Intercollegiate Playoff.

U. N. B. athletic authorities today received word from R. S. Hawkins who was at Truro last night as U. N. B. delegate at the hockey conference, that a playoff in the Western Section had been decided upon and dates fixed. In the Eastern Section Dunn of Dalhousie University was declared ineligible.

Parish discretion when it interferes with duty.

RETAILERS OF GRAIN ARE REGULATED

London, Feb. 21—The retailers of grain in England are in the throes of readjusting their selling methods, which have come down to them through generations, to a new system designed to give greater protection to the buyer. Corn and a variety of other similar products must henceforth be sold by actual weight instead of by measure. Formerly dealers bought by weight and sold by measure, and reaped an undue harvest at the expense of the consumer.

The new unit is the hundredweight. The old standard was the quarter which varied in weight according to the country of origin, making it virtually impossible for any one not an expert to know what the actual weight was.

Today the retailer is aggrieved, but on the other hand the buyer is getting a square deal. The term "corn" in the new law includes, wheat, barley, oats, maize, dried peas, dried beans, linseed and potatoes as well as the seed of grass, clover, vetches turnips cabbages and beets.

Sailing for England

A. Fraser Mitchell who has been in Fredericton several times for the purpose of interesting provincial authorities in the settling of wealthy Old Country people on estates in New Brunswick, is to sail from New York for England on the 24th.

Had Narrow Escape.

A pair of horses bolted with a coach from the C. P. R. station today night narrowly escaped a hole in the ice near the mouth of the Nashwaak. The team then bolted out York St. and on to the ice. They then wandered a long distance and were found some time afterward at the place named.

COMMITTEE WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED

Liberals Favor Small Body to Handle the Redistribution Bill.

Ottawa, Feb. 20—Much talk and persuasion has been expended in forming the special parliamentary committee to deal with the redistribution bill. Tomorrow its personnel is expected to be given in the House. At a late hour tonight an agreement between the Liberals and the Progressives on the one hand and the leader of the Opposition on the other was still lacking.

Mr. Meighen, it is understood, is holding out for a large committee of twenty-three members while the other two parties favor a small body of fifteen, composed of eight Liberals four Progressives and three Conservatives. The Conservative leader wants five Conservatives on the committee which would make it twelve Liberals, six Progressives and five Conservatives.

Mr. Meighen thinks that the interests of the Opposition would be better served by a large committee with five Conservatives on its membership than by the smaller body, while the other parties are persuaded that the smaller the committee, the more easily could a compromise be reached, for it is generally conceded that compromise is the very essence of agreement on redistribution.

It is now believed that the chairman of this committee will be Hon. Thomas A. Low, minister without portfolio, instead of Dr. H. S. Beland as formerly reported. The government representation provided the committee's number is fifteen, will be Ontario two, with the chairman and either W. E. Euler, North Waterloo, or James Malcolm, North Bruce, Quebec two, George H. Bolvin, Sheffield, and Lucien Cannon, Dorchester; Maritime provinces, E. M. MacDonald Pictou; Prairie Provinces, 2 Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Regina and E. J. McMurray, North Winnipeg; British Columbia, Fred Stoke, Skeena. The Progressive and Conservative members are not yet finally determined.

QUEEN'S COUNTY DELEGATION WAS HEARD BY GOVT.

The Provincial Government met this morning when delegations were heard and other business was attended to and this afternoon another short session was held. Premier Veniot leaves this evening by the C. P. R. Montreal train for Ottawa where he will be one of a delegation on St. John Harbor improvement and also St. John and Quebec Railway matters. Hon. W. E. Foster and E. A. Schofield of St. John will be delegates also.

A delegation from Queen's County was heard relative to an adjustment of the outstanding Patriotic Fund against that county. The amount is about eight thousand dollars. D. A. Adamson and Capt. Weston of Gagetown constituted the delegation.

The matter of taxation of mutual fire insurance companies was discussed. It was decided that there would be no increase in taxation.

TAX PAYMENTS SHOW AN INCREASE

The period for the payment of city taxes expired with yesterday. The totals prepared at the City Treasurer's Office show that this year more was paid in during the period than there was last year at the same time. During the present month the amount paid in was \$13,433.17. In 1922 the amount paid in was \$12,878.22 an increase of \$554.95.

FIELDING AND MEIGHEN IN A CLASH

WARM DEBATE ON FRENCH TREATY

Bill Was Given First Reading After Three Hours Discussion.

Ottawa, Feb. 20—After a warm three-hour debate, at no moment dull and charged frequently with heat and acrimony, Hon. W. S. Fielding's bill providing for the enactment of trade treaty with France was given first reading this afternoon in the House of Commons. Discussion of the covering resolution was cornered in large measure by the Minister of Finance and the leader of the opposition and the verbal duel they waged probably eclipsed in fireworks anything staged thus far in the present session.

At the conclusion of a vigorous condemnation of the proposed treaty as "something for nothing" and as a measure that practically abolished the British preference on competing articles, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen charged the Minister of Finance with having failed to live up to the preferential plank of the 1919 Liberal platform.

This drew from the veteran of the treasury bench that he, personally never had declared for increase of the British preference to fifty per cent, that he never had voted for such a proposal and never had concealed his opposition thereto.

"This treaty is not a matter of British preference," he declared. "Of course it may affect it. Any treaty with any country affects the British preference. What, then, should we make no treaties? The leader of the opposition apparently believes that reduction of duties is a great evil. Our idea is that reduction of duties is in the interest of the Canadian people. "Why didn't you reduce some more?" queried Mr. Meighen.

"Oh, wait and see," retorted the minister, "wait and see." (Liberal and Progressive applause.)

No member of the Progressive group took part in the debate. Conservative criticism centred chiefly in the claims that the treaty negated the preferential tariff, that it reduced duties purely and solely upon expensive luxuries of life, that it committed Canada irretrievably in future negotiations, and that it brought little in return for the very material concessions.

Mr. Fielding maintained that in trade negotiations with France "luxuries," so called, were vitals that very appreciable reductions had been secured and that an increased volume of trade was almost certain to follow the passage of the measure.

THE RACES AND DICE, BANK CLERK'S TALE

Boston, Feb. 21—Paul Downey was to continue his story in court today of his disposal of \$127,000, which he admitted stealing from the Federal Trust Co., where he was employed as a clerk. He is principal witness against Robert L. Finn and Humphrey Lane, bookmakers, accused of conspiring with him to steal the bank's funds.

Downey played the races. When he had a lucky day one time, he said the defendants proposed a dice game encouraging him by letting him win at first. Then the dice "turned" and the bookmakers got his 117,000 winnings of that day, he said.

Downey yesterday testified he turned over as much as \$25,000 to the bookmakers on some days to cover losses. The money belonged to the bank.

Girl of Twelve Years is Arrested as a Bootlegger

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 21—Twelve-year-old Minnie Capaillo, of near Annville, is the youngest woman to be taken in custody by State Troopers here on a bootlegging charge. She was arrested last night by Private Reilly who charges that the girl sold him a quart of liquor for \$2.25.