

OUR MERCHANTS
Patronize our local merchants
and leave your money in your
city with the men who are try-
ing to make it go.

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Great Britain Rounds Up Suspected Spies

Special British Officers Are Combing British Isles

They Are Also Watching
Organizations Abroad
As Well As Individuals
Coming and Going.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 27—(B.U.P.)—A close check on the activities of suspected spies is being kept by British authorities, it is learned.

Quietly and unostentatiously special officers have combed the whole of the British Isles. The local police forces have co-operated with the special branch of the C. I. D. at Scotland Yard and today there is not a suspected man or woman who is not under the closest possible surveillance.

What is more, authorities are in a position to keep a close check on anything in the nature of co-operation in subversive activity between suspects in Britain and persons or organizations abroad. They know whom to watch and can appreciate at their proper value the comings and goings of suspected people not only in London, but also in various places in the provinces.

There is at the headquarters of the Yard's special branch at Scotland House, on the Thames Embankment, a chart which records the movements and doings of several suspect whom the police might at any moment desire to interview.

The elaborate and comprehensive scheme of national protection against spies was not been brought into being through any special cause, but because it is realized that Britain, through long being a sanctuary for political refugees, has become the home of fanatics who, in the interest of the public, must be closely watched.

Steps are also being taken to ensure that undesirables shall not, under the plea of political oppression in their own country find a haven here. At all ports of entry much stricter control is being exercised and it is now believed that it is almost impossible for any person whose bona fides are not above suspicion to enter the country.

The recrudescence of espionage trials on the Continent has also caused the British authorities to pay attention to the activities of those who are believed to be foreign emissaries in this country.

One recent development which is causing anxiety, although not necessarily connected with espionage, is the facility with which foreigners are obtaining citizenship of Canada. It is known that men of foreign nationality who have been expelled from Britain as in every way undesirable have by some means secured naturalization in the Dominion. They have then brazenly returned to England flaunting their Empire nationality in the face of the immigration officials and demanding admission to the country, which could not be denied, although expulsion orders against them had never been revoked.

London, Nov. 27—A special silver medal in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the King's accession to the Throne next year will be presented to a number of distinguished persons throughout the Empire as a personal gift from His Majesty.

The medal, distinct from that being struck for public distribution, has been designed and executed by Sir William John and models have already been delivered to the Royal Mint, where about 80,000 medals will be struck off. The recipients will include members of the navy, army and air force, diplomatic corps, civil servants and others.

GAMBLING

How would it do for our police force or the Mounties, who ever has the job, to make a check-up on some of the alleged gambling dens which are reported as being conducted within city limits. Some of these places are said to be not so very far from the police station, and others are much further away. One well-known public building situated within the city limits contains a room where they say gambling is still carried on and has been carried on many days for several years. This gambling room is situated in one place where there certainly should not be gambling carried on. In the first place those who sit around the board are not spending their own money but other people's hard-earned cash passed out for another purpose. The writer has called at this place at different times in other years and has seen the long greens change hands. There are people who should be supposed to know about this place, but if they do they wink at it.

Are there other places where women do the gambling? We have heard that such places exist right here in quiet old sedate Fredericton where women take a hand at poker for a good sized stakes, but we do not believe this to be a fact. We know they can play a game of bridge for a few cents a corner but, as for gambling for big stakes, we do not believe it. We will have to be shown. The Daily Mail is not setting itself up to reform the world. When we feel the "fit" coming on us where we want to do the moral reform stunt we will try and join some moral reform league. There are, however, people—young men especially—gambling in this city in places where they should not be allowed to do so. There are other places where older men who cannot afford it are asked professionally to drop in and take a hand and make a dollar. This does not refer to social clubs where a few men gather after a hard day's work and have a chat and a smoke and perhaps a game of bridge. These places are enjoyable and no person who is not narrow will object to them.

This refers only to the professional gambling den where those who should not be there, are gambling away the money which their family needs and, in some cases, money which hard-working parents are sending them to help pay for an education.

ARE THERE ANY SUCH IN FREDERICTON?

BENNETT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

But No Inkling of Federal Election Date Disclosed at Calgary.

CALGARY, November 27—The question of when a general election will be called throughout the country remained as much a mystery as ever last night. It was revived by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett in an interview here when he dropped a vague remark concerning the record of his government being revealed "within the next few months".

Asked for an elaboration of his statement, made in the course of his announcement he will again be a candidate for the Conservative Party for West Calgary, the Conservative leader refused to add to his reference. He merely referred, he said, to the fact that an election will be held in due course. A suggestion he had meant to hint at the date of the election brought a hearty laugh from the prime minister. He had not been thinking about the matter at all, he said.

Full of high spirits as he left for Ottawa after a four-day stay in his home town, Mr. Bennett expressed confidence "the government will be triumphantly returned to office" at the next federal election, in "appreciation of the service rendered Canada during the last four years".

During the interview the prime minister paid warm tribute to the efforts of his cabinet colleagues and expressed the "earnest hope that conditions may soon warrant restorations of the salary reductions affecting members of the civil service."

"I came to Calgary when I was a young man. I think I can give, successful account of my stewardship and

WILL NOT VISIT THE DOMINION

Duke of Gloucester Will Spend Few Days in Bahamas and Bermuda.

London, Nov. 27—The Duke of Gloucester, the King's third son who has been attending the Victorian centenary celebrations in Australia, will spend three weeks in the British West Indies on his return journey but will not visit Canada.

The schedule for the return journey announced from Buckingham Palace tonight calls for traveling from New Zealand by way of the Panama Canal. After leaving for Canal Zone His Royal Highness arrives at Kingston, Jamaica, on Feb. 26, leaving on March 8 for a short visit to the Bahamas and Bermuda. He will reach Nassau on the morning of March 10, leaving on March 13 late at night. He arrives at Bermuda early on March 19, and arriving back in England on March 28.

TO HEAR SEIDEL

Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, president of the local committee of the Community Concert Association left today for Saint John where she will hear Tosca Seidel, eminent violinist, who plays in Concert at Saint John this evening. Last year Mr. Seidel gave a brilliant concert in this city.

IMPROVING AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. W. Boyce is showing daily improvement at the hospital where she has been confined for the past number of weeks from injuries received in an auto accident at Oromocto.

If nominated I propose to be a candidate in West Calgary at the next Federal election", the prime minister told an interviewer yesterday.

SEEN AS AID TO EMPIRE UNITY

Dominions Present As King Announced Approval of Marriage.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 27—The wedding of the Duke of Kent (Prince George) and Princess Marina of Greece is being used to bring the British Empire closer together.

Two incidents are regarded by some to be a pointed effort to make the wedding an Empire affair, and thus take up some of the threads of empire unity which are threatening to slacken.

The first was the meeting of the privy council in October at which the King formally announced his approval of the wedding. Attending the council were the Canadian prime minister, R. B. Bennett, the High Commissioner for Australia, Stanley Bruce and the South African Minister of Justice, General J. C. Smuts. It was unusual for the three premier dominions to be represented on the council at the same time. It was no accident, for Bennett and Bruce came specially for the meeting.

Their presence was taken as indicating that the wedding had the approval of the Empire as well as that of the King. The second incident was the announcement that the ceremony would be radio-broadcast. The announcement emphasized that it would be broadcast to the Empire.

While the United States and South America will be able to pick up the program, every effort is being made by the British Broadcasting Corporation to reach most of the dominions.

The unique and democratic decision to broadcast the ceremony was regarded as another effort to foster good relations with the Empire by making it feel that it was sharing in the occasion.

Fredericton Presbytery Holding Confer In This City Today

The Fredericton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada met in the Fraser Memorial Hall this morning at 10 o'clock, with the chairman, Rev. Harry Burns, of Gagetown, presiding, and the secretary, Rev. M. H. Manuel, of Marysville, in his place. A large number were present. The meeting continued this afternoon and evening. The meeting this morning was opened with devotional exercises, Scripture reading and prayers and the reading of minutes, also the adoption of the agenda of the present meeting. The roll-call showed a large number present.

The Fredericton Presbytery takes in Doaktown, Chipman, Oromocto and Southamptton as well as the local districts. The business items this morning were referred to committees. One of the matters discussed was the standing of Mr. Rowley, who is at present studying in a Bangor, Maine seminary.

A feature this afternoon and evening will be addresses by Rev. Dr. C. C. Burn, of Toronto, field secretary of Evangelism and Social Service.

Japanese Minister of Finance Resigns

TOKYO, Nov. 27—Sanenobu Fujii, minister of finance, who is suffering from a nervous and physical breakdown as a result of his futile efforts to prevent large increases in military appropriations, resigned yesterday.

Physicians said Fujii who has long suffered from weakness of the lungs, is seriously ill. Camphor injections were necessary.

Chain Store Heads Cheated Customers

WOMAN IN PRIEST'S ROOM WAS SHOT BY HER HUSBAND

Bride, Groom and Priest Were Drinking and Husband Shot Cleric.

New York, Nov. 27—A man identified as a New Jersey priest and a honeymooning bride from Hollywood were shot to death yesterday in the cleric's hotel room by the woman's husband, a former Bible school student.

Assistant District Attorney Saul Price said the slain man was the Rev. Joseph J. Leonard, 50, Catholic priest at the Morris Hall Home for the Aged at Lawrenceville, N. J. The bride was the former Ruth Tiles, 17. She had sought a career in the movies under the name of Ruth Mary Armstrong.

Her husband, Joseph L. Steinmetz, 22, was found beside the bodies, collapsed. Price said he orally admitted the slayings. He will be arraigned tomorrow on a charge of homicide.

The district attorney's aide said Steinmetz told him:

"The priest asked my wife down to his room to hear a confession . . . I followed them . . . My mind was in a whirl . . . and I shot them."

From Bucharest

Steinmetz came to the United States in 1929 from Bucharest. He met Miss Armstrong on the west coast while he was studying for the ministry at the Bible Institute in Los Angeles. They were married Nov. 10 and came to New York on their honeymoon several days ago.

Assistant District Attorney Price who assumed charge of the case, announced these details:

"Steinmetz and his wife registered in New York at the Knights of Columbus Hotel. Either last Friday or Saturday, Steinmetz met the Catholic priest in the lobby. They spoke to each other and conversed on several occasions thereafter.

"Today, when Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz went down to breakfast they met the priest and asked him up to their room. They had several drinks and talked for a couple of hours. In the course of this talk Mrs. Steinmetz chanced to remark that she was rearer a Catholic.

"The Rev. Leonard asked Steinmetz and his wife to lunch with him.

"They went to a restaurant with him.

"They went to a restaurant near the hotel, where they had several drinks. Then, they returned to the Steinmetz's room. The priest went out and returned with a bottle of liquor and all drank some more.

"Steinmetz had purchased a pistol (Continued on page four)

IS ASSESSED \$200, CAR CONFISCATED

The Accused in Fisheries Case Is Found Guilty At Tracadie

NEWCASTLE, Nov. 26—George Robichaud, Lamaque, Gloucester County, who was arrested some time ago and charged with an infraction of lobster regulations, was found guilty by Magistrate Alfred Bourgeois at Tracadie and was fined \$200 and costs. His car was confiscated to the Crown. J. A. Creaghan, Newcastle appeared for the fisheries department.

It Was Necessary For Them To Do This Or They Would Get Docked In Salaries.

Ottawa, Nov. 27—The fear of having their salaries and commissions docked for inevitable stock shortages, apparently has driven chain store managers to tamper with scales and shortweight their customers in packaged goods, the mass buying commission was told by Sutherland Cuddy, Dominion inspector of weights and measures.

After reading a list of 200 or 300 convictions registered in Quebec, Ontario and the West against chain and independent merchants for short weights and false scales, the Dominion official said the stock system adopted by the chains was responsible.

"The pressure applied throughout the whole chain store system on local managers apparently has been so severe, except in the case of two chains who allow adequate local store credits, that a large percent of local store managers, in order to retain their positions and make a good showing as efficient managers, turn to the unethical practice of giving short weight as one of the easiest systems to produce this desired result."

His Conclusions

From a series of inspections made in various cities and purchases made in chain stores, Mr. Cuddy gave the following conclusions:

(1) That due to this stock accounting system no local manager of a chain store can keep his stock balanced in the ordinary course of retail selling.

(2) That all stock losses, whether due to wastage, shrinkage, defective scales or other unavoidable cause, must be replaced by the local manager.

(3) That the salaries paid local managers of chain stores are inadequate to pay for stock losses which inevitably arise in the ordinary course of retail grocery merchandising.

(4) That due to economic pressure the local manager of a chain store grocery must turn to illegal or unethical practices to keep his stock balanced.

(5) That the practice of short weight is the main refuge of the local chain store manager to create an average to offset unavoidable depreciation through spoilage, shrinkage or other cause.

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Walter B. Sentner, Popular Plumber, Died Suddenly

Death came early last evening to Walter B. Sentner, 62-year-old plumber, of this city, who was one of the city's best known residents. The popular plumber died at his home, 176 Queen street, after an illness which had lingered for some time. He had not been in good health for several years, but it was only last Friday that he was forced to his bed through illness. The late Mr. Sentner came to this city more than forty-five years ago from Charlottetown, P. E. I., and quickly earned a reputation as a capable craftsman, and, more important, as a person of integrity and fine personal qualities. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Craig, Worcester, Mass.

The funeral will be on Wednesday, with service from the late home at 2.30 o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. G. W. Gufou. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery extension.