

CROOKS PICK UP BIG SUM IN EUROPE

Paris, Dec. 28—A band of alleged international crooks whose depredations in the last two years were said by the police to amount to 10,000,000 francs (400,000) has been rounded up. The crooks were alleged to have specialized in altering letters of credit by which they victimized banks in France, England, Argentina, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. It was stated that they were also wanted by the Swiss and Spanish police.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION MEETS APRIL 15

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Geneva, Dec. 28—President J. Youdon of the League of Nations preparatory disarmament commission announced today that the commission would meet April 15.

Mr. Henpeck: Is my wife going out?
Maid: Yes, sir.
Do you know if I am going with her?—Montreal Star.

CANARY MADE DUMB BY LOVE SAYS DEFENCE

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27—A canary love affair, which, it is alleged, left Twitter, the wooer, voiceless, was aired before Judge Bertman in Camden City court.

Twitter, himself was taken before the bar following the complaint of the Rev. Howard Simpson of Merchantsville, pastor of the Pensauken Interdenominational Church, who declared he bought the bird from Charles Adams, bird dealer of Camden, with a guarantee that the canary was an excellent vocalist.

Mr. Simpson said he paid Adams \$5 for Twitter, but that when he got the bird home he was unable to draw a single "pep" from the supposed singer. Twitter's new owner demanded his money back or another canary that would sing.

Judge Bertman gazed at Twitter, who was in a cage on the bench, and urged the canary to make good the guarantee. Not a "tweet-tweet" escaped Twitter's beak. Mr. Simpson's claims seemed substantiated. Twitter was not a singer.

Unusual Defence

But Adams had an unusual defence. Twitter, he said, was in love—and every one knows a lover hasn't his mind on his business.

"The trouble, your honor," said Adams, "is that Mr. Simpson put the bird in a cage with a lady canary. Twitter fell hard for her. He was too busy making love to bother about singing. I guaranteed that he would sing, but I didn't bargain on his being forced into a courtship, and as this is the first love affair, you can't expect he'll find much time to sing songs for folks."

Judge Bertman averred that the case was beyond his jurisdiction and advised Mr. Simpson to take the problem to a higher court. Meantime, Adams has custody of Twitter, a very lovesick canary.

London, Dec. 28—Persistent rumour at Bombay insist that the British consulate at Halalabad has been burnt down by tribesmen revolting against the westernization program of the Afghan King, Amullalah, the Daily Telegraph's Bombay correspondent reported today. The consul, J. E. H. Angir Khan, has been forced to flee the report said.

OLD FRANCE MADE MARKED PROGRESS DURING PAST YEAR; LOTS OF WORK IN COUNTRY

Paris, Dec. 28—Although the latter part of the year 1928 was troubled by an important cabinet crisis, the political, economic and industrial progress of France constituted the most brilliant and constructive period in the decade following the armistice.

France Stabilized.

During this year France stabilized the franc at approximately 25 to the American dollar. Although Premier Poincare virtually had pegged the franc at that figure as a trial, the legal stabilization was accomplished. France resolutely set about to put her house in order with a currency depreciated by 80 per cent. Moreover, the thrifty French population was assured that before the new year would be well along, they would again feel the rattle of silver coins in their pockets. Silver coins of the new financial regime are being minted now.

An outstanding event guaranteeing international peace was the signing by 14 countries of the so-called Briand-Kellogg Treaty outlawing war. Although Foreign Minister Briand originally had proposed a treaty to outlaw war strictly between the United States and France, the American secretary of state proposed to extend the treaty to other nations, and it was only after months of negotiations that the European nations were convinced that the treaty aided, rather than infringed the work of the League of Nations.

Diplomatic Activity.

France also found a closer community of views with England, Belgium and Italy, on the reparations question. Henceforth, the former allies will have a united front regarding the settlement of the reparations with Germany and the refutation of these anticipated sums to the war debts. French diplomatic activity continued negotiating on the series of friendly treaties with European powers, the most notable being the agreement reached with Yugoslavia. The closing year found negotiations with Italy arrived almost at the point of agreement, the French having conceded to Italy on the question of nationalization in Tunis, France requiring that the third generation only should become citizens of the republic. Premier Mussolini is said to have dropped some of the more dictatorial demands for which France is willing to cede the oasis of Ghadames from Tunis to Tripoli.

A series of kidnapping exploits in Morocco and in the Spanish protectorate of Rio de Oro caused much annoyance to the government. Although the African protectorates were more or less at peace, the raids of dissident tribes into civilized districts resulted in ransoming of a number of French citizens. Moreover, France decided to make representations to Spain for better protection in the Rio de Oro, over which South American mail planes have to fly in the lap between Casablanca and Senegal. Aviators forced to descend in this territory invariably fall prisoner and their lives are dependent on ransom.

Political Developments.

France's political life was as usual checkered with many cross currents, partisan contests and threats of internal disruption. The Communist party, never missing an opportunity to organize a riot, was ably checked by the prefect of police, Chiappe, who imposed a new city defence plan on the capital. Red demonstrations which might have proved serious, were quickly suppressed, hundreds of arrests made, and with practically no damage to property.

The most important political dispute of the year centred around the project in the financial law which provided for the return of several religious congregations to France in the guise of missions. Their confiscated property would also be restored to them. This aroused the radicals to such an extent that Caillaux and his extreme radicals cleverly manoeuvred a resolution at the party's congress at Angers, which required the resignation of four radical ministers. Poincare, realising that the radical campaign against the National Union was getting serious, forced the entire cabinet to resign. A governmental crisis

occurred in which Poincare was universally acclaimed as the only one capable of taking the helm in the storm of party politics that arose. Fortunately the bourse remained firm.

German Rapprochement.

German rapprochement, in the main, has been greatly advanced. The present reparations discussion tends to bring France and Germany together on sincere commitments. German athletes, German artists and German operas have become usual in Paris. The Mozart festival did much to renew artistic friendships between Paris and Vienna. In addition to these influences there is a regular deluge of German beer in France. The commercial treaty has opened the sluices to the German breweries, and Frenchmen are now drinking better beer, and liking it. While on this inviting subject, it may not be out of place to record that a cocktail contest was recently held up in the Champs Elysees, which proved to be a howling success. Many Frenchmen entered their favorite mixtures, but the prize was won by a Scotsman.

Plenty of Work.

The unemployment statistics in France are negligible, there being work even for thousands of Italians, Russians and central Europeans who come to the republic as a refuge. A huge housing plan is now under consideration, proposed by Minister Loucheur, which will provide homes for workmen, purchasable at rental rates.

Scientists have been busy as usual, the academy discussions centring on confirmation of the Calmette anti-tuberculosis serum. Some doctors are inclined to believe that the injection of the serum in children who are not affected can inoculate them with disease. Prof. Petit has a yellow fever serum which has attracted the attention of the medical world.

DEPARTMENT STORE IN MOSCOW IS BUSY PLACE

Moscow, Dec. 26—In Moscow's one and only big department store every day is like the day before Christmas. From the opening hour in the morning until the doors are locked at night shoppers stream through them in a pushing, unhalting procession.

There are no elevators in the big four-story building and the stairways resound to the shuffle of many feet.

At every counter there are many shoppers, at every cashier's window a queue, and where calico and other cheap necessities are for sale the crowd is held away by guards who permit only fifty or sixty persons to approach the goods at a time.

Each article bought at the Government owned Mostorg, as the store is called, must be paid for separately.

The Mostorg's shop windows are of a pattern with those in countries where private merchants make their living encouraging people to buy. There are, however, not many luxury articles to be seen. A few Chinese table ornaments, imported clocks and jewelry, some dolls and toys, perhaps, but none of the furs that Russia sends aboard, no elegant evening wraps or fancy and filmy feminine underthings no hint of any inspiration from Paris for the women and little that looks like London to a man.

Substantial necessities fill most of the windows and most of the shelves. Chess boards for grownups and toys for children are about the limit in the display of unessentials.

Little effort is made to display goods attractively. The Government isn't trying to break down anybody's sales resistance. The big problem is for the consumer to push through the crowd and buy what he wants. Glass showcases have disappeared. Nowadays there are only plain wooden counters and plain wooden shelves behind them, where the goods are placed or hung.

Once the shopper gets to a counter he or she selects something by sight on the shelves, and it is then brought down for closer inspection.

Why should we try to have with Mars,
Away up there among the stars,
Communication?
There's gab enough of every kind
Down here, you're pretty sure to find,
Without inviting from the sky a new
variety of high
Confabulation.

She—You know that I love you and will be true to the last.

He—But how long shall I be the last?—St. Paul dispatch.

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- 57 Grey Street and University Ave.
- 112 Aberdeen and Smythe Sts.

NOTICE OF SALE

To the Heirs of Coburn Allen, late of the Parish of Douglas, in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Labourer, deceased, and to all others whom it may in any wise concern—

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the second day of June, A. D. 1928, and registered in York County, New Brunswick, Book 208, pages 119-122, the eleventh day of October, A. D. 1928, and made between the said Coburn Allen, of the one part, and Kitchin Bros., Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of the Province of New Brunswick having its head office at the City of Fredericton in the County of York aforesaid, of the other part, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof, and in pursuance of the said Power of Sale, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Post Office in the City of Fredericton in the County of York aforesaid, on Saturday, the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1929, at twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said mortgage as follows:

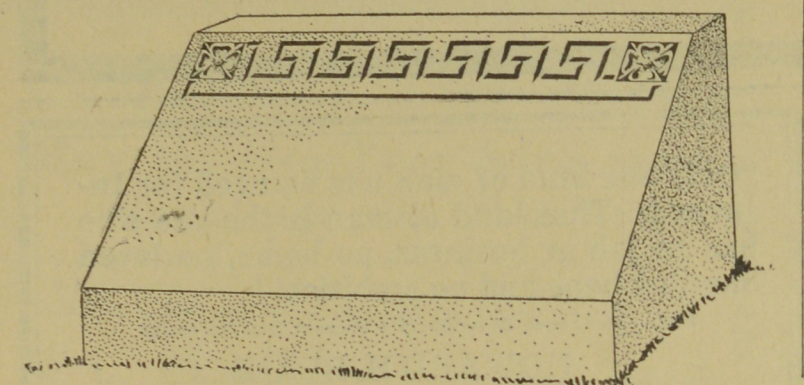
"All that certain lot piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Parish of Douglas, County of York, and Province of New Brunswick at or near 'Burt's Corner' and bounded as follows: 'Beginning at a post at the Southwest corner of a lot of land owned by Newton Bird, thence running North along said line of said Newton Bird's lot nine rods, thence at right angles and running West fifty three feet to a post thence at right angles and running South nine rods to the main highway road; thence along said highway road to the place of beginning, fifty three feet, containing one-sixth of an acre, more or less. Being the same lands and premises conveyed by Deed from Thomas W. Fowler and wife to Coburn Allen, and recorded in York County Records in Book 185, pages 185 and 188, under official number 74554, and bearing date the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1912."

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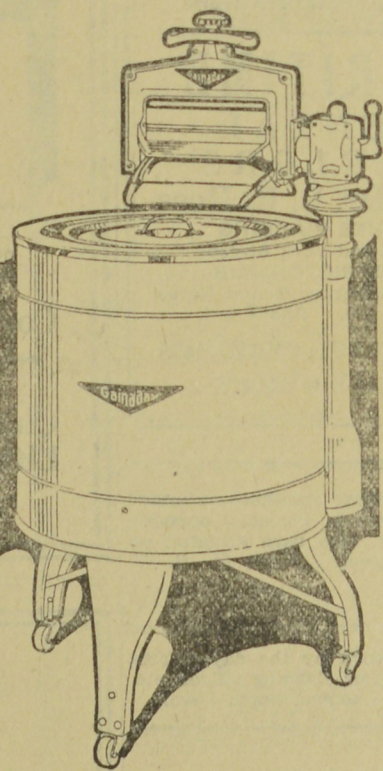
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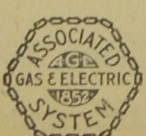
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