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Credit to the "Mounties"

We have at times praised the work of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and at other times we have adversely criticized that body. Every person who is unbiased, however, admire the work of the "Mounties" in connection with the Bannister cases now drawing to a close at Dorchester.

It was only a few hours after the bodies had been discovered that the Mounties had worked out the details of the affair and piled the evidence together piece by piece. The result was the prompt arrest of those who were alleged to be mixed up in the crime of crimes. It is not the proper time yet to discuss the cases other than to give the Mounties well deserved credit for their work. The Moncton City Police also deserve credit for their share in the case.

Mr. Fraser and Cooks

Don F. Fraser, M.P.P. for Pictou, N. S. and editor of The Eastern Chronicle of New Glasgow, made an interesting speech in the Nova Scotia House a few days ago. He spoke on Education and later on the tourist question. On the tourist question Mr. Fraser said that our chief difficulty was accommodation. Our women were the best of cooks and housekeepers but were not hotel and innkeepers. He suggested that a class in hotel keeping should be opened in the college premises where the science building was thoroughly equipped. Hotel Keeping is now a course in some American universities and two or three instructors could be secured to conduct a short course at Truro which men and women interested might go to get the latest in the art of catering to the moving public and how to charge for their services.

How would such a course appeal to our New Brunswick women. Mr. Fraser is always interesting both in the Legislature and in his bright paper, The Chronicle.

An Affront to Dignity

At last a real issue has arisen on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. Parliamentarians cannot get into the Parliamentary restaurant, supposedly conducted for their personal use. Instead of honourable gentlemen dining leisurely and at ease, and afterward digesting legislation as well as food, the room is occupied by just ordinary people, without either "Hon." before or "M.P." after their names.

These ordinary people, useful on election day, but certainly not entitled to occupy the seats of the mighty, hungry legislators, whether Senators or Commons, have preempted the best places in the room. They dine leisurely while honourable gentlemen, shifting from one foot to the other, stand at the door and wait—an hour and fifteen minutes in one case; and this is a Senator.

Something must be done about this. What will the waiters think when they see the nation's lawmakers brushed aside, while they must kowtow to guests of no account in legislative halls? None of these interlopers would be even "recognized" by the Speaker in either House if he wanted to make a speech. In fact, Mr. Speaker would call for the Sergeant-at-Arms to put him out, and now even Mr. Speaker may have trouble getting into the Parliamentary dining-room.

Consider the humiliation of it. Let an honourable member in either House invite a friend from back home to dine with him—in the Parliamentary restaurant, mind you. An honor indeed. Arm over shoulder, in the old familiar way of politicians, the honorable gentleman guides his guest toward the dining-room door. And then he can't get in at all. What will the guest think of this? What will he say when he returns to the constituency? Surely there will be an insinuation that, after all, the big man locally doesn't amount to much on Parliament Hill. There is the real danger; loss of prestige.

It was quite right that this question should be brought up in the Senate. Commons turned down one day at the restaurant may return next day, or again and again until they get in. But Senators are at home so much they can't do this, and must suffer humiliation until later—perhaps weeks—when the lower House provides them with something to do. A kind-hearted public—apart from those of it who have usurped chairs in the Parliamentary restaurant—will sympathize with the plight of its elected and appointed lawmakers, who don't seem to have anything to say about where or when they shall eat.

Rousers Not Always Leaders

In a strong radical swing of government in Spain, swept into the premiership was Manuel Azana, whose oratory had inflamed the populace. The oratory of Azana carried with it promises of economic salvation for the poor.

Once in power, Azana's authority over the people waned. They were too radical even for him, or he was not radical enough for them. They stormed here and there, pillaging and burning, and now comes word of one mob of 60,000 farm laborers seizing lands in the fertile province of Badajoz. This in defiance of pleas of the premier to have patience.

Whether the lands should be divided, we have no opinion. But in the incident the world sees a repetition of the old story of a man, in this case Azana, able to emotionally sway a people and then, when victory is won, unable to control that which he has loosed upon the country.

This thing in Spain is anarchy. The Leftist mob that rose to power is as rebellious against its own leadership as it was against the previous authority in Spain. In short, the mind emotionally swayed lacks self control.

SNAPSHOTS

There seems to be great doing in Moncton and Westmorland County these days.

William Duckworth, good-natured Toronto, M.P.P., snared himself in the Legislature yesterday and had to join in a good laugh with his fellow-M.P.P.'s.

"I got a pair of glasses in Toronto Junction," he said while the Optometry Act was being debated, "and they practically drove me crazy."

"I presume the hon. gentleman has changed his glasses," Premier Hepburn said while the House laughed.

The young man who called up the wrong girl of "the same name" on the phone and started making the date for himself and friend, felt rather funny when he discovered his mistake. The girl kept telling him but he would not pay any attention. He was in the right church but in the wrong pew.

Who was the man who was trying to bribe the government in regard to the new park — or was it a woman? In high diplomatic circles good looking women are generally used for these affairs of state.

It appears now that two couples were spooning in the down town section of the city at the same time the other night and each thought the Daily Mail meant them. Only one however put out the light while he sat on the girl's knee. The other chap just tickled the girl under the chin and she is a good looking too. We don't blame any man for tickling her under the chin.

Perhaps it will be as well not to put away the skis for a while.

One day sees marbles on the city school grounds, the next several inches of snow. What a climate!

A band leader who is a close student of racing form dropped \$11,000 in an afternoon at a Florida track. This would have been impossible with the saliva test.

General conscription of Austria's man power should go a long way towards solving the country's unemployment problem.

Mr. T. L. Church, M.P., declares that Canada is being "statisticked to death." When it would be much more agreeable to be statisticked to death.

A college president says that wise men are needed more than educated ones. The trouble is that nobody can tell when an educated man will acquire wisdom.

An American newspaper writer announces to the world that a close-up of Chancellor Hitler shows his little moustache to be fiery red. Perhaps that accounts for a lot of Der Fuehrer's belligerency.

Dr. Hugh W. Peppers Died Suddenly

Many were shocked at the word, which reached here today from Centreville of the death of Dr. Hugh W. Peppers, a prominent physician of that place who suffered a heart attack and passed away a few minutes after returning home from a sick call. He was dead before medical aid could be summoned. Dr. Peppers has not been in good health for some time but continued visiting his patients regularly up until the time he was stricken.

Hugh Wiley Peppers was born at Lower St. Marys, York County, July 4, 1870. Receiving his college education at the University of New Brunswick and McGill University, he first started practice in Centreville and district in 1899. He also had taught school in St. Martin, Hartland and Centreville.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lydia Merritt, and a daughter and one son. The daughter is Mrs. R. M. Legate of Campbellton while the son is Hugh John, at home. Two brothers, Samuel and Wesley, also mourn at Lower St. Marys. A grandson, Robert M. Legate, Campbellton, also survives. Mrs. T. R. Foster, Lansdowne Street, is a cousin.

Dr. Peppers took a prominent part in the Carleton Masonic Lodge at East Florenceville and was a life-long Conservative.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Masons holding their service. Rev. Donald M. Brown of St. James' Anglican Church, Centreville, will officiate.

Hauptmann's Last Message to His Wife

(Continued from Page One) statement issued for her when she left Trenton after the execution.

"I feel not ashamed, but proud of him. I know the truth will be known, and that his innocence will come to light. They have taken away from me a faithful husband and a loving father from my child," she said.

Bannisters to Know Fates This Afternoon

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When it returns Daniel, if he is found guilty, will be sentenced along with his brother Arthur Bannister, already convicted, for Lake's murder. Arthur's fate is likely to be the death sentence.

Daniel Bannister, eldest of the two Bannister boys charged with the murder of Philip Lake, will likely know his fate today just three months to the days since the discovery of the bodies of Lake, his common-law wife, Bertha Lake, and that of a baby son Jackie, on Jan. 6.

Today also, Arthur Bannister, already convicted of killing Lake, will hear sentence passed upon him.

And, standing before the same judge, the mother of the two youths, Mrs. May Bannister, will be sentenced by the same judge for harboring the only survivor of the tragedy, the infant Betty Lake. Mrs. Bannister was convicted on a minor count in an indictment charging her with kidnapping the Lake baby.

It had been expected Saturday that the case against Daniel would reach the jury late in the afternoon. Following the noon recess, P. J. Hughes, K.C., of Fredericton, who, with G. F. G. Bridges, of Moncton, conducted the prosecution, concluded his address to the jury. He was immediately followed by H. Murray Lambert, of Moncton, defence counsel. Chief Justice Barry then began his charge to the jury but had not finished at 5.30 p. m. He gave the jury the option of continuing at seven o'clock or of adjourning until Monday morning at ten o'clock. The twelve men who will decide the fate of Daniel Bannister elected the latter course.

Asks Conviction

Mr. Hughes asked the jury for a conviction, claiming that Daniel Bannister was a party to the plan to kidnap Betty Lake, and that he was present at the time the actual killing on Lake took place. "Having the facts before you, I suggest that you face this issue squarely and bring in a verdict of guilty which the facts justify."

Mr. Lambert, who called no witnesses, contended that there was a reasonable doubt of guilt and asked the jurors to give that benefit of doubt to the prisoner. He contended the Crown had not established the guilt of the prisoner. "You are dealing with a human life. Be careful; do not treat that human life too lightly. Think things over very carefully before you decide on your verdict. Give him fair consideration and if a doubt exists, give him that benefit of doubt."

Saturday afternoon Mr. Hughes resumed his address to the jury. He pointed out that the evidence submitted by Frances Bannister showed that the rifle in evidence, identified as that owned by the Bannister boys, had been broken on the night of January 5 as the three Bannisters returned home with the Lake baby. He said that Frances had told of Arthur noticing the bolt was missing as the rifle came to the railway tracks after going through the wood trail from the ballast pit road and hat Arthur had spoken of the prisoner concerning it and later broke it on the tracks and threw it away.

"I submit to you gentlemen that I have placed here to you in a general way, and as I see it there are four questions which you should ask yourselves when you are deliberating on a verdict.

"The first question is, was Philip Lake murdered?"

"I ask you, is there any doubt about that?"

"The second question is, was he murdered by the Bannisters?"

"Can there be any reasonable doubt but that he was murdered by the Bannisters?"

"There is only one answer to that question by reasonable men.

"The third question is, was Daniel Bannister a member of that party of death? The Crown submits he was. We submit he was one of the three Bannisters, Arthur, Frank and himself, who planned this racket to steal the Lake baby. Have you any doubt about that?"

"I cannot see how there are any doubt. And if there is no doubt, then the prisoner at the dock is responsible for the charge on which he is indicted."

"The fourth question is, was Philip Lake murdered in the carrying out of the kidnapping of the baby?"

"The gentlemen are the contention of the Crown. There is no doubt of that."

Defence Counsel

Mr. Hughes' address covered two hours and thirty minutes. He was followed by Mr. Lambert, defence counsel, who spoke for an hour and forty-five minutes.

In opening, Mr. Lambert said: "You 12 gentlemen have a most serious matter to decide. You have the fate of Daniel Bannister in your hands. If you find him guilty of the charge there is no alternative. He will be given the death penalty. I am sure when a man's life is at stake you are going

SIMPLE GADGETS BIGGEST EARNERS

OAKLAND, Calif., April 6.—The invention of simple, inexpensive gadgets brings the greatest returns to the inventor, according to Albert G. Burns, president of the Inventors' Association.

He declares that inventors are divided into two classes—professionals and accidentals. Whichever class the inventor comes under, however, he insists that simplicity and cheapness are the two great elements for financial success.

Eighty-five per cent of patents applied for, he says, are in the accidental class.

Miss Dorothy Leseur, of Ada, Okla., as a registered nurse, took care of her sister's baby and invented a dissolved diaper. She received \$68,000 for her family, whose previous income in the oil fields had not exceeded \$135 a month.

Ontario Women Working in Homes For 2c an Hour

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"When the NRA did away with Georgia child labor, they moved up to this country. There has crept in a practice which is entirely new, and should be checked now."

The Minister put the following instances of "home-sweatshop" exploitation before the House:

Two women worked for five cents an hour making bedspreads. These spreads cost \$1.33. They were sold for \$2.98 and \$3.95.

On Christie street a man and his wife were making 30 cents a day for the work of the two of them in making bedspreads.

Another firm paid forty-five cents for twelve pairs of babies' booties. It took about four days for a "home-sweatshop" worker to fill the order, at a wage of between two and three cents an hour.

A woman on Jones street was crocheting baby jackets at \$1.65 for a dozen jackets. She worked from nine in the morning to eleven at night. The jackets were finished in about ten and a half hours—each.

Another woman was getting one cent per yard for lace. Another was getting 80 cents for a dozen baby coats. It took her an hour and a half to make a coat.

The Minister's remedy is in the shape of legislation which will require permits for such work all over Ontario, and will give the Government the right to cancel them for cause and to move to guarantee decent wages. The House gave the bill a speedy second reading.

Flood Odor Elimination

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ter. This will disinfect the flour as well as remove odors.

"Acid phosphate may be used alone to remove ammonia-like odors from basements with dirt floors. It is not a disinfectant."

TAKING SOUNDINGS

A. Ceretti, Montreal diver, has been taking soundings of the character near the Canadian National Railway Bridge piers. It is believed there is a channel through the wreckage of the old bridge. Mr. Ceretti is expected to go below the surface this afternoon or tomorrow if the rough water calms. The tenders for removal of the wreckage close Wednesday, April 8, at noon.

to weigh the facts very carefully, before giving a decision".

Reasonable Doubt

"I will admit that there has been some evidence which would seem to bear this contention out. But there is a reasonable doubt about that, and remember, and reasonable doubt goes to the prisoner."

Mr. Lambert contended there was a discrepancy in the evidence of Crown witnesses concerning the gold teeth found in the upper jaw of the charred remains. He read portions of the evidence to bear out his argument and contended that the Crown had failed to establish that the body was Lake's and remarked, "That should create a reasonable doubt in your mind".

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Italian Gains in East Africa Create Crisis

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peror Haile Selassie, was unknown. What damage was done at Dessaye, formerly the field headquarters of Emehere.

A large section of the populace of Addis Ababa remained outside the city due to fear of further raids. All shops and public buildings were closed, and strong police forces were on duty.

Ambulances were stationed in the streets with huge barrels of water to put out any fires.

There had been some relaxation in the tension of the city at mid-day, when the effect of the heat and high altitude upon gasoline consumption makes long flights by the Italians impractical. Raids were usually made just after dawn.

Although the attack was confined to the Akakal airdrome, four miles from Addis Ababa, it was understood legations were inquiring of their governments whether Premier Mussolini intends to keep a reported pledge not to bomb the capital as long as it is not used for military concentrations.

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