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GOOD FRIDAY

Never was such a sunset of life as was that at Jerusalem on Good Friday! Even Pilate the harsh though somewhat giddy Roman Governor knew that His death would be the murder of an innocent Man. The terrible howls of the mob in the early morning, when none of His friends were about to say a word for Him—two cringing disciples not daring to make the slightest plea for justice, in the midst of the cries of the Jews "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"—prevailed over Pilate's sense of right.

Sin! Pilate's sin, the priesthood's sin, Judas Iscariot's sin, the mob's, all part of the ghastly entail of sin from Eve to the Ignorant, hammering executioners sin killed the Lord of life, Who endured the weight and influence of sin from henceforth.

"Finished!" He cried after hours of agony embittered by the scorn of the blind crowd near by. "Finished!" the reign of Satan over all men who did not want to serve him. "Finished!" that long preparation through thousands of years to prove to mankind its wretchedness, and sinfulness, to make all that was better in it ashamed of humanity's folly, overbearing cruelty, prevailing filthiness, short-sighted frivolity! "Finished!" that wonderful life which set the standard and the pattern for all humanity to aim at and to follow.

He had prayed for His enemies Who did Him to death, including all past, present, and future, whose sins needed such atoning suffering. He had provided for His grief-stricken Mother. He had added a penitent dying thief to His disciples. He had as man gone back, as so many of us will, to childhood days, to the prayers and hymns he had been taught at Nazareth. He had been athirst with the fever of unbearable anguish.

And now with an exceeding great cry, He gasped out "Finished," bowed His head and gave up the ghost!

## "PUBLIC ENEMY, NO. 1"

It is surely a remarkable doctrine, no matter from what source, that the railway problem should not be discussed in public.

It is an even more remarkable variant of that doctrine of suppression and secrecy that this problem should especially not be discussed by the men who know the most about it, viz., the President of the Canadian Pacific and the chairman of the Canadian National Board.

The Montreal Star says: It is the railway problem that is "Public Enemy, No. 1" of this country. It is the thief that steals the savings of the people, no matter how painfully they pinch or how resolutely they do without necessities. It is the bully who pushes us back into the slough when on all other counts we are beginning to climb out and secure at least a toe-hold on solid ground.

Canada would be well off if it were not for the railway problem. She bears no burden of national defence. Though her shipping sails the seas and she stands fifth among the exporting nations of the world, she pays for precious little naval protection. She has only a nucleus—though a good one—of an army. She is practically free from the taxes and debts which most other nations must endure to safeguard their commerce and their soil.

In every other way, we are doing well. We lead the world in the recovery of industrial activity. Mr. Rhodes reports our recovery for the past two years at 46.2 per cent while prosperous Great Britain only gained at the rate of 22.3 per cent and the United States at 32.3 per cent. Our mineral production is up. Our output of electrical power is the highest ever recorded. Last year's figures show employment up. External trade was up fifteen per cent over the

year before. Our budget shows a surplus on ordinary expenditure.

Everywhere the sky brightens. The drain of relief will disappear when normal conditions return. Even railway earnings on both systems were better by ten to eleven per cent last year than in 1933.

But "Public Enemy No. 1," the railway problem, blots out the sun at noonday.

## SNAPSHOTS

We had a letter recently from an American tourist of last year, giving a lot of bouquets to the caretaker and librarian at the Parliament building and also the librarian at the University of New Brunswick. At the same time certain other public or semi-public officials came in for some brickbats for being discourteous. We can well understand lack of courtesy in certain cases mentioned.

In a certain town whose name we have forgotten, there was a police force controlled by a certain committee. In the same town there were traffic regulations regarding the parking of cars on the highway. On a certain day there were two cars parked on the wrong side of the highway. One car belonged to a certain citizen. The other belonged to a member of the certain committee who controlled the police force. The ordinary citizen was given a tag by the policeman on the beat. The member of the committee was requested to move his car to the right side, or around the corner. They say that nothing like this could take place in Fredericton. Here the law is alike for all citizens, great and small, and our police force use all alike.

An Illinois man recently went out to Nebraska and bought a farm for \$100 an acre. But why bother to go to Nebraska to buy land from farmers? Don't they deliver?

Those High School girls are hard to convince. We told one of them during the rain Tuesday that "April showers bring May flowers," to which she replied, "Oh, yeah!"

The chap who left the full longneck in the Parliament Building must have been absent-minded. Some of the boys who took a chance say it was real good stuff.

Doctors last week informed a blond Hollywood star that she had acute appendicitis. But probably they tell that to all the girls.

Dizzy Dean intimates this may be his last year in baseball. There is a bright future for Dizzy in politics, as a preelection claimant of majorities.

Back to the Land: A letter writer to the Chicago Tribune reports a sidewalk conversation in which a little girl said: "As soon as Mother kills Papa, we're going to move to a farm."

It is found Federal relief funds in New York were used for boon-doggling, the weaving of handy articles from rope. It is conceded the relief distributors have enough rope.

They say the late Ring Lardner invented Dizzy Dean, and maybe if they looked over this Capt. Anthony Eden they'd find the E. Phillips Oppenheim copyright.

Headline to be kept standing for the department of political and financial news: "Another Cockeyed Scheme."

## EXCHANGE PLAN FOR COMMODITIES

BELLEVEILLE, Ont., April 18.—A plan involving the annual exchange between Canada and Great Britain of commodities valued at \$25,000,000 for a period of 15 years has been placed before Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, it was made known here.

The proposal was originally drafted by the Belleville Trade Group. It is understood the proposal has been forwarded to Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, British secretary for the dominions.

The projected commodities exchange, resulted from extensive communication with business organiza-

## Bank Robber Was Caught in Montreal

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It is thought he deposited the income from his hold-ups under his firm name, and in that account.

Many Local Robberies  
The first Nevin-Desrochers "job" was made at the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Cherrier and St. Hubert streets branch.

They locked the manager and five clerks into the vault and scammed off with \$16,000.

After making several trips to the United States, Desrochers returned in December, 1932, to take up residence with his wife at 3559 St. Famille St.

He posed as a fire insurance investigator.

The next robbery pulled off by the paid was at the Beaubien and Chambois streets branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale.

Nevin shot the teller in the hand and once again the staff was locked in the vault.

The time the two thieves went off with \$16,709.

Desrochers remained in New York for two months while Nevin booked passage on the S. S. Paula, of the Grace Line, March 4, 1933.

A luxurious jaunt followed to Havana, the West Indies, through the Panama Canal and finally to Los Angeles.

Always in the company of charming ladies of the high society strata Nevin was immediately popular.

In April, 1933, he returned to Montreal, and the insurance business, and on September 30 of the year he and Desrochers held up the Banque Provinciale branch at the corner of Laurier and Chabot streets, but only netted \$4,000, in cash and \$2,100 in unsigned Travellers' Cheques.

He went to New York and Chicago where he used these stolen cheques to buy lavish Christmas presents for his Montreal friends, among them several ladies.

On January 30, 1934, funds grew low and the daring duo held up the Royal Bank branch at the corner of St. Zotique and Christopher Columbus streets.

In the course of the holdup when Nevin overlooked \$7,000 in one of the drawers an incident occurred which demonstrates the coolness of the man.

There were five people in the bank including one Mr. Baxter, who had a baby in his arms. While locking these people in the vault the baby began to cry.

Nevin playfully twisted its curls while waving the people into the vault with a .45 Colt revolver and said soothingly:

"Don't cry, baby, you'll be out pretty quick!"

## Loose Rubber Episode

It was on the exit that Fate overtook Nevin in the form of a loose rubber.

Two little boys en route to school saw Nevin cross the street to his waiting automobile in company with Desrochers. Nevin who was carrying a brown leather case under his arm with the money in it, was only a few feet from the boys when his rubber slipped off.

He stopped to pick it up and the goggle-eyed boys spotted a huge revolver drop out of the bandit's pocket.

One of the lads had presence of mind enough to take the car's number—H. 18117—and tell his parents, who in turn notified the police after they had read about the hold-up.

It did not take Inspector Brodeur long to piece the whole story together after that.

He raided the office on St. James street, but the girl there knew nothing about her employer.

The house on Sherbrooke street

tions and business men in Wales.

Canadian farm produce and Welsh and Scotch anthracite would be the commodities exchanged, according to the plans drawn up by the Belleville group.

Under the proposed scheme, Canada would agree to import within 15 years, 2,000,000 tons of British anthracite 250,000 tons of coke and 200,000 tons of bituminous coal, which would enter the Dominions free of duty or taxes.

## JUBILEE DINNERS ON C. N. R. LINERS JUBILEE DAY

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 28—

A series of artistically designed menu cards depicting early periods of navigation days by numerous cover illustrations, accompanied by an interesting historical account of man's more primitive efforts in promoting traffic on the seas, has been issued by the Canadian National Steamships. These menu cards will be in use on each "lady" ship at the Jubilee Gala Dinner served aboard on May the Sixth, in honor of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty's accession to the Throne and will serve as an attractive souvenir of the occasion. Some of the subjects dealt with bear titles such as "The Roman Galley Crews being Trained", "Launching the Edinburgh 1825", "The Royal William Leaving Picton, August 1833, which convey picture and word a vivid story of outstanding achievements in the development of early navigation.

All of the "Lady" cruise liners will be at sea or at ports enroute during this period and, in addition to the jubilee gala dinner including choice wines and special dishes, there will be a general time of merriment befitting such an historical event.

The Lady Somers, bound for Bermuda, the Bahama Islands and Jamaica will commence her initial sailing for the season from Montreal on May 1, and will arrive at Bermuda, S. A. M., on May 6 dinner being served in port. The Lady Rodney, in service to the same southern colonies will be on her northbound trip from Jamaica and the Bahamas. She will also be at Bermuda on May 6th and her passengers will have an opportunity of meeting those of the Lady Somers during their stay on the Coral Island.

The Lady Drake, on her Easter cruise voyage to Trinidad, will serve dinner in that port on May 6th and leaves the following night on her northbound voyage via West Indies Islands to Boston and Saint John.

The Lady Nelson sailing from Halifax May 4th via Boston next day for the British West Indies and Demerara will be at sea between Boston and Bermuda on May 6.

The Lady Hawkins in service from Halifax, via Boston to the British West Indies will be at St. Lucia northbound during the forenoon of May 6th and at Dominica in the evening.

netted a small arsenal of revolvers and cartridges, and a large supply of detective story magazines—evidently Nevin's favorite diversion.

Brodeur also picked up Desrochers' trail and raided the St. Famille street residence where he found many snapshots, one of which (himself) appears in this issue.

His taste's ran to women, cabarets, dancing and drinking.

Neither of these bandits ever returned to their home, or the downtown office, and it is felt that they noticed the small boy writing down the number of their automobile license after their last hold-up and, being clever men, decided to abandon everything and get away.

A woman identified as Mary Wallace, 31, of Montreal, was living with Nevin in a swanky Baltimore apartment at the time of his arrest over the week-end while Desrochers' wife the former Vera Dayton, who eloped with the bandit in Elkton, Maryland, last December, is said to have been unaware of her husband's true "profession, 5".

Both of the bandits are fighting extradition proceedings in an attempt to prevent their being brought here, but Inspector Brodeur said that he will have them in Montreal within a few days.

## PARISH CHURCH

Good Friday, April 9th

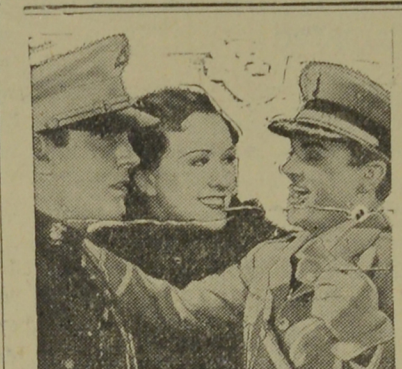
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