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## ALLEGED PLOT TO KIDNAP PREMIER BENNETT

### MORRO CASTLE DESTROYED BY ARSONISTS?

#### SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS AT INQUIRY

Communists And International Band of Radicals Blamed For Setting Fire That Claimed 130 Lives.

(By R. H. Hippelheuser)  
(Copyright, 1934, By The Associated Press)  
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Arsonists destroyed the Morro Castle, the Ward liner's officers testified today at a dramatic federal inquiry into Saturday's disaster. Declaring that on a previous cruise to Havana, an attempt also had been made to fire the ship, acting Captain and Chief Officer William F. Warns said that on Saturday:

"A library locker blew out soon after the smoke was reported by the watchman. I think somebody put something in that locker."

Denies Lightning Theory

Warns declared it was not true, as stated by some survivors, that lightning struck the ship in a storm.

Supporting his superior's charge of incendiarism, Second Officer Clarence Hackney testified that "10 minutes after the fire was reported, there was a flash from the burning locker."

The third officer, Irwin Freeman, saying a cigarette could not possibly have started the devastation, testified:

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- \*\*Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word neatly payable in advance.
- \*\*Show—Hunter River, Monday, L-204-9-8-31.
- \*\*Show—French River Tuesday, L-204-9-8-31.
- \*\*Show—Malpeque, Wednesday, L-204-9-8-31.
- \*\*Dance at Victoria Wednesday night, five orchestras, L-275.
- \*\*Dancing, bingo and other amusements at Highfield tonight, L-2489-9-10-21.
- \*\*Will be leading live poultry at our warehouse Thursday, Sept. 13, from noon until 4 p.m. H. S. McLeod, Vernon River, L-276.
- \*\*Fun at Highfield Ring tonight, dancing, fortune telling, bingo and other amusements and special door prize, L-280.
- \*\*Wednesday night, B. I. S. auction forty-fives start 8 p.m. sharp, followed by dancing, L-281-9-11-21.
- \*\*Dance in Iona Hall, Wednesday, September 12th, in aid of School Fair, L-266-9-11-11.
- \*\*Come to the Dance in Wood Islands Hall, Tuesday, September 11th, Gents 15c. Ladies 10c. L-264-9-11-11.
- \*\*For the remainder of the season, Welcome Inn will serve meals only on appointment, L-270-9-11-11.
- \*\*Ice cream and dance in Kelly's Cross Hall Tuesday night, September 11th, in aid of school, L-251-9-10-21.
- \*\*The Blue Bus Service. On Sept. 15th the Blue Bus will make the last trip to Montague to the pictures and on Sept. 19th the Blue Bus will resume operation on Wednesday's, L-221-9-8-41.
- \*\*If there had been more money put into life insurance, there would have been less money lost. Why not benefit by past experience? We have a plan to suit your every need. Inquire of J. A. Moore, Manager, Sun Life, L-129.

### MANY VEXING PROBLEMS BEFORE LEAGUE MEMBERS

Warning Sounded Of Pending Danger Of War As 15th Assembly Of League Of Nations Convenes.

(By George Hambleton)  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

GENEVA, Sept. 10.—With the warning the world is passing through a deep-seated crisis ringing in their ears, and formalities disposed of, delegates to the 15th session of the general assembly of the League of Nations are ready for the opening of debate tomorrow on problems of the movement.

Edouard Benes, veteran Czechoslovakian statesman and President of the League Council, spoke bluntly when he opened the session of the assembly. There was uncertainty as to what the morrow had in store for every sphere, he said.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Urgency of Unemployment Work Stressed At Last Night's Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the City Council was held last evening with His Worship Mayor Kennedy in the chair. The usual reports were presented and routine business transacted. A letter was read from the Labor Union Council of Charlottetown asking that they be given a chance to tender for any work to be done by the city.

Finances

Coun. Holman presented the finance committee's report. Although there are not so many taxes in arrears as there were this time last year the finances are not yet what is to be desired. Councillor Holman urged that citizens make a special effort to pay both arrears and current taxes.

Councillor Reardon, chairman of the Street Committee, reported that a good deal of patching has been done on the streets. This work he stated is almost finished.

Street Work

Councillor Turner asked for information concerning the securing of a government grant for street work.

Mayor Kennedy replied that it is understood the grant has been approved of at Ottawa, although no direct word has been received as yet. Everything possible is being done to hasten the beginning of the work.

Councillor Hennessey wished to know if there was any prospect of the grant going through before the snow flies.

Councillor Turner also spoke regarding the work which he considered very urgent. He urged that a strong demand be made that it begin at once. In regard to work in Charlottetown during the winter the Council wished to inform the public that no one, not a citizen of Charlottetown, is to be given work this winter until every unemployed man has been given work.

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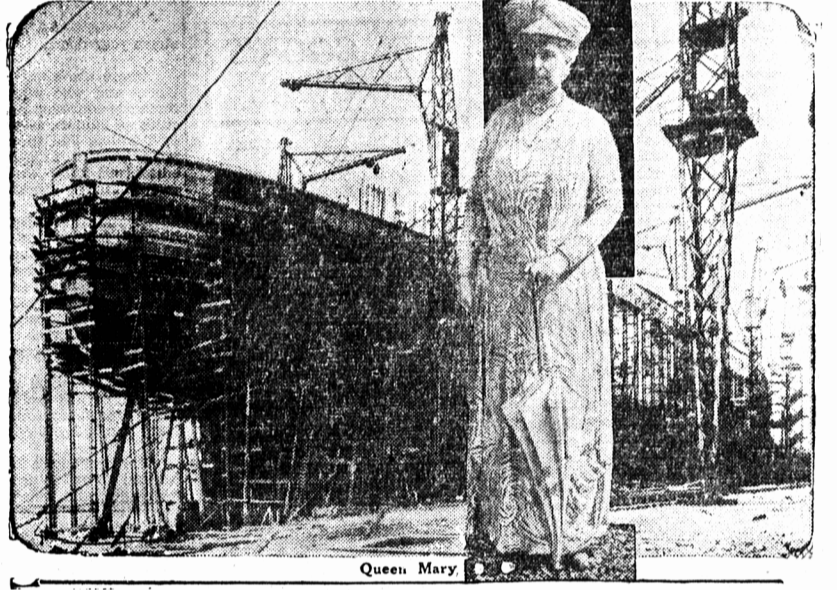
### Tuber Yield Greater, But Limited Market Is Seen

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—Conditions faced by Maritime potato growers were discussed today by the Dominion Marketing Board with J. K. King, New Brunswick Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The Board was told that New Brunswick would have an oversupply of potatoes this year, due to increased acreage and yield. Prince Edward Island also will have a surplus.

In recent years Canada has lost export markets for potatoes. The Hawley-Smoot tariff kept Canadian seed potatoes from entering the United States and Cuba's new trade treaty with Washington will keep Canadian potatoes from that market.

With large crops in the Maritimes this year, it will mean the domestic market must absorb the surplus. The difficulty is that Ontario and

### Britain Vies for Speed Honors With New Ship



Queen Mary

Britain makes her bid for the speed supremacy of the high seas with the launching of the new super liner, now known only as "Number 534", at the Clydebank shipyards, near Glasgow. She will be 1,018 feet long and will cost approximately \$30,000,000. It is hoped this 73,000-ton steel monster will be the fastest liner afloat, and when she goes down the slipway on September 26th it will be a red letter day on the Clydebank. Queen Mary will christen the ship "Princess Eliza" after her favorite granddaughter.

### Extend Arbitration Offer

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 10.—Contentious as hotly waged as the campaign which preceded them developed in the early returns tonight from Maine's biennial election.

Gov. Louis J. Brann, Democrat, whose defeat Republicans demanded as evidence of the state's repudiation of the "new deal" was running neck and neck with his Republican opponent, Alfred K. Ames, with slightly more than one eighth the state reported.

Senator Frederick Hale, Republican, arch opponent of the Roosevelt administration, had a moderate lead over F. Harold Burd, his Democratic rival for the senatorship. Hale was seeking re-election to his fourth term.

Repeal of state constitutional prohibition leaped into an early lead of three to two which was retained as additional returns trickled in.

Eighty six out of 631 election precincts gave for U. S. Senator: Senator Hale, 5,087; Dubord, 4,303. Eighty seven precincts gave for governor: Ames, 5,031; Brann, 4,921.

### Will Rogers In England

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, Sept. 10.—"The English are the smartest white people there is" was Will Rogers' comment on yesterday's game Hyde Park session, when 5,000 Fascists demonstrated and 5,000 anti-Fascists counter-demonstrated with 6,000 police to keep order.

"They will never have Communism, Fascism, Hitlerism, or nudism," the United States cowboy-showman declared, according to The Evening Standard. "They have just built for people that are against something." "Blackshirts were holding their meeting. Two hundred yards away Communists were holding theirs. And in between was all London laughing at both of them."

### PRISON BREAK FRUSTRATED

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 10.—A sharp fusillade from a rifle squad put a sudden end to a daring attempt of four convicts at Stateville prison to commandeer a locomotive today and run their way through from east to west.

Two of the prisoners were killed, another injured critically, and the rest shot.

### Chinese Supplied With Arms By U.S. Government

By Sam Bledsoe,  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—U. S. Senate investigators into high-pressure munitions sales methods today uncovered a frank proposal that the United States government buy war materials from an English firm to help arm the Chinese against Japan.

Along with this went testimony—afterwards denied—that state department officials had advised the American Armaments Corporation of New York to "obtain an injunction against the government" to overcome the embargo on arms shipments to Bolivia and Paraguay.

Once more talk of bribery in connection with munitions sales was heard. At one point testimony was presented that "50 grand"—\$50,000—was to be paid to a cabinet adviser close to the President of Brazil in 1933 for his assistance in putting across a munitions contract for the American Armaments Corporation.

The suggestion that the United States Government might buy some weapons to help arm the Chinese in their struggle against Japan was described as having been made by John Ball, director of the Solely Armament Company, Ltd., of London.

Ball, apparently a cynical philosopher, outlined in a letter to the armaments corporation, the representative of the American Continent for the huge stock of munitions which Solely had obtained through the British government. The stock, Ball wrote, was worth \$30,000,000.

### Ottawa Police In Possession Of Strange Story

Federal Police Deny Knowledge Of Plot—Informant Names Members Of Gang.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—Premier R. B. Bennett was marked as a victim in a kidnapping plot hatched here during the past month, according to a confession which police said they had tonight from one of three men arrested here on a housebreaking charge.

The Prime Minister, according to the story told to Inspector Mortimer Culver of the city detective bureau, was to be snatched from his apartment in the Chateau Laurier Hotel and held for a large ransom.

Police declined to reveal details of the plot nor the name of the man who supposedly signed the confession. Federal police denied knowledge of the plot. The Prime Minister is at Geneva, attending the League of Nations and it is believed he is unaware of the part he was to play in the snatch game.

### Abductors Identified

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
DETROIT, Sept. 10.—Fred W. Frahm, chief of Detroit detectives, announced tonight that two of the kidnapers of John S. Labatt, wealthy London, Ont., brewer, have been identified.

Frahm said Labatt was abducted two of his kidnapers after a study of more than 40 pictures of suspects sent to the Canadian authorities by the Detroit police.

Frahm refused to reveal the names or nationalities of the two men identified by the Canadian brewer but said their records and descriptions had been sent to police throughout Canada and the United States.

### Blame Fire On Radical Organization

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Sept. 10.—The fire authorities of the canal zone tonight began an investigation into the fire of the Grace liner Santa Rita while officers of the vessel blamed "the fire here and also on the Morro Castle" on an international radical organization.

The Santa Rita made port today with a fire in her hold, a fire that was discovered last Friday off the coast of Colombia and which the crew fought more than 48 hours.

Captain Stevenson brought his ship with its fiery cargo into port safely. For the last 50 miles of the trip he was accompanied by a detachment of canal zone firemen who had steamed out to sea on the tug "Favorite" with 70 tons of fire-fighting chemicals in order to quench the blaze in the cargo of cotton, nitrates, wool and coffee.

### The Weather, Etc

Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds; partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; possibly a few light scattered showers.

(Canadian Press)

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Ont., Sept. 10—Minimum and maximum temperatures.	
Dawson	26 68
Edmonton	28 46
Victoria	28 62
Vancouver	51 62
Calgary	24 62
Edmonton	28 62
Winnipeg	44 64
Saskatoon	44 64
Regina	29 68
Winnipeg	28 70
Toronto	57 70
Kingston	55 70
Ottawa	56 70
Montreal	69 70
Quebec	52 68
Saint John	58 68
Halifax	64 68
Charlottetown	61 64

Forecast

Maritime West—Moderate to fresh winds; mostly fair and moderately warm; possibly a few light scattered showers.

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High tide this afternoon at 12:34 and tomorrow evening at 12:24. Sun sets this evening at 6:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:24. First quarter moon, Sunday, Sept. 16th, 7:56 a.m.

Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Week days—Leaving Borden 9 a.m., 1 p.m. (Extra), 5:15 p.m. Leave Tormentine 11 a.m. (Extra) 2:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. daily except Sunday, beginning Monday, May 28.

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