

ALLEGED DOPE RING UNCOVERED

Chinese Caught "Red Handed" In Halifax Cafe With Opium Valued At \$2,000.

(Canadian Press) ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 15.—A story concerning a dope ring alleged to be operating in St. John and Halifax by Chinese, was uncovered by a St. John newspaperman today. Ham Hia, 34, arrested Tuesday afternoon by R. C. M. P. in St. John, is believed implicated, as the charge read against him, when he was remanded in the police court until Saturday morning, was "violation of the Drug and Narcotic Act of 1929." Opium valued at \$2,000 and weighing twenty-seven pounds, it was said, was seized by R. C. M. P. in the Radio Cafe, corner of Sackville and Argyle Streets, Halifax, Tuesday morning. Three Chinese were arrested. A despatch from Halifax in response to an inquiry, said that the opium seized there would be used as evidence against Ham Hia. A local taxi driver R. G. Carson, of Lawnsdowne Ave., took a local Chinese with a parcel to the railway station here Monday at noon. The Chinese had the parcel put on the train going to Halifax. The taxi driver notified Sergeant Detective Fred Lucas of the local Mounties, who hurried to the depot, but arrived too late. The Halifax detachment of Mounties were notified by wire. Apparently they met the Halifax train, located the parcel and decided to wait and catch the consignees "red handed." Tuesday morning when a railway express wagon stopped in front of the Radio Cafe they were watching. The team left, they entered the cafe, investigated the contents of the parcel and found several tins of opium, weighing 27 pounds and valued at \$2,000.

Socialist And Communist Deputies Refuse to Join In

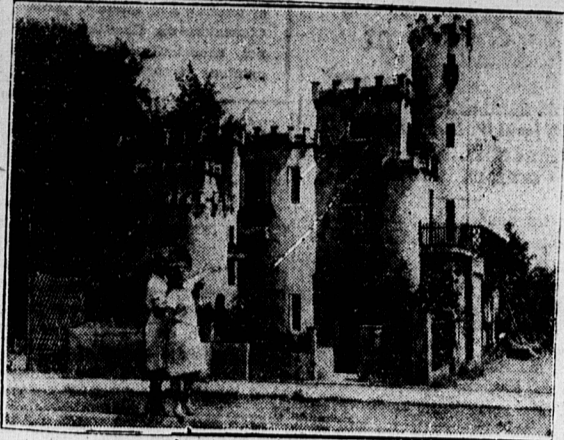
French Chamber Of Deputies Reconvenes In Fighting Mood.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies reconvened after the Christmas recess in a fighting mood today and even at the purely formal opening session there were indications of troubled waters ahead. The first came when many Socialist deputies and all the Communists failed to join in the eulogy of Marshal Joffre, pronounced by Maurice Sibille, dean of the House. The second manifested itself in the sudden opposition that developed to the re-election of Fernand Boulisson, veteran Socialist, as President of the Chamber. His re-election had been expected to be merely a matter of form, but when the ballots were counted it was found he had failed to obtain half the votes polled as was necessary to election. He finally won the second ballot by 261 votes to 220 for Maurice Bouilloux-Lafont. One flippant deputy today deposited a ballot in the urn signed "Albert Oustric, financier, present address, La Sante Prison—for President of the Chamber."

Steals Million From Tomb Of Princess

PEIPING, China, Jan. 15.—Rich loot was plundered from the tomb of a Manchu princess by daring bandits today. The vandals escaped with jewels and priceless relics. The loot was estimated roughly to be worth \$1,000,000. The authorities are searching the hills west of the ancient capital for the desperadoes, who are believed to have fled overland toward the western frontier. The ghouls entered the tomb of the princess despite the guard which keeps close watch over the graves of the erstwhile Manchu rulers of the Celestial empire. The Manchu tombs, like the Ming tombs at Peiping, lie not far outside the city's walls, in a valley near the suburbs.

The Result Of A Whim



The result of a whim. An eccentric, has been the ideal fairy castle for the kiddies of the neighborhood, who use it as a playground. It is typical of the fairy castle of Grimm's fairy tales.

Names Now Mentioned For Governor General's Post

Wealthy, Dies In Breadline

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Julia Coakley, 75 years old, stood in a Brooklyn bread line yesterday and complained about the lack of variety in the free boxes for she couldn't eat vegetables, she said. As an obliging offer, she changed her box for one with more meat, she toppled into the arms of Mrs. Josephine Brown, who had come to help her take the "good home." She died immediately.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Several of the peers who were considered possible successors to Viscount Willingdon as Governor General of Canada are not available for the position. It was learned from a reliable source, The Duke of Abercorn, who has been Governor General of Northern Ireland; the Earl of Athlone, who for the past seven years has been Governor General of South Africa, and the Duke of Atholl were among the prospects, but none of them is available for Rideau Hall, and it is stated the King does not wish to spare his Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Cromer.

FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR MERGER IS CONSIDERED

Canadian National and Pacific Telegraph Systems May Come Together In One Great Unit.

(By J. F. B. Livesay, General Manager of the Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 15.—Amalgamation in a fifty million dollar corporation of the respective commercial telegraph systems of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway, is being considered by the two parties. The Canadian Press understands the proposal has also been put before the Dominion Government at Ottawa. This is the much larger idea behind the statement in Ottawa last Monday of Sir Basil Blackett, chairman of Imperial and International Communications, Limited, "that the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National shall become partners with the I. I. C. in forming a Canadian overseas communication company, which shall include the Canadian Marconi Company."

SOME LIVERS

(Canadian Press) CORNWALL, Vt., Jan. 15.—Here's a short story on longevity. Mrs. C. H. Jones, 80, of Cornwall, Mrs. Lucy Crane, 99 and Mrs. John J. James, 78, both of Weybridge, left yesterday for Lewiston, N. Y. to help their fourth sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jewett Scovell, celebrate her 100th birthday Thursday. All four sisters are in excellent health.

OPENED FIRST RELIEF STATION UNEMPLOYED

Death Ends Career of Great Financier and Philanthropist.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Nathan Straus, internationally known philanthropist, who died of heart failure at his home here on Monday had spent millions on charities. This was Nathan Straus, who in the winter of 1893-94 opened what is believed to have been the first emergency unemployment relief station. There, out of his own fortune, he distributed cards calling for coal, bread and other necessities to the poor at 5 cents a piece. He did not believe in "pauperizing" the people. "They must earn that five cents first," he said. After \$75,000 of his own money had gone into this work J. P. Morgan called Straus to his office and said that, with the understanding his donation would be anonymous, he wanted to give Straus \$50,000 for the work. This was the first time Straus accepted any outside contribution, and for that year 2,217,262 tickets were distributed to the poor.

World's Biggest Airship Built Secretly For Japan, Now En Route From England

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—The biggest flying ship in the world, which was secretly built in England for the Japanese navy, is now en route to Japan aboard the Toyohashi Maru and is due to arrive in Osaka at the end of January. This gigantic metal craft was built in utmost secrecy by Short Bros., through a contract given by the Kawasaki Aircraft Company of Osaka a year ago. It is understood that this craft has the largest wing span of any flying ship in the world and has a total lifting capacity of twenty tons. It is compared to the Do-X craft and could easily carry 200 men, but has been actually designed to carry a crew of only six. This is on account of the specially designed hull which has been modelled for the purpose of carrying delicate freight. The craft is driven by three Rolls Royce engines which are of an entirely new type. The test, which was made in England in the presence of experts from the Kawasaki Company proved to be a complete success and the speed, which is considered as being far above any expectation, is declared far in excess of anything that any flying boat near this size has yet attained.

Japan Being Swept By A Blizzard

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE TO DWELLINGS REPORTED IN NORTHERN JAPAN, AND RAILWAYS PARALYZED BY SIX FEET OF SNOW.

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—A blizzard of unusual severity swept Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Siberia and China yesterday. Widespread damage to dwellings was reported in northern Japan, especially on Hokkaido Island, northernmost of the Japanese chain. Railways were paralyzed, owing to six feet of snow, while telegraph and telephone service was interrupted in Aomori prefecture. Dispatches from northern Japan said on the Goshogaara lines a 60 mile-an-hour gale derailed a train and blew one coach over a cliff. There were no casualties. From Tientsin it was reported three Japanese steamers were ice bound in the Pailho river. Dairen also was in the grip of the blizzard. Thermometers at Mukden registered 20 degrees below zero while Harbin, Manchuria, reported the most severe cold in years.

QUAKE ROCKS MEXICO CITY

(Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—A sharp earthquake, one of the strongest felt in many years, rocked Mexico City at 6:48 o'clock last night. (8:48 p.m. E. S. T.) shaking buildings for more than two minutes and darkening lights. It was not known immediately if any damage resulted, but the city was in great confusion. All residents evacuated buildings frantically for fear they would fall. A peculiar yellow light was seen in the sky at the time, with lightning flashing.

JUDGMENT RE FREIGHT RATES

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.—A re-affirmation of their former decision as to the correct method of computing how the 20 percent cut in Maritime freight should be arrived at is contained in a judgment of the board of railway commissioners, delivered here today. The judgment is rendered by Hon. H. A. McKeown, Chief Commissioner, and concurred in by Mr. Commissioner T. C. Norris. It decrees that on westbound freight traffic, the point of whose origin lies within the "select region," the reduction shall be calculated on the ratio which the distance between that point of origin and the westerly limit of the "select area." Diamond Junction, bears to the whole distance from the point of origin to the ultimate destination. That is to say, a commodity transported, for example, from Moncton, N. B., to Calgary, Alta., enjoys the 20 percent freight reduction, not on the entire Moncton-Calgary rate, but on that proportion of the Moncton-Calgary rate, which that commodity bears on the distance between Moncton and Diamond Junction (or Le Pas, Que.).

All Not Serene

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 15.—The atmosphere of domestic tranquility that surrounded General Jose Gonzales Escobar and his wife, Concepcion Escobar, who came here from El Paso, Texas, to seek legal separation from her husband and found a happy reconciliation, was rudely disturbed this afternoon, when the former Mexican rebel leader was arrested and placed in a police station. His arrest was a warrant secured by G. L. Vowell, El Paso attorney, on a false pretence charge involving \$15,000. Vowell came to Montreal as legal adviser to Senora Escobar. The charge against Escobar is that prior to the unsuccessful revolution in Mexico, which he led in 1929, he had secured goods from the El Paso firm of V. Andres, which he had never paid for.

Boiled Grass Was Fliers Diet

AL-E SPRINGS, Northern Territory, Australia, Jan. 15.—Two aviators lost in the central Australian desert for more than two weeks were brought in here today by rescuers with a story of how they had lived on malted milk tablets, boiled grass and even tadpoles, now and then while they wandered toward civilization through a trackless wild. They are Capt. W. L. Pittenburgh and S. J. Hambre, who started out for some mining properties last December and were forced down in the desert on December 20. A searching plane located them on Saturday and a rescue party in automobiles went out to get them. They were weak and exhausted today but otherwise uninjured.

Will Continue As Finance Minister

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.—It appears to be generally understood in Government circles that for the coming session, the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett will continue as Minister of Finance. The financial situation of the country calls for particular attention at this time and remedial measures of the highest importance will have to be developed. Then there is the question of tariff revision which may be general or limited. Life is a hurdle race over the financial side.

VI SCOUNTESS WILLINGDON VERY GRATEFUL

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.—Intense pride and gratitude was expressed by Viscountess Willingdon in the gift which is to be presented to her on behalf of Canadian womanhood. The gratification of her Excellency was voiced in a communication read to a delegation, which waited upon her a short time before she left the Capital at noon with the departing Governor-General on the first leg of their long journey to Britain and thence to India. Miss Mildred Bennett, sister of the Prime Minister, as national convention for the "Lady Willingdon presentation committee," read a letter stating the presentation would be a token from the women of Canada of their esteem and gratitude for the encouragement and co-operation of her Excellency in the matters of national welfare.

Cars Take Heavy Toll Of Lives In U. S.

(Canadian Press) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 15.—There were 32,500 motor vehicle deaths in the United States in 1930, the National Safety Council estimated today. This figure represented an increase of four per cent, for approximately 1,300 deaths over the 1929 period of 31,215. Reports from thirty-two states formed the basis of the estimate.

Four Day Mail Between Gt. Britain And Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Four day mail transmission between Great Britain and Canada is seen by post office officials as a reasonable expectation within the next year, or so, while the development of aviation may find letters from London delivered in Vancouver within two and a half days.

Conservative Won Edmonton By-Election

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 15.—Col. F. C. Jamieson had MAJORITIES OF 2,500 OVER LABOR CANDIDATE, HIS NEAREST OPPONENT. EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 15.—Col. F. C. Jamieson, K. C. Conservative was elected to fill the vacancy in the Alberta Legislature created by the death of Colonel C. W. Weaver, Conservative, in the by-election for Edmonton constituency held Friday. A third and final count in the alternative vote system gave Jamieson a majority of 2,570 over Elmer E. Roper, Labor, his nearest opponent in the field of four. A total of 17,356 votes were cast, Captain J. C. Bowen, Liberal, and Jan Lakeman, Communist, were the third and fourth candidates in the field.

\$150,000 Fire

(Special to the Guardian) TIMMINS, Ont., Jan. 15.—With the thermometer fifteen below zero and a high wind blowing, Timmins Fire Department were faced at 1:30 a. m. yesterday with a fire that wiped out the principal stores on the south side of the main avenue of one of the principal business streets of the town. The damage to buildings and stock is roughly estimated at \$150,000. Details of how much of the damage is covered by insurance is not yet known.

Antique Was Worth \$36,000

(Canadian Press) SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 15.—A fortune of \$36,000 literally dropped into the lap of Dr. Robert A. Baldwin, Springfield dentist, it is revealed. A secret drawer in an antique, purchased by the dentist three years ago in the settlement of the estate of Miss Cornelia A. Dean, of this city, dropped out while the piece of furniture was being moved. The contents consisted of negotiable bonds, diamonds, jewelry and silverware.

Adverse Trade Balance Shown

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An increase of £5,322,319 (about \$27,177,471) in Britain's adverse trade balance for 1930 as compared with 1929, was revealed in Board of Trade statistics issued yesterday. The balances were £37,303,969 for 1930 and £31,981,650 for 1929. Large reductions in total imports and exports also were shown. The imports for 1929 being £1,044,840,194, against £1,220,765,300 in the previous year. Exports ran £67,533,225 and £89,051,150 respectively.

James Leightizer Is New President

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 15.—J. Leightizer, Assistant General Manager of the Prince Edward Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association, Charlottetown, P. E. I., was elected President at the closing sessions today of the 19th convention of the Canadian Produce Association. Guelph, Ont., was selected as the scene of the next annual convention. Other officials for 1931 include Lorne Marshall, Toronto, first Vice President; J. T. Madden, Toronto, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors, A. M. Tingley, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

College Comment

ACADIA WOLFVILLE, N. S., Jan. 13.—Acadia University students resumed work following the Christmas holidays on Jan. 7. During the chapel hour Wednesday morning Dr. S. Spidle was the speaker to the general assembly. Dr. Spidle took for his subject, "How East to Prepare for Examinations." His address was very timely, with mid-year exams looming on the horizon. These examinations begin Jan. 22 and end Feb. 2. A provisional schedule has already been posted. The Ralph M. Hunt oratorical contest, which was postponed from Dec. 12, will be held in University Hall Jan. 16. Miss Gwen Patterson returned to Norwich, Conn., on Friday after spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson. Professor and Mrs. Sutherland spent the holiday season in Boston. Miss Runge, of the Conservatory staff, spent the vacation in Boston and New York. Prof. Hilborn and Pro. Thomas returned on Tuesday after spending the Christmas season in Ontario. Mrs. Blanch McLean, dean of women, returned Tuesday from New York, where she spent the vacation with her family at the home of her son, Mansel. Messrs. Eaton, Cowie and Mahaney, medical students at Dalhousie University, returned this week to resume their studies after spending the holidays at their homes here. Carl Eaton, student at Harvard Dental College, has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Eaton, and returned on Friday. Mrs. Faye Stuart left this week for New York and Washington. Later, she will go to Florida with her sister, Mrs. Ledford, of St. Louis. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Coleman will occupy Mrs. Stuart's apartment at "The Elms" during the next semester. Miss Frances McNally, dean of the school of household science of Acadia University, was in Toronto during the holidays, attending a home economics conference. Miss Jean Shaw, who is taking a secretarial course at Simmons College, spent the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shaw. Austin A. Chute, of Newton, Mass., spent a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Chute, recently. Rev. G. G. Blakney, of Corning, N. Y., and Rev. E. M. Blakney, of Pittsburgh, Pa., have been spending a week in town, called by the illness of their father, A. W. Blakney. Graham Patriquin spent a few days with his parents en route from

Miramichi Smelt Fishermen Suffered Heavy Losses

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 15.—Loss of \$75,000 to \$100,000 has been suffered by the smelt fishermen in the Miramichi area in the last month through breaking ice and high tides, it was reported today by A. L. Barry, Newcastle fisheries supervisor for the eastern coast of New Brunswick. Approximately 1,775 fishing nets have been swept away. The seriousness of the situation varies according to the individual fishermen. Mr. Marry said, some of them depend to a large extent on the winter's fishing to provide for their families through a large part of the year and they will suffer the most. Many are farmers, and although their incomes will necessarily be curtailed by loss of their gear and subsequent fish catches, they will not be affected to such an extent.