

# ESCAPED CONVICTS ROB BRANCH BANK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Ryan, Simpson, Brown and Bryant, Who Recently Scaled Portsmouth Penitentiary Wall, Are Identified as Perpetrators of St. Clair Avenue Hold-up.

A despatch from Toronto says:—Four men, believed to be Gordon Simpson, Thomas Brown, Alfred Slade and Arthur Ryan, convicts, who made a sensational escape from the Kingston Penitentiary three weeks ago, staged a hold-up about one o'clock on Thursday in the Oakwood-St. Clair branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and made good their escape with between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

The manager of the bank, Percy O. Oke, was temporarily knocked out by a blow on the head and the three other members of the staff were herded into the manager's office while the robbers took possession of the teller's cage.

Three of the robbers entered the bank and it is supposed that the fourth man, Ryan, remained in charge of the Overland car in which the quartette made their escape. Inspector of Detectives George Guthrie stated that the bank staff had furnished the police department with descriptions of the men which tally with those of the escaped convicts from Kingston, three of whom are well-known to the local police. Within a few minutes after the police learned of the robbery, all available detectives and plainclothesmen were scouring the city in search of the fleeing robbers. Special officers were despatched to watch the railway stations and all avenues affording an

exit from the city.

Staged During Luncheon Hour. The hold-up was staged during luncheon hour at the bank, when the vaults were locked, which accounts for the small amount secured by the robbers.

The three men, who were members of the staff in the bank, but the latter were caught unaware by the robbers who had them covered with their guns before they had a chance to make a move towards the places where rested the revolvers, loaded and ready for use. Manager Oke was clubbed over the head with a blunt instrument of some kind which the police have reason to believe was the butt-end of a revolver. Mr. Oke recovered consciousness before the trio left the bank, but was carefully guarded by one of the men.

The entire staff was paraded into the manager's office and ordered to "keep their mouths closed" or they would be shot down. Powerless to act and without chance of getting outside assistance, as the telephone wires had been disconnected, the manager and his staff were obliged to watch the robbers hurriedly empty the cash drawers. Following the entry of the robbers to the bank one customer appeared on the scene to make a deposit, and he, likewise, was compelled to stand by and do as he was instructed.



IN THE WILD AND WOOLLY  
His Royal Highness did not succumb to environment.  
—From London Opinion.

## Dominion News in Brief

### DOMINION NEWS

Sydney, N.S.—It is reported that the British Empire Steel Corporation plans to put in operation the battery of coke ovens erected two years ago by the Koppers Corporation. There are 120 ovens in operation at the plant at present, but according to present plans 80 more will be put into operation. It is planned to supply the Upper Canadian market with coke for domestic purposes.

Fredericton, N.B.—It is expected that the tourist record for 1923 will show that 1,000 more cars visited New Brunswick this year than for 1922. It is considered that this is largely due to the efforts at publicity which were made this year. It is estimated that the province will have received \$100,000 more this year from the tourist business than it did in 1922.

Montreal, Que.—The leading feature of the fiscal year ending August 31, according to the London Morning Post, was undoubtedly the assumption by Canada of primacy among the wheat exporting countries. Canada provided 40 per cent. of the world's wheat exports, compared with 26 by the United States, whereas in the preceding year the proportions were 26 and 34 respectively.

Ottawa, Ont.—Immigration during August was by far the heaviest in many years. Business interests generally look on this with very great satisfaction, for in addition to increasing the productive forces in the country, it has probably meant the adding of 17,000 or 18,000 to the number of consumers. A good feature of this new tide of immigration is that it is Ottawa, Ont.—Automobiles and other motor vehicles registered throughout the Dominion in 1922 numbered 514,657, an increase of 10.9 per

cent over the previous year, according to a circular issued by the Federal Department of Highway Revenue from registrations and license fees aggregated \$9,279,242 in 1922, an increase of 21 per cent. over 1921.

Regina, Sask.—Following the influx of harvesters to the province of Saskatchewan, wholesale houses report that orders for merchandise are pouring into Regina in a volume equalling the peak trade of the boom days. Import houses are being rushed with orders and wholesale grocery firms report the greatest trade in years.

Edmonton, Alta.—Improvements that warrant much optimism for future business, have been made in the shipping of poultry to Eastern Canada, according to a statement of J. H. Hare, Provincial Poultry Commissioner. Eastern dealers have favorably commented upon recent shipments as having been satisfactory.

Leithbridge, Alta.—It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway will increase the size of its irrigation head-gates at Kimball, in Southern Alberta, by 50 per cent. in anticipation of an increase in area of 40,000 acres in the Leithbridge district.

Victoria, B.C.—Industrial development in Canada from now on will be concentrated on the coast of British Columbia, according to Major D. B. Martyn, Deputy Minister of Industries, who has returned after investigating the industrial situation in the highly industrialized areas of Eastern Canada.

New Westminster, B.C.—Proposals for the development of the Port of New Westminster for the handling of the prairie grain, similar to the development of Vancouver, were presented before the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission here.

## ONLY FOUR DECREES IN RUHR REVOKED

France Wants Tangible Evidence That Germany Has Surrendered.

A despatch from Paris says:—France is still looking for tangible evidence that Germany has ceased passive resistance. It is pointed out only four of some one hundred ordinances have been so far revoked.

It is understood Premier Poincare will insist on formal withdrawal of every one of these decrees. In view of the chaotic situation of the rest of Germany he will refuse to listen to any German proposals until Germany proves her readiness to co-operate in working the Ruhr industries.

A well-informed diplomat was asked if France would consider the German reparations proposals of June 7. "Possibly," he said, "but they must be officially renewed."

M. Poincare is willing to discuss methods of reparations collection with Britain and Belgium, but as a matter of form it is insisted the Reparations Commission is the proper body for discussion of details.

It is recognized here that a moratorium will have to be granted Germany, probably a fairly long one.

## WORKS OUT PRISON SENTENCE WHILE BIG FORTUNE AWAITS HIM

Chicago Man Landed in Workhouse for Launching Confidence Game Inherits Quarter of a Million Dollars.

A despatch from Chicago says:—Ralph Foland, impelled by a desire to get rich quick without any manual labor or overtaxing of his brain, landed in the workhouse for working a confidence game. Friday he was notified that his aunt, Mrs. Emma R. Singer, who died in Pasadena, September 11, had left him \$250,000. The irony of the affair lies in the fact that Foland has been "mugged" as a crook, that he has a police reputation and a criminal record, and that he cannot spend a dollar of his inheritance until he has completed his sentence.

The other half of the \$500,000 estate left by Mrs. Singer is placed in trust for her daughter, Jennie R. Baker, who is supposed to have been drowned in Lake Geneva in 1899. There were no witnesses, and the body was never found. The mother never believed her daughter had drowned and cherished the hope that some day the girl would reappear. Inspired by this hope, she has left the quarter-million dollars in trust for her, should she appear.

## The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.11.

Man. barley—Nominal.

All the above, track, bay ports.

Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.09.

Barley—Nominal.

Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, nominal.

Peas—No. 2, nominal.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$30.25; shorts, per ton, \$23.25; middlings, \$30.25; good feed flour, \$2.20 to \$2.45.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 95c to \$1, outside.

Ont. No. 2 white oats—Nominal.

Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat. in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Toronto basis, \$5.40 to \$5.50; bulk seaboard, \$4.40.

Butter—First pat. in cotton sacks, \$6.70 per bbl.; 2nd pat., \$6.20.

Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14; No. 2, \$13.50; No. 3, \$12.50; mixed, \$11 to \$12.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$9.

Eggs—Finest pasteurized creamery solids, 35 to 36c; prints, 36 to 37c; ordinary creamery solids, 33 to 34c; prints, 33 1/2 to 34c.

Eggs—Extras, 35 to 37c; firsts, 32 to 34c; seconds, 24 to 26c.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 3 1/2 lbs. and over, 24c; chickens, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., 20c; do, under 2 1/2 lbs., 17c; hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 14c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 18c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 15c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 20c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 27 to 29c; cooked hams, 40 to 43c; smoked rolls, 22 to 24c; cottage rolls, 23 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 34c; special brand breakfast bacon, 34 to 38c; backs, boneless, 34 to 40c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$18; 70 to 90 lbs., \$17.50; 90 lbs. and up, \$16.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$36; heavyweight rolls, \$33.

Lard—Pure tierces, 17 to 17 1/2c; tubs, 17 1/2 to 18c; pails, 18 to 18 1/2c; prints, 20c. Shortening, tierces, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; tubs, 15 1/2 to 16c; pails, 16 to 16 1/2c; prints, 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.25 to \$7.75; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$5; do, med., \$3 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3.50; feeding steers, good, \$5.50 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5.25; stockers, good, \$4.50 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; milkers and springers, \$80 to \$120; calves, choice, \$11 to \$2.50; do, med., \$8 to \$10; do, com., \$4 to \$7; do, grassers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; lambs, choice, \$10.75 to \$11.25; do, bucks, \$9.25 to \$9.75; do, com., \$8 to \$8.50; sheep, light ewes, good, \$6 to \$7; do, fat, heavy, \$4 to \$5; do, culis, \$2 to \$2.50; hogs, thick, smooth, F.W., \$9.25; do, fat, \$8.75; do, country hogs, \$8.50; do, select, \$10.20.

MONTREAL.

Corn, Am. No. 2 yellow, \$1.05. Oats,

Can. west. No. 2, 58 1/2 to 59c; do, No. 3, 57 to 57 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 55 to 56 1/2c; No. 2 local white, 55 to 55 1/2c; Flour, Man. spring wheat, 1st, \$6.70; 2nd, \$6.20; strong bakers', \$6; winter pats., choice, \$5.75 to \$5.85. Rolled oats, bag, 90 lbs., \$3.15. Bran, \$30.25. Shorts, \$33.25. Middlings, \$34.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$15.

Calves, good veals, up to \$10; grass calves, \$3 to \$4.50. Hogs, thick, sm'ths, and upgraded lots, \$9.50 to \$9.75; do, select bacon hogs graded out, \$10.35.

## OPEN SAFETY PIN TAKEN FROM THROAT

Operation Performed in New York Saved Baby's Life.

A despatch from Philadelphia says:—A race of more than 800 miles and an operation by Dr. Chevalier Jackson, professor of laryngology at Jefferson Medical College. In removing an open safety pin from the throat of a five-months old baby saved the infant's life.

Little William W. Johnson, Jr., lay pale and wan on a bed in the hospital when Dr. Jackson entered the room. Five minutes later he was gurgling at his happy mother, while Dr. Jackson was receiving the fervent congratulations of the father, who is principal of Stonewall Jackson Manual Training School, Concord, N.C.

Dr. Jackson used the bronchoscope, his own invention. No anaesthetic was required and the operation was pronounced a complete success.



To Pick Canada's Art Exhibits  
E. Wray Grier, R.C.A., a famous Canadian painter, who will be one of the committee to judge the pictures submitted for display at the Canadian Exhibit at the Empire Exhibition in England next summer. Entries are already being received.



Dictator of Spain.  
Primo Rivera, who has placed himself at the head of the new military government of Spain. He has abolished trial by jury.

## TRAIN IN WYOMING PLUNGES INTO CREEK

Unknown Number of Victims Still in the Submerged Cars.

A despatch from Casper, Wyo., says:—An unknown number of victims of the wreck of the Burlington's Casper-Denver passenger train No. 30, wrecked Friday night near Lockett, Wyo., still were in the submerged cars of the wrecked train. A conservative estimate of the dead is believed to be forty, some persons maintaining that many others lost their lives, while railroad authorities say fewer were lost.

The train, composed of a locomotive, baggage car, mail and express cars, two day coaches and two Pullmans plunged through a bridge across Coal Creek shortly after leaving here (at 8.30 o'clock.) The train was made up in Casper and was due to arrive in Denver at 10.05 o'clock in the morning. All the train except the rear Pullman dropped into the creek, which was over its banks because of recent rains.

Rescue workers, rendered helpless by rain and snow that fell intermittently throughout the day and the irresistible torrent that was surging through the normally dry creek bed, stood by, unable to do anything. Out of the eighty persons believed to have been on the train, about 40 have been accounted for.

## 67,000 Houses Per Year Being Erected in Britain.

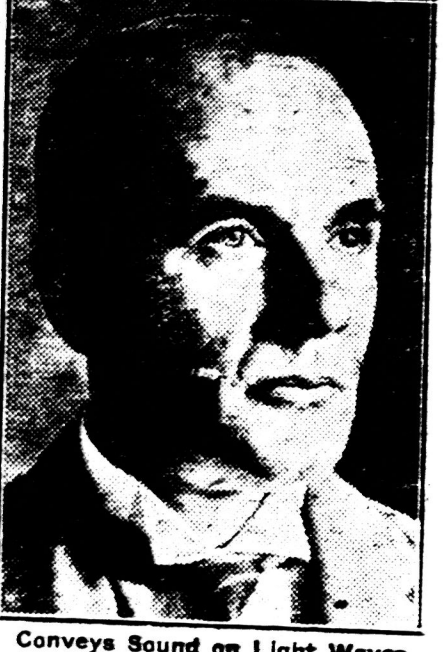
Houses are being built in England and Wales at the rate of 67,000 a year. About half of this number are constructed under the Government housing plan, whereby the Government pays a percentage of the cost. The remainder are being erected by private enterprise. Shelter will be provided for 340,000 people.

## Eight Are Killed in Nebraska City

A despatch from Louisville, Neb., says:—Eight persons were killed and thousands of dollars' worth of damage done when a cloudburst struck this city Friday night.

The eight dead are members of the family of Mack Gavern, in whose house they were congregated when the cloudburst struck the city.

A despatch from Sheridan, Wyo., says:—One life lost and damage in excess of \$200,000 was reported Friday night to be the result of the flood in Big Goose and Little Goose Creeks, which overflowed their banks. The northern and eastern sections of the city were flooded with two to four feet of water.



Conveys Sound on Light Waves  
A. R. Rankine, an English inventor, who has succeeded in conveying speech by means of light rays. His invention may revolutionize the transmission of speech.

## Three U.S. Vessels Leave Fort William With Grain

A despatch from Fort William, Ont., says:—Seven vessels took 739,000 bushels of wheat, 84,000 oats, 45,000 barley and 50,000 of flax last week. Included among these were three United States boats, the Luzon, Cletus Schneider and the Lewiston, which all cleared for Buffalo with wheat. Seven boats are loading now, of which three are United States vessels, and ten more boats are reported on their way up the lakes light for grain. It is reported by grain men that there is plenty of tonnage coming to fill orders, and that even yet there is some trouble in picking up a cargo without moving from one house to another several times, owing to the variety of grades and the small quantity as yet in store.

## Tornado in Iowa City Takes Toll of Death

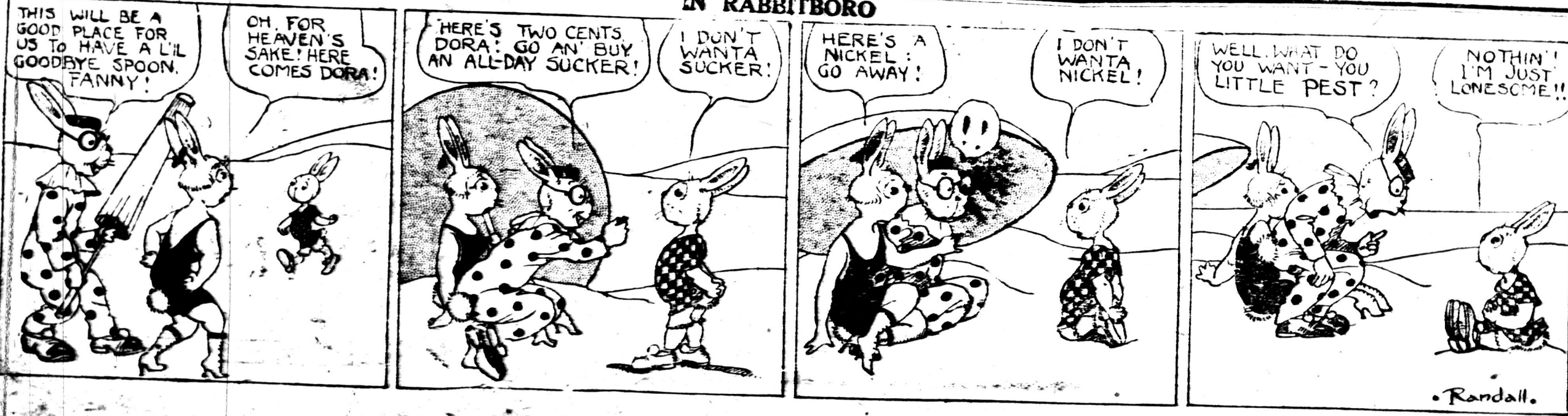
A despatch from Council Bluffs, Iowa, says:—Four persons are known to have been killed, and a fifth is reported to have been killed in the tornado which struck this city Friday night, uprooting trees, blowing down houses and sheds. Four of the dead were killed when their home collapsed. They are a woman and three children. The rear of the Strand Theatre, on the bank of Indian Creek, collapsed, but no one, it was said, was injured.

## \$20,000 Gems Looted by Daylight Robbers

A despatch from Detroit says:—A daylight gem robbery, the second within 24 hours, occurred here, when two armed men entered the shop of the Detroit Gold Refiners, 402 Capitol Theatre Building, and having herded seven men who were in the store into a closet, escaped with loot valued at between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The two robbers were aided by a third, who acted as lookout at the door of the shop.

## Children Were Injured.

A despatch from Sudbury says:—What might have been a serious accident occurred at Naughton, when two small children of Alfred Noxam received painful injuries as the result of playing with dynamite caps. The father, who works on the road, often kept caps in his home, and the older children arranged a box with the caps to which they set a fuse. The younger children were then dared to take the box out and set it off. In the explosion which followed a boy aged 7 lost the tips of three fingers on the right hand and a 6-year-old girl received injuries in the forehead.



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