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## LIQUOR IMPORTATION MEASURE IS CHECKED

## ONTARIO BANDIT SHOT DEAD LAST NIGHT BY POLICE AT LAKE NIPISSING

### Communication from Hon. A. M. Manson Read in Senate Causes Delay to Temperance Amendment

OTTAWA, May 31.—A letter from Attorney General A. M. Manson, of British Columbia, to the Solicitor General of Canada brought a dramatic check yesterday to the second reading of the bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act to prohibit the importation of liquor to British Columbia by private individuals.

Senator Dandurand, of Quebec, moved the second reading of the bill and read the letter.

Senator Longheed moved an amendment that the second reading of the bill be postponed until "an opportunity be given the present attorney general of British Columbia to establish his serious imputations against members of the Senate and the House of Commons as set out in his letter of January 16 addressed to the Solicitor General of Canada or until an opportunity is given him to withdraw the charges and apologize there for."

The amendment carried by 56 to 24.

### FOREST FIRE ONTARIO TOWN

White River, Near Port Arthur, is Ablaze and People Are Flying

PORT ARTHUR, May 31.—Late this afternoon flames from bush fires entered White River, a small railway divisional town, from the east. People are fleeing, leaving their homes, carrying suit cases and bundles of everything they can take by hand.

A special train is being sent to move them out of the danger zone. The last despatch said the town was ablaze and that women and children were ready on the station platform to leave the place.

### COMMISSIONER OF LIQUOR BOARD IS ON TOUR OF NORTH

Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby, commissioner of the provincial liquor board, arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer Prince George on departmental business in connection with the reviewing of leases and, in certain cases, finding of new premises for the government liquor stores in the north. During his tour Col. Winsby will visit Stewart and Amyox and will return south via the Canadian National railway visiting the interior liquor stores en route.

### BUILDING PERMITS SHOW AN INCREASE

amounted to \$6,810 Value in May as Against \$2,450 in April

Building permits for the month of May amounted to \$6,810 in value being \$4,360 in excess of the total for April, which was \$2,450.

The permits issued during the month were as follows:  
H. G. Belgerson, \$225; G. O. Lowe, \$100; J. McKechnie, \$750; A. Strondahl, \$200; W. Rothwell, \$300; W. Field, \$200; R. A. Harlow, \$135; B. Johnson, \$700; E. Clapp, \$400; G. B. White, \$100; C. E. Johnson, \$1,000; W. Putnam, \$1,500; McCaffery-Gibbons, \$1,000.

### PETROGRAD OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED

Many Killed When Panicky Rush is Made for Exits of Famous Auditorium

HELSINGFORS, May 31.—The Petrograd Opera House has been destroyed by fire. Many in the audience were killed during a panic-stricken rush for the exits.

OTTAWA, May 31.—The Government's decision in the matter of withdrawing from American fishing vessels the right to use Canadian ports will not be reached for a week or so, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, told the House of Commons yesterday.

He said the matter had been before the cabinet several times and was being thoroughly canvassed from every angle.

**Charges Made**

In the course of his letter Attorney-General Manson makes the charge that "a tremendous lobby will be carried on against this legislation and the lobby can take by hand. A special train is being sent to move them out of the danger zone. The last despatch said the town was ablaze and that women and children were ready on the station platform to leave the place."

The letter further makes the observation that "You need a Liberal in British Columbia and you need it badly. If the Liberals are to retain office they must retain their good name and there is no more vulnerable point than the handling of the liquor traffic from a purely political standpoint."

**Dandurand Shocked**

Senator Dandurand said he was shocked at the statements in the letter and he did not believe them accurate. He said that all agreed export houses should be stopped.

Senator Longheed said he believed everyone in the Senate would resent the imputations and that it was the duty of all to vindicate their honor.

Sir George Foster declared that it was incomprehensible for a man of Mr. Manson's standing to write such a letter.

### JAPAN ALSO PROTESTS AMERICAN LIQUOR LAW

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Japan today joined the group of foreign powers which have made representations to the State Department in connection with the Supreme Court decision prohibiting the carrying of liquor by ships calling at United States ports.

### SUB. FLOTILLA ON CRUISE TO ALASKA

(Special to Daily News)

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Secretary of the Navy Denby has officially approved the sending of a squadron of six United States submarines from the Pacific on a cruise to Alaska starting about July 9.

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### MRS. FRYE ACQUITTED

Told Distressing Story of Persecution and Brutality at Trial

KAMLOOPS, May 31.—Mrs. Fred Frye, charged with the murder of her husband by shooting in the home at Albreda last winter, was found not guilty by the jury after a trial lasting one day and she has been released from custody.

Mrs. Frye, placed on the witness stand, told a distressing story of persecution and brutality which extended over a period of many months prior to the date of the shooting which had been in self-defence. On the day of the shooting she said her husband had threatened to wipe out the whole family.

### TOMMY MILTON WON BIG RACE

First Time in History Former Winner Repeats Victory at Indianapolis Speedway

HARRY HARTZ SECOND; JIMMY MURPHY THIRD

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Tommy Milton, of St. Paul, Minnesota, yesterday won the five hundred mile automobile race at the Indianapolis Speedway repeating his victory of 1921 before a crowd of 150,000 people, the greatest throng that ever witnessed a sporting event in this country. Harry Hartz, of Los Angeles, second in the 1922 race, was second again this year, finishing five miles behind the winner. Jimmy Murphy, who won last year, finished third, seventeen miles behind Milton.

Milton's time was 5 hours 28 minutes and 6.27 seconds, and average of 94.4 miles an hour. This is the first time in the history of the race that a former winner repeated his triumph.

Milton will receive about \$35,000.

Twenty-four cars started and ten finished, two German and eight American machines.



Attorney General Manson, whose liquor amendment gets temporary set-back in Red Chamber.

### Manson Says no Reflection on Senate or Parliament Intended in Letter to Solicitor General

VICTORIA, May 31.—When shown the despatch advising of the action of the Senate regarding the Temperance Act amendment, Attorney General Manson this afternoon expressed his regret that the Senate had found anything in his letter of January 16 to Solicitor General D. D. McKenzie which could be construed in any way as reflecting upon the Senate or the parliament of Canada. It was a personal letter, he said, and the paragraph complained of was intended to warn the Solicitor General of attempts that might be made by liquor interests to block the legislation.

"I would be loath to believe," Mr. Manson said, "that any member of the Senate or House could be debauched but to be forewarned is to be forearmed."

In British Columbia, he said, the liquor export houses had at stake possibly from one to two million dollars annual profits which would be wiped out if the legislation passed.

### NEW LOW LEVEL GERMAN MARKS

Quoted at .0014 1/2 or 70,175 to the American Dollar

NEW YORK, May 31.—German marks today fell to a new low record dropping two and a half points during the holiday. They are quoted at .0014 1/2 or 70,175 to the American dollar.

### DUNDEE IS BEATEN BY JACK BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK, May 31.—Jack Bernstein, of Yonkers, won the junior lightweight championship of the world here last night when he was awarded a judge's decision over Johnny Dundee after fifteen rounds.

Twenty-four cars started and ten finished, two German and eight American machines.

### Sensational Career of Leo Rogers, Desperado, Closes with His Death

NORTH BAY, Ont., May 31.—Leo Rogers, who had been at liberty for a fortnight since his escape from the courtroom here and who had since murdered two policemen and wounded a third, was shot dead last night near Nipissing.

The capture and death of Rogers brings to a close one of the most sensational and tragic affairs in Ontario police history. Yesterday he was finally surrounded in the bush by posses of police, aided by large reinforcements from the provincial department. On account of his desperate actions of the past fortnight, the resolve was to get him dead or alive without risking the possibility of further killings at his hands.

**The Final Scene**

Rogers was seen traversing Lake Nipissing in a stolen motor boat. A woodsman travelled miles to notify the police who, going twelve strong to the shore, found the fugitive sitting in the beached boat, washing blood from his scratched face. Inspector Storey fired and the eleven other policemen pumped bullets into the desperado who, slowly standing up and reaching for his rifle, fell dead.

The body was brought to North Bay where crowds rushed to the pier to get a glimpse of the remains of Rogers and those of Sergeant Urquhart who fell victim to Rogers' bullet earlier in the day.

Rogers was wearing rubber boots and had plenty of ammunition as well as a large parcel of food.

On May 16, Rogers set North Bay agog with excitement when, waving an imitation revolver and crying "Hands up!" he made his escape from the courtroom, partially filled with spectators, where he was being tried on a charge of having dangerous weapons in his possession. On reaching the street, Rogers threatened the driver of a car and forced him to drive to the outskirts of the town. Here he jumped from the car and made for the bush leaving the dummy revolver behind him in the car.

**Kills First Officer.**

The next morning, following an all night chase, Rogers was located in an old farmhouse where he had taken refuge. By this time he was armed to the teeth with a rifle and two automatics. Town Constable Fred Lefebvre, on approaching the house, was shot dead by the bandit. During the night, William McGovern, also of the town police force, was shot seriously.

Terrorizing the country for weeks, Rogers was again located on Tuesday night of this week at the home of his father. Police surrounded the house and Provincial Sergeant John Urquhart approached the front doors. The sergeant was shot dead, the second officer to be killed by the fugitive. Rogers again made for the bush but was surrounded near Nipissing and was shot dead last night on making his next appearance.

**Long Record of Crime**

Rogers, who was born in England of Polish parentage and who was 24 years of age, had a long record of crime. As a boy he fed his mind on books of the Jesse James and Nick Carter type. After his first arrest he confessed to having planned the robbery of the C.P.R. station and post office. He escaped once while his case was remanded and was arrested at Sudbury after a fierce struggle in which a knife was used. He is said to have declared that no prison could hold him. Sentenced to a term at

Kingston penitentiary for burglary and shopbreaking at North Bay, while in prison he made a murderous attack on a guard and escaped but was later recaptured and completed his term.

His last arrest was made at North Bay by Constable Lefebvre, whom he afterwards killed. When reporting to the police, as required by the Parole Board, he was questioned by Lefebvre as to a robbery that had occurred the day before. Turning pale, he made a move for the guns in his possession but the move was frustrated by the officer. The guns were discovered and Rogers was arrested. His subsequent actions were as recorded.

Rogers' father faces a charge of aiding and abetting in his escape. His mother is prostrated over the news of his death.

### RUSSIA OFFER BEEN ACCEPTED

London Herald Declares Britain Satisfied With Compensation For Recent Acts

LONDON, May 31.—The Daily Herald, the Labor organ, says that the British reply to Russia accepts with slight reservations Russia's offer regarding payments of compensation for the seizure of British trawlers, for the execution of Charles Davison, and for the arrest and detention of Mrs. Harding, newspaper correspondent, as well as for the withdrawal of two Russian notes which the British consider offensive. The British express their willingness to call an international conference for the settling of fishing rights in territorial waters.

### MADAME MELBA TO PARLIAMENT

Australian Nightingale Says She is Not Opposed to Idea

LONDON, May 31.—Madame Nellie Melba, the prima donna, contemplates seeking election to the British parliament. "The idea has been suggested to me," she said, "and I am not opposed to it. After all I can speak well and I have a few brains."

### PRESIDENT HARDING TO VISIT VANCOUVER JULY 26 AFTER ALASKA TRIP

VANCOUVER, May 31.—Definite word received this morning from Washington fixes the date of the visit of President Harding, of the United States to this city as Thursday, July 26, on his return from Alaska on the United States transport Henderson.

### BRITISH SHIPS REACH RUSSIA

Opinion is Divided as to Significance of Their Arrival

MOSCOW, May 31.—Newspapers report the arrival off the Murmansk coast of two British cruisers, a gunboat and several armed trawlers. Opinion is divided as to the significance of their advent.

It is understood that Lord Curzon is still insisting on the withdrawal of Russian representatives from Persia.

### LEAGUE BASEBALL

AFTERNOON SCORES

**American League**  
Boston 6, Philadelphia 2.  
Cleveland 2, Chicago 7.  
St. Louis 3, Detroit 4.  
New York 9, Washington 5.

**National League**  
Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 10.  
Philadelphia 6, Boston 1.  
Brooklyn 6, New York 9.  
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 9.

**Coast League**  
Vernon 1-1, Los Angeles 2-3.  
Oakland 3-4, San Francisco, 13-5.  
Sacramento 9-10, Portland 3-7.  
Salt Lake City 0-4; Seattle 8-5.