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## Transportation Lines Resuming As Eastern States Count 70 Dead

PHILADELPHIA'S \$1,000,000 FIRE TURNS OUT AFTER 400 FIREMEN BATTLE FLAMES AND ELEMENTS  
NEW YORK (CP)—Transportation links in the New York metropolitan area hurdled their greatest today as millions straggled back to their jobs for the first time since Friday's devastating snow-hit an area extending from Maine to Washing-

## 15 MORE DEAD IN HOLY LAND

JERUSALEM (CP)—At least 12 Arabs, two British constables and one Jew were killed in a clash at Jerusalem's historic Damascus gate today after Jews hurled grenades and sprayed an Arab bus with machine-gun bullets.  
Police said the melee started when occupants of a Jewish taxi heaved a grenade into a crowded street near the massive stone gate and machine-gunned an Arab bus preparing to leave for the Arab town of Hablul.  
Other violence of the day added further casualties. In Bethlehem an Arab doctor was shot to death not far from the Church of Nativity.  
The dead in the Palestine communal violence now totals 424 since November 29.

## TURNED LOVER KILLS FOUR AND TAKES OWN LIFE

Man Turns Shotgun Relatives After Jealous  
MONTREAL (CP)—A jealous man turned a spurned lover into a spurned relative as he shot four relatives and himself Saturday, police stated.

## REDS CLOSING IN ON MUKDEN

NANKING (CP)—Artillery fire was heard by besieged Mukden as one Communist force penetrated to within 12 miles of the big Manchurian city today.  
It was one of the strongest frontal attacks of the current campaign.  
National government bombers reported causing heavy losses among the Reds and one report said 5,000 Communists were killed in battle around Sinlitan, 70 miles west of Mukden.

## WALTER LETSON KILLED SHOTGUN

WALTER LETSON, 45, was shot on his three children and Mrs. Letson and committed suicide.  
The five bodies were found Friday night in the Letson home at the same house, who through the slayings.  
The 17-year-old Eleanor Letson said she thought Walter was jealous because she went to school with Wilson Letson.

## MORMONS OUST JOHN BLACKMORE

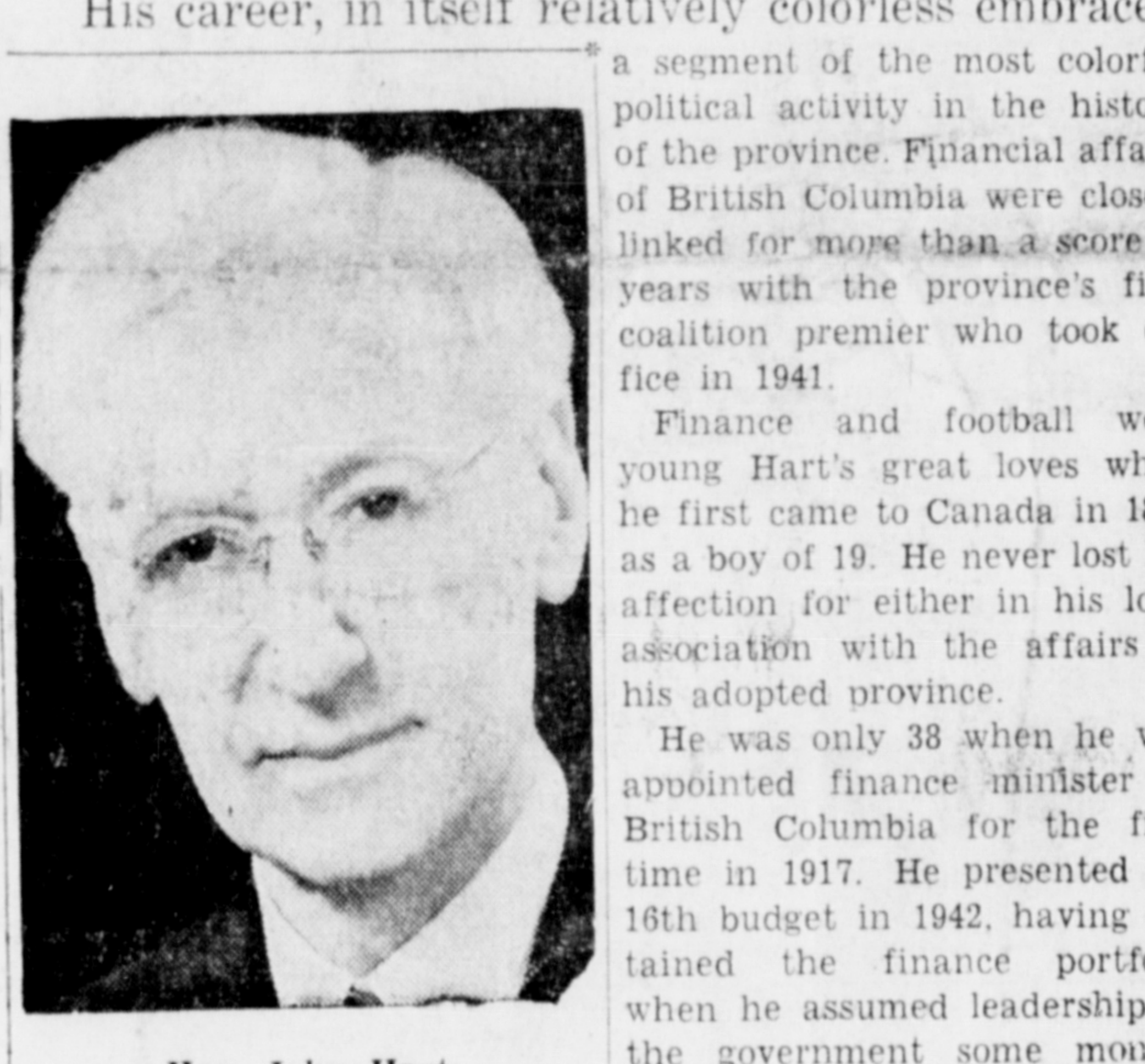
LETHBRIDGE—Officials in Alberta of the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) have concluded that John Blackmore, a local Credit member of parliament for Lethbridge, has been excommunicated.  
The ruling of excommunication was made by the church on the charge that Mr. Blackmore was "teaching and propagating the doctrine of plural marriage contrary to the present teaching of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints."  
Blackmore, first leader of the Social Credit group in the province of Commons and who preceded Solon Low, said in a statement: "I definitely declare I have done no wrong."  
He denied the charge, "I merely discussed and defended the doctrine of plural marriage as a political principle."



SEARCHING ARABS FOR ARMS—A turbaned Arab is searched for arms by a member of the "El Haidad," an Arabian security organization, as he enters a street in Jerusalem. This group is aiding a similar Jewish organization and British police in trying to keep peace in the Holy Land.

## B.C.'s 'Financial Wizard' Retires From Active Politics at Age of 68

VICTORIA (CP)—Honored in British Columbia's politics because of his financial ability and leadership, Premier John Hart, 68, who came to Canada from Ireland as an immigrant boy at the turn of the century, today retired from active politics.  
His career, in itself relatively colorless embraced a segment of the most colorful political activity in the history of the province. Financial affairs of British Columbia were closely linked for more than a score of years with the province's first coalition premier who took office in 1941.



Hon. John Hart

STEPS DOWN—British Columbia's "financial wizard" who became this province's premier in 1941 after 20 years as Minister of finance, today resigned his office in favor of Byron "Boss" John Johnson, new Liberal leader. Mr. Hart plans to resume his place in the brokerage business of which he is a partner in Victoria.  
Through the years John Hart served as finance minister, and later as premier, he held dear the memories of his arrival in Victoria. The morning he came he learned of a football game to be played that afternoon. He didn't know a soul, but he liked football and began kicking the ball around. Asked to join a team he made such a showing that he was asked to travel to Nanaimo, B.C. with the team next day. And he went, he recalled later in life, "although I didn't know where on earth Nanaimo was."  
That was late in 1898. His success story began with the landing of his first job in a Victoria business house. It led him into a partnership in a financial business and, in 1916, into the Legislature. He was made Liberal whip and the following year minister of finance.  
B.C.'S INTEGRITY  
On top of all his financial labors, he continued his boyhood interest in sport and twice won the Northwest Senior Golf Championship. He played a lot  
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## GREEK GOVERNMENT TROOPS SMASH THROUGH REBEL RING

Use Rocket-Firing Spitfire Planes Against Guerrilla Forces  
ATHENS (CP)—City of Konitsa, near the Albanian frontier, menaced for several days by besieging guerrilla forces was relieved today by a brigade of reinforcing Greek government troops which fought its way through rebel lines, government sources announced.  
The relief column was believed to be part of the forces which the government announced yesterday had been hurled into a new offensive smash against the guerrilla drive on Konitsa.  
Government forces are reported to be supported by rocket-firing Spitfire fighters of the Greek air force.

## Snow and Gales For Northern Britain

LONDON (CP)—Snow and gales swept the northern part of Great Britain overnight and a cold northwest air stream covered the country.  
London, by contrast, was basking in brilliant sunshine.

## INDIAN AUTOMOBILES

NEW DELHI, India (CP)—India will soon manufacture her own automobiles. Two plants are being installed in Bombay and one in Calcutta which will have a combined capacity of 20,000 vehicles per annum.  
LONDON (CP)—Member of the Daily Telegraph staff when type was set by hand, A. C. Sealey retired after 53 years' service.

## CAROLS IN GERMAN

WALDESLADE, Kent, England (CP)—Villagers here learned to sing Christmas carols in German so they could entertain prisoners-of-war at a Christmas party.

# Crews of Ill-Fated Rescue Plane And Glider Safe but Condition of Crashed Bomber In North Uncertain

## VICTOR EMMANUEL, EXILED KING OF ITALY, DIES AT ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA (CP)—Victor Emmanuel III, five-foot three-inch king who played yes-man to Mussolini for 20 years and saw Italy crumble in ruins of war, died in exile Sunday of pneumonia.  
The 78-year-old former monarch had lived in Egypt since 1946 when he abdicated the throne he had held since 1900. His wife, former Queen Elena, was at the hospital bedside. Their son, Prince Humbert, who succeeded his father as king for one month, until the Italian people voted down the monarchy, was summoned from Lisbon to help plan the funeral.  
RETURN TO ITALIAN SOIL DENIED KING AND SON  
There is no indication that the body will be returned to Italy to lie in the Pantheon niche once assigned it, for the Constituent Assembly there last March forbade him and Humbert to return to Italian soil and ordered their property confiscated.  
Besides Prince Humbert, Victor Emmanuel and Elena had four daughters.  
In yielding the throne in 1946 he paid the bitter price for his surrender 24 years earlier to Benito Mussolini and his principles of dictatorship.  
The king earned a reputation as a sympathetic monarch, interested in his peoples welfare, during the first part of his rule. When some disaster occurred, he hastened to the scene and personally directed relief. Millions of lire found their way from his private funds to the coffers of charity. He was an idol of the Italians after World War I when he led his nation against Germany and Austria-Hungary.  
On October 24, 1922, Mussolini stood among his followers at Naples and delivered an ultimatum—"give us power peacefully or we shall take it by force." That was the prelude to the theatrical "March on Rome" by his black-shirts. The king defied his ministers by refusing to sign a decree declaring martial law to check it. Shortly after the trek had been completed he summoned Mussolini to form a government.  
BECAME A FIGUREHEAD UNDER BENITO MUSSOLINI  
As soon as the strident dictator took power as premier, the influence of the king began to ebb and he became little more than a figurehead. He allowed Mussolini to dub him "Emperor of Ethiopia" after the conquest of the pitifully equipped and ill trained army of the Ethiopian emperor, Haile Selassie, in 1936. He had backed that conflict as one for Italy's "life, her security and her future."  
But when Mussolini fell upon evil days as the Allies moved up the Italian boot, Victor Emmanuel turned against him. He named Pietro Badoglio premier and denounced the "fascist republic" which the former Duce formed in northern Italy following his rescue from imprisonment by German parachutists from an isolated tourist hotel on a lone mountain peak.

## WOMEN HELPING CANCER BATTLE

MONTREAL (CP)—Brainchild of a dozen Montreal housewives, the Cancer Research Society within two years of its founding has contributed more than \$20,000 in fellowships and bursaries to further research into the dread disease.  
Members of the same bridge club, the women all had done social welfare work. But when several of the group lost friends and relatives through cancer, the idea of aid to cancer research was born.  
Incorporated by the Quebec government late in 1945, the society granted four bursaries to young doctors and researchers in 1946 and seven during 1947. Money is granted without distinction of creed since the society's aim is to aid as many scientists as possible. Mrs. Phillip Caplan, president of the society since its inception, said in an interview.  
With a current membership of more than 1,700, the society has an advisory board of six of Montreal's leading medical men. The bursaries ranging from \$600 to \$4,000 have gone to researchers at the Royal Victoria, Notre Dame, Montreal General and Jewish General hospitals, the Neurological Institute, University of Montreal and McGill University.  
Supported by a \$2 membership fee, the society receives countless donations every week from members as well as interested persons and organizations.

## SEA-GOING DOG NO LANDLUBBER

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mooch, 14 months old, is one of Canada's youngest yet most seasoned seadogs.  
Picked up on the waterfront by sailor Harry Townsend, Mooch, of uncertain and mixed ancestry, joined the crew of the freighter Lake Kootenay a year ago, and since then has visited Australia, England, South America, Fiji, South Sea Islands and Cuba.  
In Vancouver between ships he refused to eat meat, but lapped up a plate of ice cream and cake in record time.  
"He has stacked up well," said shipmate Ronnie Auton. "He won his A.B. (able-bodied seaman) rating and stands watch like an old-timer."  
Sam McGaw, technical owner of the dog, hopes to take Mooch back to the prairies, but his shipmates think otherwise.  
"Sam will never pull that off," said Auton. "Mooch is just waiting for his ship to sail."

## BACHELOR PHILANTHROPIST

FELIXSTOWE, England (CP)—Anonymous donor "Sunny Saxton," who for two years has given \$4,000 (\$16,000) to charities here was recently revealed as D. Moore, 77-year-old bachelor.

## LOCAL TIDES

Tuesday, December 30, 1947

High	3:20	20.6 feet
	15:03	22.6 feet
Low	9:01	7.2 feet
	21:41	1.3 feet

## MIGHTY TRUCKS HAULING OIL REFINERY OVER ALASKA ROAD

EDMONTON (CP)—The 10 heaviest motor vehicles in Canada are rolling night and day along 919 miles of the Alaska Highway between Whitehorse, Y. T. and Dawson Creek in British Columbia this winter. They are a vital link in a transport chain this is lifting a 7,000-ton oil refinery lock, stock and barrel from Whitehorse, where it was built for the United States army 1,350 miles to the rapidly developing Leduc oilfield just south of Edmonton.  
Manned by two drivers—who work in shifts to keep the vehicles constantly in motion—these dreadnaughts of the highway have 21 forward speeds and weigh 20 tons empty. The tortuous Alaska Highway will not support their crunching weight of 60 tons fully loaded until late in the winter when the roadbed is frozen solid.  
When Imperial Oil Company officers discovered that buying the refinery and moving it to Leduc would enable them to go into production 18 months sooner than if they built a brand-new one, they decided to bring the mountain to Mahomet. They paid \$1,002,000 for the "war-surplus" plant, which covered close to 100 acres, and before they're done it will cost them something like \$7,000,000—just about the price of a new plant. It's a case of overcoming post-war shortage of materials.  
About one-half of the 270 men working on the project are preparing the new refinery site. Ninety are dismantling at Whitehorse and 40 are employed on the spectacular trucking operation.

## Skeena River Road Blocked By Big Snow

Prince Rupert-Terrace highway is blocked by snow which fell during Christmas week, according to word received this morning by J. C. Brady, district Public Works engineer.  
According to a telegram received by Mr. Brady from Terrace, the highway is blocked between Skeena City, 27 miles east of Prince Rupert, and Terrace. No details were included.  
Mr. Brady said he is trying to obtain more information on the snow situation in the area that comes under the Terrace office of the department. The highway from Prince Rupert to Skeena City is passable.  
"I am trying to get in touch with Terrace to find out exactly where the road is blocked," Mr. Brady said. "It may be in the sections where the snowslides came down on Christmas Day."  
As far as is known, no cars or trucks have come over the road during the last week.

## Inspector Gammon Retiring Shortly

Having reached the age of superannuation, four civil servants in the services of British Columbia will retire at the end of the year.  
These include Inspector Ernest Gammon of B.C. Police, now stationed at Kamloops. He is well known in the north, having been on duty in Prince Rupert and elsewhere in Skeena for years.  
Others in the list are J. L. King, resident engineer, Public Works Department, New Westminster; T. F. Speed, assessor and collector, Salt Spring Island, and A. W. Anderson, government agent at Golden.

## Advertisement Prompts Return Of Stolen Taxi Office Cheques

Victim of a \$500 robbery early Friday morning, Art Murray, 99 Taxi operator, today is grateful for newspaper advertising which resulted in a thief returning part of his loot.  
As a result of an appeal in Saturday's edition of the Daily News, Murray today received back \$207 in checks and a wrist watch, which were in the purloined taxi office cash box.  
The thief retained the \$300 in cash.  
On Saturday Murray placed a classified advertisement in the Daily News asking the thief to return the checks which would have been impossible for him to cash, but which were worth their face value to Murray.  
The 99 Taxi owner declined to reveal what means the thief had used to return the checks and wrist watch.

**New Year's Eve Frolic**  
CIVIC CENTRE  
Tickets at W. F. STONE, MACEY'S, CIVIC CENTRE