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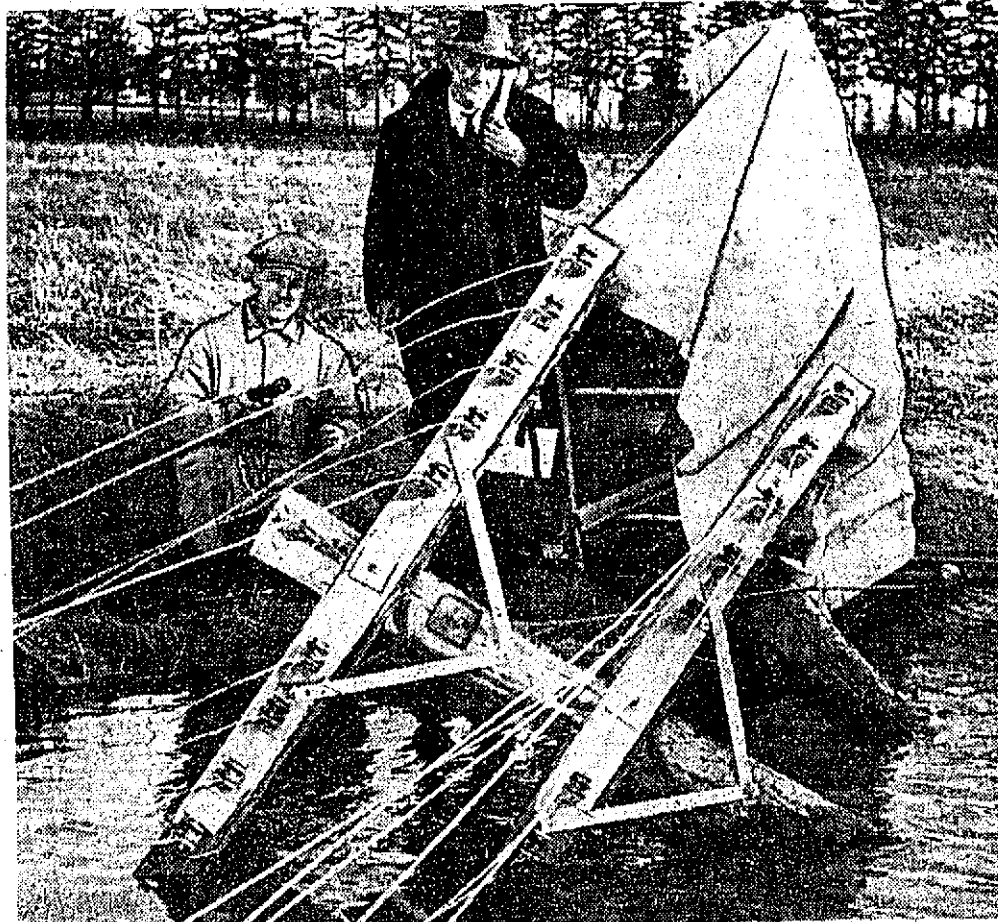


LAKE PROMENADE home of George Dick, 9, was condemned as a result of Saturday night storms which swept along a 300-mile stretch of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario shores

GUNMAN GRABS \$6,500 FROM GIRL ON ST. CLAIR

HOME AND SPORT EDITION

X-ray Reveals Two Saws In Jackson's False Leg



ON DON MILLS ROAD, near Battersville's, a fireman checks wires attached to one of 36 consecutive poles which were pulled down by winds which reached velocity of 60 miles-per-hour. The storms penetrated 50 miles inland, caused two deaths, flooded towns



TREES WERE UPROOTED at Lake Promenade, in Long Branch, and many fell over homes, crushing them. Rich farmlands and public utilities from Windsor to 50 miles east of Toronto suffered extensive damage. Wind storm was one of worst in decades

STARTLED POLICE SPOT JACKSON'S SECRET IN X-RAY 'DEMONSTRATION'

By GWYN THOMAS

Leonard Jackson, who sawed his way out of Don jail with Edwin Boyd last November and is now charged with the murder of Sgt. of Dets. Edmund Tong, had two hacksaw blades hidden in the call of his artificial left leg when he was readmitted to Don jail last Friday.

The blades were detected by a fluoroscope in a "demonstration" for jail officials who are thinking of buying it as an aid in searching newly admitted prisoners.

The discovery came as a shock to Toronto and Montreal police, who had searched the leg because they believe Jackson used the same method of concealing saws, narcotics and other things were being made Saturday.

SMILED WHEN CACHE DISCOVERED

In the Montreal hospital where Jackson was taken after he was wounded and captured, his artificial leg had been taken from him to hamper any attempted escape.

Jackson just smiled when he was informed that authorities were on to his secret cache. He was in no condition to make another sensational escape like that of last November, but police said he might have tried it when his hands heal. He was shot in both arms in the gunfight with Toronto and Montreal police March 18.

ONLY X-RAYS COULD FIND BLADES

One of the blades was complete. One had a small piece broken off. They were concealed in such a way that only the machine used to x-ray the leg could detect them. The leg had been removed and carefully examined on many occasions by police. It was also thoroughly examined on his entrance to Don jail last Friday after he was flown from Montreal.

Sheriff J. D. Conover said today he had not been officially advised of the blades. "I will probably get a report on it later," he said.

He said that his suggestion tests of machines to examine prisoners against concealed saws, narcotics and other things were being made Saturday.

"It shows you how ingenious Jackson is," said one official. "You can't be too careful with him. I don't know where he obtained the blades. Perhaps they were there all the time."

Boyd In Death Cell

Finding of the blades was reported to police, but only high-ranking officers received the information. Now that the leg has been examined and officials are sure it holds no more blades, he has been given it back. But it is reported it will be periodically checked.

When Jackson is well enough to leave the jail hospital, his chances of sawing his way out will vanish. He will join Edwin Alonzo Boyd.

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THE WEATHER

MONDAY-TUESDAY

The Toronto and vicinity forecast is: Cloudy, with widely scattered snowflurries, clearing this afternoon. Sunny and milder Tuesday. Winds light.

Time Temp. Wind Weather Hum. 7 a.m. 31 W. 26 Clear 61 Noon 36 " " Cloudy 45 Barometer: 7 a.m., 29.32; noon, 29.39.

Toronto Calendar Sun sets tonight at 6:34 p.m., E.S.T. Sun rises tomorrow at 6:14 a.m., E.S.T.

TONG WOULD HAVE BEEN LIFETIME CRIPPLE HAD HE LIVED, DOCTORS SAY

Toronto's wave of crime that came in the wake of a Don jail escape last November, had its tragic climax early Sunday when Sgt. of Dets. Edmund Tong, 48, died after a 17-day fight for life.

The 48-year-old ace investigator of Toronto's major crimes died of a massive blood clot. That he lived so long with a .45 bullet through both lungs and with his spinal column severed is considered almost a miracle.

Complete x-rays taken Friday confirmed the fears of his doctors—the detective would be crippled for life, possibly bedridden and at best a wheelchair invalid.

Warned of Escape

It was revealed today by police officials that it was Sgt. Tong who first tipped off authorities that Leonard Jackson, 29, now charged with his murder, planned to saw

his way out. The first escape try was thwarted but a second succeeded. Jackson was joined in his escape (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



LAKESHORE HOUSE IN MIMICO is pounded by waves which have already crumbled the veranda. Cottage was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warrington, James Boyd and Frank Beadmore, all of whom recently arrived from England. Much of their clothing and furniture was swept out into the lake. "Even blitz was nothing like this," said Warringtons

KEEP TONG DEATH FROM SUCHAN TO AVOID A RELAPSE

Montreal, March 24—Montreal police officers have received instructions not to inform Steve Suchan that Sgt. of Dets. Edmund Tong is dead in Toronto and that the 24-year-old gunman is now charged with murder.

Wounded by a Montreal detective, Suchan's condition has improved rapidly in the last few days to the point where he can now walk around his room in Queen Elizabeth hospital, but police fear news of Tong's death might cause a relapse.

Police ordered a radio that has been operating in his room removed and all newspapers are forbidden to the patient. All doctors, nurses and hospital personnel liable to come in contact with Suchan were instructed not to mention Tong's death.

Since Suchan entered hospital two weeks ago, two uniformed constables have been at his bedside, the inspector said. For the last four days a detective also has guarded him.

FURIOUS WAVES DEVOUR 21 LONG BRANCH HOMES DEMAND PROVINCIAL AID

By BRUCE MACDONALD
Star Staff Correspondent

Long Branch, March 24—In the wake of a 60-mile-an-hour week-end gale that turned Lake Ontario into a pounding monster which reduced 21 Long Branch homes to rubble and drove more than 40 families into the rain-swept darkness, Reeve Thomas F. Carter today made an urgent appeal to the provincial government for immediate emergency relief.

"Some people have lost everything they owned, everything they had in the world, except the clothes on their backs," he declared. "The situation is identical to that of the Winnipeg flood, only on a smaller scale. These people must be rehabilitated. The job is more than we can do alone. The government must help."

CONDEMN 21 HOMES

After a personal inspection of dwellings along Lake Promenade drive, stretching for half a mile, members of the village council condemned 21 homes as unfit for habitation. Many people lost their life savings in the homes that will be razed.

"We must have help; we cannot (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

WEAR RED GARB MISSIONARIES PRAISE PEKING

Hong Kong, March 24—(BUP)—

Two Canadian missionaries from Communist China broke precedent today when they arrived here clad in Communist workers' uniforms and singing the praises of the Peking regime.

They crossed the border with six other missionaries. All were from the West China Union university at Chengtu, in Szechuan.

The two uniformed missionaries, L. E. Willmott and William Small, both from Toronto, defended the Red regime in conversation with newsmen. The others differed with them.

In addition to Willmott and Small and their wives and Small's two daughters, aged 3½ and 2½, today's party included Dr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Kilborn, Toronto, of the United Church of Canada.

They were the last six United (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

WAVING GUN ON BUSY STREET, MAN FLEES WITH MEAT MARKET RECEIPTS

Jumping up from behind a mail box at St. Clair and Crang Aves. today, a man with a nickel-plated revolver held up Gloria Somers, cashier of the People's Meat market, while she was on the way to the bank with week-end receipts. He forced her to hand over a bag containing \$6,500 and then escaped in an automobile that had stolen license plates.

"Thought It A Joke"

Police of Ossington Ave. station said the thug was well-versed with the routine of the cashier who only had to go a block and a half east of the store to the bank. She carried some letters which she mailed at Crang Ave. about half a dozen stores from the meat market.

"As soon as I put the letters in the box this man jumped up and said, 'This is a stick-up.' I thought it was a joke and said, 'Don't be silly.' But I realized quickly it wasn't a joke. I handed it to him and he jumped in a car which drove north on Crang Ave.," the cashier said.

Police checked the license number of the car and found it belonged to Joseph Cohen, Grace St. They found Mr. Cohen's car at his home with the markers gone.

The cashier ran back to the store where she spread the alarm to Al Seigel, manager, who called police. She gave police the license number. It was flashed to York township (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)



Star Photo by George Bryant
GLORIA SOMERS
"Don't Be Silly"

2 KILLED ON ICY ROADS 500 FLEE HOMES, STORM HITS LAKE ERIE, ONTARIO

Storms that swept along a 300-mile stretch of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario shorelines and penetrated 50 miles inland, caused two deaths Saturday night, flooded towns and villages and cut transportation, hydro and telephone services in dozens of localities.

Home, rich farmlands and public utilities suffered extensive damage from Windsor to 50 miles east of Toronto in one of the worst wind and rain storms in decades to hit southern Ontario.

ICE COATS HIGHWAYS

Highways coated with ice after the rain Saturday night are blamed for the two Ontario deaths.

Mrs. G. W. McNabb, 53, of Owen Sound, was killed instantly when the car she was riding in went out of control on No. 26 highway, 15 miles northwest of Barrie. The car slammed broadside into a telephone pole, then plowed through a ditch (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

POLICE INVESTIGATE REPORT OF MURDER NEAR CAISTORVILLE

Special to The Star
Smithville, March 24—Provincial police, a funeral director and a coroner were called from here today to investigate a reported murder near Caistorville.