

## MUTINY BREAKS OUT; WARSHIPS SPEEDING TO AID

Three British Destroyers Hurriedly Dispatched on Search for Steamer.

**By United Press**  
MALTA, Nov. 22.—An unfinished series of wireless dots and dashes, supposedly terminated when the man at the sending key was assaulted and dragged from his post by mutinous Oriental seamen, today had sent three British destroyers on

a swift search for the British steamer Baron Elcho.  
The Baron Elcho's wireless operator succeeded in asking for assistance, and gave his ship's call letters, but was interrupted before he had opportunity to give the position of the vessel.  
One explanation of the apparent state of mutiny aboard the Baron Elcho was that the Lascar crew, outnumbering the whites forty to fifteen, had begun a hunt for narcotics, resorting to violence when demands on ship's officers were refused.  
The destroyers, Whitehall, Witcham and Worcester, were dispatched immediately from Malta. Each carries four 4.7-inch guns and four Lewis machine guns, and has a crew of 134 men.  
The owners of the Baron Elcho, H. Hogarth & Sons of Glasgow, have advised officials that at the time the message asking assistance was transmitted the vessel probably

was about 120 miles west of Port Said. The owners said they were convinced there was some extraordinary mistake about the message. They said the ship was bound homeward with a cargo of sugar from Java.  
All members of the crew of the Baron Elcho are British.  
**TERM FOR FRUIT THIEF**  
Youth Sentenced Five Days for Taking as Many Apples.  
**By United Press**  
PONTIAC, Mich., Nov. 22.—An apple a day might keep the doctor away, but when you steal them they don't keep you out of jail. Wilfred Smith, 18, stole five of them. He was brought before Justice Henry H. Harpster. "Maybe a day an apple will keep the thieves away," Harpster said, and Smith got five days in jail.

## ARSON CASES IN STATE ARE ON INCREASE

Fire Marshal Asserts More Are to Be Expected This Winter.

More cases now are under investigation by the arson division of the state fire marshal's office than at any other time in the history of his administration, Fire Marshal Alford E. Hogston announced today. He attributes the underlying cause for this to the economic situation and foresees the possibility

of an epidemic of incendiary fires throughout the winter.  
"My department deputies in the arson division now are engaged in investigating twenty-five fires, suspected of being of incendiary origin," Hogston declared.  
"In most instances where arson takes place, the cause is economic. Property owners are pressed for money and collection of fire insurance seems an easy way of raising cash. Oftentimes such people are out of work and unable to obtain employment. They become desperate.  
"But the records of our arson division should discourage such procedure. Arrests are made in almost every instance where there is a suspect and the guilty parties are punished by long prison terms.  
"The so-called 'fire bug' still is a menace, of course, and many arson cases are attributable to this form of mania, which delights in setting fires just to watch them burn."

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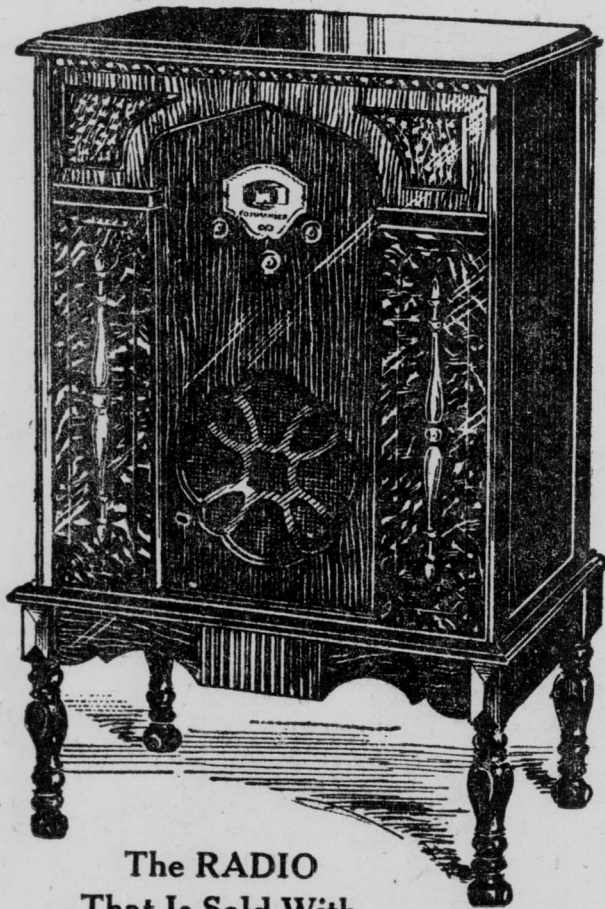
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