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SENTENCES GIVEN IN LIQUOR TRAFFICKING CASES

NEW YORK SHAKEN BY TERRIFIC EXPLOSION; KILLS AND INJURES MANY

Liquor Sellers Given Hard Labor at Okalla Farm

er gets a year, Sweet, Zarelli and Olsen nine months each and McKay six months; Going South Tonight

morning saw the closing scene in the police court as far as the liquor trafficking charges against Charles Olsen, George A. Sweet, D. Zarelli and Kenry McKay are concerned, when each was sentenced by Magistrate McMordie to various terms of imprisonment at Okalla farm with hard labor. The court was crowded with spectators to see the accused face the sentence. Tonight these five will leave in custody of police to serve their time. Appeals are being taken in each instance and defending counsel are losing no time. With the exception of S. A. Corley, who was fined \$100, it is understood, will go before the supreme court tomorrow.

In the Black and Olsen case, the magistrate agreed with the counsel for the defence that Thomas Black was not involved and, therefore, convicted Charles Olsen and dis- charged against Thomas Black. "It is my duty as a magistrate," said Col. McMordie, "to see that justice is done and I cannot do otherwise than to find this young man Black." After Hooper interjected that the conviction against Black was based on a newspaper clipping, the magistrate said that he was not bound by it, but that it was generally the custom of magistrates to follow the precedents of their fellow magistrates and leave the changing of the law to the higher courts. "It would not be like British law to convict the accused of a second offence," he said. "I do not take Magistrate South's decision as an authority," he decided the magistrate. "It is a travesty on common sense and justice. The defence has every privilege of appealing the case if it so wishes. I find the accused guilty of a second offence of selling."

Here again before sentence was imposed Mr. Williams interjected, but was forestalled by the bench. "If I kept on listening to the defence you might convince me that these men were not selling liquor, but were running a Sunday School."

Mr. Williams then remarked that the King ought to be able to make the laws and the magistrate informed him that it was not the King who made the laws any more. That was what was now told to children.

No Regrets
W. Patmore also had a word to say as to the taking of the court proceedings, asking that it be noted in the notes that the magistrate had said that he would have preferred to give fines, but had been constrained by the law to impose jail.

"Why," replied Magistrate McMordie, "I might as well have the stenographer put in that I regret being a police magistrate."

"Will this sentence be held over?" questioned Mr. Williams.

"No, it will not be held over, but will be settled now, unless there is more argument," was the answer.

Alex Manson suggested that it would be convenient if all sentences could be made the same day and Mr. Hooper wanted to inquire about the jail accommodation for the prisoners.

The Sentences
"There are going to be no further remands," ruled the magistrate. "I have said that I would pass sentences today and have remanded time and time again. Now I am going to do it. If there is not available police accommodation the police might have told me before."

"Charles Olsen, I sentence you to nine months at Okalla farm with hard labor."

"Are you aware, your worship," asked Mr. Manson, "that the min-

imum penalty is only six months?"
From this on proceedings went on with more despatch and less interruption from counsel. Olsen was led by an officer from the prisoner's dock to the jail below and G. A. Sweet was called from the audience. Sentence of nine months for a second offence was passed upon him and he also left in custody of a policeman.

Besner Gets Year.

Olier Besner was called and before the magistrate pronounced sentence Mr. Patmore drew attention to the fact that the accused's position was somewhat similar to that of Olsen. He had not actually made the sale. The magistrate suggested that it would save time to let him proceed. The accused was pronounced guilty of a third offence and sentenced to twelve months, the minimum penalty. Besner left the dock with a broad smile which was answered by titles from the crowd of spectators.

D. Zarelli was sentenced to nine months and did not take the decision with such pleasant demeanor. A hard look came over his face as he left the prisoner's stand in company with the officer. When Kenny McKay had been given six months, the minimum for a servant making a sale, the court adjourned, with the spectators anxious to get away and further spread the news that has been awaited with such interest for many days.

LIVING COSTS HAVE DROPPED

Government Report at Ottawa says Decline Greater than any Previous Month

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—The cost of living dropped more in the month of August than in any previous month, according to an official report made by the labor department of the Dominion Government. The abundant crop is believed to have been largely responsible for the fall in prices, which are evident everywhere.

President Winnipeg Grain Exchange.



Norman L. Leach, who was elected president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange at the annual meeting this week.

ENGLISH LABORITES DELIGHTED WITH WESTERN CANADA



T. E. Naylor, chairman of London, England, Labor party (on right), and George A. Isaacs, national secretary to England's Operative Printers, have just completed a tour of Western Canada with the Imperial Press Conference party. They are returning to their organizations in England with optimistic stories of Western Canada's possibilities.

Government Asked for Ship Guarantee

Matter of Financing Mexican Order is before Minister of Marine now

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—It is understood an application is now before the minister of marine asking the Government to furnish guarantees for the building of a large order of steamers which the Mexican Government desires to place with the Prince Rupert ship yard on the understanding that the order is to be shared with other Canadian yards.

WILLIAM SAGAR IS APPOINTED

Well Known Medical Missionary From Surf Inlet, Formerly of Hazelton, Succeeds Dr. R. W. Large.

At the meeting of the Port Simpson General Hospital Board held in Port Simpson yesterday afternoon, the appointment of Rev. Dr. William Sagar, M.A., M.D., C.M., J.P., of Surf Inlet, as medical superintendent in succession to the late Dr. R. W. Large was confirmed. The appointment will take effect on October 1, although Dr. Sagar will not take hold until the New Year for in the meantime he is going to New York to take up post-graduate work. While Dr. Sagar is in the east Dr. Benwell, the present assistant, will be in charge at Simpson and Dr. W. T. Kergin, of this city, will be treasurer.

Dr. Sagar is a physician and missionary of considerable experience although he is a comparatively young man. He is a medical and arts graduate of McGill University and his preliminary education was received in the Old Country. He has been five years in British Columbia and before going to Surf Inlet spent a year and a half at Hazelton. The appointment comes with general favor in the north.

Present at the board meeting at Port Simpson yesterday were John Flewin (chairman), R. Boyd Young, Miss Deacon, Dr. J. S. Spencer, A. J. Watkinson, Mrs. W. H. Kergin, Mr. W. T. Kergin, C. C. Perry and Rev. T. H. Nuttall. Three nurses from the local hospital, Misses Shanahan, Watt and Johnson, made the trip with the party from Prince Rupert on Dr. Kergin's boat "Sunbeam II."

Terrific Explosion Heart of New York

Bodies of Victims found in Streets of Manhattan; Stock Exchange Ordered Closed

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A terrific explosion which shook all of Lower Manhattan occurred today outside of the office of the J. P. Morgan Co., of Wall Street. Several were killed and several were injured.

NEW YORK—(11 o'clock). The police estimate of the number of injured is placed at 200.

NEW YORK—(12 o'clock). The unofficial estimate places the dead in this morning's street explosion at thirty.

Bodies of explosion victims are being found on the streets and in the great buildings of Manhattan. All windows have been broken and buildings jarred for a wide area. The Stock Exchange and all financial institutions have been ordered closed. Guards have been sent to watch over the U. S. Treasury.

First theories seem to indicate that the explosion was caused by a bomb explosion. Another theory is that a truck carrying TNT collided with an automobile. A demolished truck was found near the Morgan Building which was badly damaged. Spectators say that they saw a man draw up and purposely drop a bomb. T. W. Lamont and H. P. Davidson, prominent financiers, had miraculous escapes.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FAIR

Many Entries Coming In—Something Doing Every Day in Exhibition Building.

CARNIVAL OPENS ON MONDAY NEXT

The carnival opens here on Monday next, the fair on Wednesday. Already booths are being erected on Seventh Street and they are constructed in such a way that rain or shine they will be open to the public and everyone will be under cover. A large sum of money is being spent in providing amusements and housing them, and there is no doubt this will be a great attraction to many people.

The opening of the fair proper will take place on Wednesday afternoon and each day there will be band concerts there. The entries are expected to be all in place before the opening and the judging will commence on Wednesday morning in some classes. On Wednesday night there will be a promenade concert.

On Thursday the judging will be completed, there will be various attractions in the afternoon and in the evening there will be an Indian entertainment.

On Friday the afternoon attraction will be similar to the previous day and in the evening there will be a big jitney dance which will be one of the big attractions of the week.

Already there are over 600 entries for the fair, and they are coming in fast from every quarter. O. S. Schulstad has entered a fine collection of products from Hagensburg, mostly horticultural and agricultural products.

On the whole the prospects for the forthcoming exhibition are most rosy and, given good weather, there should be a very successful week.

MILNER DENIES

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The report of Lord Milner's impending retirement is denied.

George Reid pleaded guilty to the charge of having liquor illegally in his possession and was fined \$50.50 by Magistrate McMordie this morning in the police court.

POLISH PEACE DELEGATES GO TO MEET REDS

WARSAW, Sept. 15.—The Polish peace delegates left yesterday for Danzig, carrying with them their fur coats. They expect the conference with the Reds will last well into the winter. It is reported here that Trotsky is planning a winter campaign.

MR. BALLANTYNE IS INSULTED

Victoria Board of Trade Apologizes for Attack Made on Minister by Outsiders.

When Hon. C. C. Ballantyne was in Victoria, C. J. V. Spratt and Mr. Neild of the Harbor Marine Company, which is building ships for the Dominion Government, attended a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade with the minister. At that meeting it is stated that these men insulted Mr. Ballantyne to such an extent that he afterwards stated that "he had never been so much insulted in his life."

There was no mention of the occurrence in the Victoria Daily papers but "The Rivet," the official paper of the Harbor Marine Co., reported the meeting and said Colonel Ballantyne was on his defence "like a she adder defending its young," and added—"some men are so puffed up with pride of office that they would not be weighed down with an overwhelming sense of their own dignity and importance."

The matter was taken up at a more recent meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade and an apology sent to Mr. Ballantyne, with a statement that all members of the council regretted the incident. It was further stated that Mr. Ballantyne "put it all over" his opponents at the time of the incident.

The liquor seized at George Sweet's house at the time of the recent raids, was this morning ordered confiscated by Magistrate McMordie.

TAXES IN VICTORIA CITY

Signs and Gasoline on Streets are to Pay Civic Funds.

Sept. 16.—Overhead gasoline pumps are to be a Victoria under a by-law passed. There are 627 overhead signs on the sidewalk and on these, it is estimated, produce \$4,491. There are 22 gasoline pumps on the streets and these pay \$10 a year.