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Our Winnipeg Prisoners Are Found Guilty of Charges

Armstrong, Pritchard, Ivens and Queen on Various Counts, Gray on Minor Charge and Alderman Heaps not Guilty.

Jury Disagreed at First But Returned and Decided

of Prisoners Found to be Common Nuisance and Will not go to Jail; Exception to Judge's Charges.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WINNIPEG, March 27.—(1:45 Prince Rupert time.)—The verdict in the strike leaders' trial is as follows: Heaps, found not guilty on all charges.

Gray, found guilty on the charge of being a "common nuisance" which charge is not punishable by a prison sentence. Armstrong, Pritchard, Ivens and Queen were all guilty on various charges.

WINNIPEG, March 27.—At 2:30 this afternoon (Winnipeg time) there was no verdict returned by the jury in the trial of the strike leaders at Winnipeg with Mr. Justice Metcalf presiding. The jury had been out since last night and had failed to agree. They so reported to the judge who addressed them for some time and they again retired.

It was half an hour after midnight last night when the presiding judge concluded his charge to the jury, his address having commenced at 4:30. His lordship's charge followed the rebuttal of A. J. Andrews, K. C., senior counsel for the crown.

Objections to the judge's charge were taken by W. H. True-K. C., who applied for a reserve case and the application was granted by His Lordship. The court was adjourned until morning at eleven.

The charge, which is one of seditious conspiracy, is against the leaders in the big strike which spread throughout the West last summer, with headquarters in Winnipeg. The prosecution sought to show that the aim of the leaders was to upset the present constitutional government and replace it with a soviet. It was stated that an actual attempt had been made to form a soviet in Winnipeg. The charges were denied.

The men whose fate is being decided are W. A. Pritchard, of Vancouver; Alderman John Queen and A. A. Heaps, of Winnipeg; Wm. Ivens, R. H. Gray, William Armstrong, and R. J. Johns.

COMMITTEE SITS ON NEW ELECTIONS ACT

Number of Clauses Considered; Curious Provision Regarding Arms.

Eighty-nine sections of the Provincial Elections Act were considered at Victoria by the Legislature in committee and, with the exception of a little more than a dozen of the more contentious clauses, were disposed of.

Under the provisions of the old act one separate polling booth does justice for three hundred voters and no change had been made before its inclusion in the present measure. The leader of the opposition suggested that the word two hundred be substituted for the larger number because of the additional work that would devolve upon clerks in the operation of that clause in the new bill which requires the comparison of signatures. The section was stood over and very probably will be amended in conformity with Mr. Bowser's suggestion.

Expert Advice.

Typical of the minute examination to which each section of the measure is being subjected was the discussion on the clause requiring the stamping of ballot papers with the official but secret mark. Suggesting the additional safeguard of each envelope being initiated by the voter himself, Mr. Bowser raised the point for discussion. The Premier observed that the idea of the official stamp had been considered from the point of view that by the use of ink of a particular kind any attempt at "steaming" an envelope would cause the ink to "run" and reveal the evidence of tampering at once.

The "Mickey."

One of the purely legal sections of the new bill demands the surrender to the returning officer or his deputy on request any offensive weapon, such as firearms, swords, staves, or bludgeons, with which any such person may be armed. The leader of the opposition mused as to whether the "mickey" might be included in this provision. Mr. Oliver replied that it might well include the "brute majority."

On arrival at the clause providing for penalties for personation the member for Esquimalt did not like the idea of no stipulated minimum fine. The omission, apparently, was an accidental one as other clauses provide for both maximum and minimum. The clause was stood over.

The new measure similarly provides that the expenses of transporting voters to and from polling places within the electoral district shall be paid, but such payment is not allowed in respect of transportation from one electoral district to another.

Legalizing It.

Mr. Bowser was somewhat surprised to see the provision and inquired whether the old act contained it. The Premier replied that it was a new section designed to legalize a practice indulged in by all parties hitherto without any statutory authority.

ROOF OF HOUSE WAS BURNED YESTERDAY

Department Had a Call to House on Second Ave. West; Damage was Slight.

The fire department had a call yesterday afternoon at 5:30 to the house occupied by Louis Robitseau on Second Ave. west, beyond the junction when the roof caught on fire. The blaze was quickly extinguished with small damage to the premises. The fire was caused by a defective stove pipe.

JUDGE YOUNG SPOKE ABOUT SOCIAL EVIL

Told About Peace Work of Red Cross and Gave Startling Facts and Figures.

"There is an enemy in our midst today," said Judge Young to the St. Andrew's Society last night, "that threatens more damaging effects to our nation than ever we faced in the Great War. This enemy is disease—disease that could be prevented, can be prevented but is not prevented. Medical examinations in connection with military enlistment brought forth the information that 30 per cent of the flower of our manhood suffered from defects that could have been eradicated if checked in their early stages. Under military rule diseases were prevented and corrected and it seems apparent that something similar must be done in civilian life."

Asks Co-operation.

"The Red Cross of Canada is alive to the situation and it is with the authority of the society that I address you tonight. In conjunction with the Federal and Provincial governments and various volunteer organizations such as the Women's Institutes of Canada, Victorian Order of Nurses, St. John Ambulance Society and the Daughters of the Empire we are about to start a campaign in the interests of public health. The one thing that we must have is co-operation, and unless we obtain that co-operation our efforts will be futile. The people must be educated to the danger facing them and the benefits that may be derived from the work of these institutions. We hear talk of our mighty natural resources but it seems that our greatest asset—human health—is the least considered and the least conserved."

"The work of the Red Cross is the caring for rural health and already organization work has been done. Arrangements have been entered into with the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Provincial Government for the supplying of district nurses. These nurses are to be given supplementary training at the University of B. C. besides the training they have already received to become graduate nurses. When a district calls for a nurse this nurse will be provided and it is the hope that the people thus supplied will learn much about the care and prevention of the present physical defects. Any district—Prince Rupert included—may get such a nurse. During the war the Red Cross provided an inexhaustible depot of money and supplies for military purposes and we will do the same in peace times. A main supply depot will be opened at Vancouver with branches at Prince George and Prince Rupert."

Venerable Diseases.

"I have taken a good deal of time and trouble to assemble the information I will now give you on venerable diseases. These diseases are at the present time sapping the life blood of our country and their disastrous prevalence is terribly surprising. It is a well known fact that syphilis is destroying the health of the nation. Authorities state that from eight to ten per cent of the population of both Canada and the United States is affected with this loathsome disease. Do you know that there are 130 cases at the Essondale hospital in this province? Treatment for this disease costs the government of B. C. \$32,000 per year or \$482,750 to cure those cases already under the care of the government. Why, if we had the money that it costs B. C. to treat syphilis cases, we would be able to build a road around the world, to say nothing

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Pianos correctly tuned. \$6.00, G. C. Walker. Phone Blue 389. tf

Another Murder in Ireland Yesterday

Magistrate Bell Taken from Tram and Killed at Roadside Opposite Masonic Club by Four Armed Men.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, March 27.—Alan Bell, resident magistrate, who presided over the inquiry into the dealings of the Sinn Fein with Irish banks, was shot dead this morning outside the Masonic Club in Dublin, according to a despatch from that city to the Central News.

Magistrate Bell was on his way from his residence in Monkstown to Dublin Castle when the tramcar in which he was riding was held up at Ball's Bridge by four masked men, who pulled the magistrate from the car and killed him at the roadside.

Asks Police Protection.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin has applied to the authorities to furnish police protection to the Mansion House, according to a despatch to the Central News from Dublin. Mayor O'Neill's request, it is reported, was due to the fact that the mayors of Limerick and some other towns had received threatening letters such as the one said to have been sent to the Lord Mayor of Cork, Thomas MacCurtain, before he was shot.

POST OFFICE CLOSING SUNDAY

No One Will be Allowed in Lobby Until Early Monday Morning.

Acting under instructions from Ottawa, Postmaster McIntosh will close the postoffice all day tomorrow and from this time on every Sunday. The post box outside will be available for mailing letters and the incoming mail will be received and sorted and will be in readiness for the opening on Monday.

This order makes the local office conform with the other post offices throughout the Dominion.

KING'S EMPLOYEES ASK MORE MONEY AND SHORT HOURS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, March 27.—The employees on the King's estates in Scotland including Balmoral Castle, are demanding an eight-hour day and a raise in wages to three pounds weekly. James D. Ramsay, King's Commissioner on the Balmoral estates, has given the men the option of working ten hours a day or quitting their jobs. As far as is known he has said nothing to them concerning wages.

CAN HAVE MARKET IF WILLING TO PAY RENT THAT REQUIRED

The report of the market committee that the City Market be granted to the Northern Interior Co-operative Association on the condition that it be operated under the rules of the market by-law calling for a \$300 yearly rental was adopted by the City Council at a special meeting last night with seven members in attendance. This will necessitate personal negotiations between the present holder, Mr. Glennie, and the Association as his lease does not expire until September.

"I am returning to Telkwa to report to the Association," said the general manager of the Association, Mr. Prudhomme, at the train this morning. "We have several plans for disposing of our produce and we do not necessarily have to come to Prince Rupert. The council seems to think we have to. Both the council and the papers seem to be antagonistic to us in their support of the local merchants so, naturally, I cannot give much information. I will probably be back in Rupert in a week's time when the association will have decided on its action."

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

MAXWELL NEW PRESIDENT OF WAR VETERANS

Was Chosen for Coming Year by Majority of 104 Over Dr. Forbes.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

MONTREAL, March 27.—R. B. Maxwell, of Winnipeg, will be president for next year of the Great War Veterans' Association. He was elected this afternoon by a majority of 104 over Dr. MacKenzie Forbes of Montreal by the delegates attending the annual convention of the association.

GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS RESIGNED

Former Grand Vizier and Foreign Minister to Form a Cabinet.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.—The Turkish cabinet headed by Sali Pasha which was formed on March 9 has resigned and the Sultan has asked Damad Ferid Pasha, the former Grand Vizier and Foreign Minister, to form a new government.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Dundee 1, Queens 1.
Falkirk 1, Celtic 2.
Hamilton 1, Dumbarton 3.
Hibernians 1, Airdrie 4.
Partick 1, Clyde 2.
Raith 0, Motherwell 1.

A building permit was yesterday granted to Walter McLeod for extensions and alterations to his residence on Borden Street to the value of \$665.

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Tonight
WESTHOLME
THEATRE
William Farnum
IN
"Wolves of the Night"
A story that carries the spectator into the great Northwest into the heart of South America and into the whirlpool of Wall Street.
SUNSHINE COMEDY - "A TIGHT SQUEEZE"
FOX NEWS
EMPRESS
THEATRE
EMMY WHELEN
IN
"The Belle of the Season"
2 Reel Comedy. Mutt & Jeff

COMPENSATION FROM STATES IS BEING ASKED

Representations Being Made by British Government Regarding Detention of German Ships.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, March 27.—Great Britain is considering the presentation of a claim to the United States for losses caused by the detention of the Imperator and other German ships "after the fashion of the United States cases in which they were entitled," Consul General Skinner, London reported today to the Department of Commerce at Washington.

Representations already have been made to the United States government through the British Minister of Shipping, the despatch of which is being sent to the Department of Commerce at Washington.

ENGLISH MONEY HIGHER VALUES

and Sterling Made Quick Jump Yesterday on New York Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A rally in sterling exchange took place yesterday before noon when demand bills up to \$3.90, three and a half cents above the high mark of Thursday and a new high level in the present upward movement.

The low record was \$3.49 made February 4. Canadian dollars were quoted at a discount of eight and a quarter per cent. This morning there has been another slight rise in the value of the pound sterling, quotations being one-eighth higher than yesterday.

TENDERS FOR TELKWA DEPOT

Will be Modern and Permanent Structure Built With Tile and Concrete Foundation.

Tenders are being called for the erection of a new station at Telkwa. The bids are being asked in three styles, stucco, solid tile or interlocking tile. They will close on April 7. The new station will be a modern and up-to-date one somewhat similar to the one nearing completion at Houston. It will be of two storeys with a concrete foundation. On the main floor will be a waiting room, a baggage room, ticket office, agent's room and kitchen.

The calling for tenders for the new building would indicate that the expropriation action for the land which belongs to the Cassiar Coal Co., is to reach a settlement satisfactory to the railway company. It will be the third modern station on the line west of Prince George, the other two being at Smithers and Houston.

It is believed that operations may commence on a new station here this year. The chief delay now seems to be financial, as it is the intention of the company to put up a fine structure once it is started.

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE IN SASKATCHEWAN

Swarms of the Insects Reported in Southeastern Part of Province.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

REGINA, March 26.—Swarms of grasshoppers are reported on the high lands of Southeastern Saskatchewan and also in the vicinity of Disley. The department of agriculture is investigating and urging immediate action on the part of farmers and municipalities to cope with the hoppers.