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Prohibition Probe Is Checked

CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER DECLARES ROYAL COMMISSION ON LIQUOR IRREGULARITIES IS ILLEGAL

Findlay Goes Free as Result of Finding; Creation of Commission Violates the Fundamental Principle of Criminal Law and Procedure in British Jurisprudence.

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

Vancouver, January 23.—Holding as a "fatal objection" that the commission was in violation of an Imperial statute passed in the reign of Charles I abolishing the Star Chamber and affirming that it was a violation of fundamental principles of criminal procedure, Chief Justice Hunter, in a judgment given late this afternoon, declared that the Royal Commission appointed by the Provincial Government to investigate the illegal trafficking in intoxicants in British Columbia, was "issued without lawful authority."

The status of the commission, over which Mr. Justice Clement presided, was raised on behalf of A. L. Gartshore, who refused to answer a subpoena to appear and give evidence.

One of its results will be the release from jail of W. C. Findlay, former prohibition commissioner for the province, who was committed into custody for contempt when he refused to testify before the commission.

The creation of the commission, the Chief Justice summed up, violated two of the fundamental principles of criminal law and procedure "which are the main safeguards of persons being proceeded against. These were, that no man was compelled to accuse himself, and that every man was assumed innocent until proven guilty."

ONE OF WHISKEY IS DISCOVERED BY CONSTABLE BAILEY

John Candow Fined \$75.50 After Pleading Guilty to Charge of Having Whiskey in His Possession.

John Candow had to appear in the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Carrs on a charge of storing whiskey in a public place. Thirty-three bottles of booze were found by Constable Bailey in the room of the accused at the Royal Hotel under floor. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$75.50.

Constable Bailey gave evidence of having gone to Room 14 yesterday afternoon. He noticed some loose boards in the floor, he removed them and was rewarded by finding the bottles snugly ensconced in the handy place ready for consumption. He seized the bottles and they have now been added to the considerable stock that is being stored at the police station.

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ALASKA TRADE KEEPS UP WELL

Report for Month of December Shows Large Amount of Business.

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

Seattle, Jan. 23.—Nearly forty thousand seal skins were shipped during December from the Pribilof Islands, valued at something like a million dollars. Fox skins from the same islands to the value of nearly \$60,000 were sent south.

Fish meal is one of the new products of the northern canneries. During December this product was shipped, the value being set at about \$18,000.

The copper shipments for the month amounted to about four and a quarter million dollars, the mineral coming chiefly from the Kennecott and Latouche properties. Marble worth about \$14,000 was shipped from Tokeen and there was considerable gold bullion and gold and silver ore sent to Seattle and other points.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA DUE ON SATURDAY

Many Canadians, Including Some From Prince Rupert, Expected on the Steamer.

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

Victoria, Jan. 23.—The C. P. R. steamship Empress of Asia is reported due here January 25. She is coming from Europe by way of the Panama Canal and has on board a large number of western Canadian troops.

WASHINGTON STRIKERS ASK ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR ACTIONS

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

Seattle, Jan. 23.—Delegates from the Metal Trades Council, more than 25,000 of whose members are on strike in Washington shipyards, are to appear before the Central Labor Council tonight to ask endorsement of the strike. Officers of the Metal Trades Council declined to say whether they would seek the calling of a general strike in sympathy. The metal trade strike is for a wage scale allowing \$8, \$7, and \$6 for mechanics, helpers and laborers respectively.

SOPHIA INQUIRY

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

Victoria, Jan. 23.—The inquiry into the Sophia disaster is to be continued on Thursday of next week when several American witnesses are supposed to give evidence.

C. C. Perry, Indian Agent, goes to Metlakatla this afternoon to conduct the election for the village council. The nine nominations have been made and from these there are to be chosen a chief councillor and five councillors. The nominations are as follows: Peter, Ryan, Stephen Ryan, John Leighton, Peter Venn, Alb. Leighton, Sr., H. Rudland, Chas. Auckland, Chas. Powell, R. Leighton.

IMMENSE SUM IS RAISED BY BOND ISSUE

Over Billion and a Half Pounds Subscribed to British Loan Before Close Saturday.

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

London, Jan. 23.—Subscriptions to the national war bonds reached and passed a total of £1,600,000,000 before the close on Saturday last. The Bank of England figures now available show that during the final week of the issue applications were made for £102,928,202, making a grand total for the Bank of England issue of applications of £1,549,605,915. To this has been added £50,986,240 subscribed through the postoffice. There is realized by national war bonds £1,600,592,055.

There are still a few tickets available for the Burns Supper in St. Andrew's Hall tomorrow night. Apply to members of Committee.

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SINN FEIN PARLIAMENT IS ONLY ONE-DAY SENSATION; TIPPERARY IS PROCLAIMED

CRIMES ACT NOW ENFORCED IN TIPPERARY AND CLARE, AND STRICT CENSORSHIP ENFORCED—TWO POLICEMEN KILLED AND EXPLOSIVES ARE TAKEN

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

Dublin, January 23.—The Sinn Fein parliament provided only a one-day sensation. Its members held a brief meeting at the Mansion House yesterday afternoon, but behind closed doors. Afterwards Count Plunkett told reporters that a statement of the business transacted would be furnished to the press later, thus following the precedent of the Paris conference.

A group of a hundred young men gathered outside in secret session but no excitement of any kind was shown. The public

were far more interested in the murder of two policemen in Tipperary on Tuesday at the time parliament was meeting. This is taken to signify the beginning of a new period of terrorism, which veteran Irish politicians will include in their assassinations and attempts to destroy the government buildings and public works. **Policeman Shot.**

Extremists are exceedingly anxious to get explosives. Two policemen were guarding a cartload of gelignite which was being taken to a mine when they were surrounded by masked men. The policemen were shot dead and the explosives carried off. The im-

mediate sequel was a proclamation placing Tipperary under the Crimes Act, which means a regime much like the occupied German cities are undergoing.

All meetings are prohibited and nobody can pass in or out of the district without permits. None of the residents may be out of doors after seven o'clock in the evening without a permit. No letter may pass in or out without censorship.

Enough troops were quickly sent into the district to enforce these regulations. Clare district was recently proclaimed under the "Crimes Act" and the measure was enforced with apparent success.

SUPREME COUNCIL UNITES TO BRING PEACE AMONG ALL FACTIONS IN RUSSIA

JOINT COMMISSION TO LAY DOWN FOUR CONDITIONS, PEACE, ELECTIONS, FREE TRADE AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS—MEETING SUGGESTED

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

Paris, January 23.—The Supreme Council of Great Powers moved to unite the factions of distracted Russia and bring them into the Peace Congress, yesterday. They unanimously adopted a proposition brought forward by President Wilson, asking all Russian factions, including the Bolsheviks, to meet the allied and associated governments at Princess Islands, in the Sea of Mar-mora on February 15, the contending factions meantime declaring a truce and suspending all military operations.

The joint Commission of Associated Governments will be announced as soon as the Russian factions accept the proposal, which was communicated to them by wireless tonight. The Russian commission will proceed to the meeting place, probably on a warship, by way of the Black Sea and Bosphorus.

Besides the definite proposal, as given in the communique, the Joint Commission of Associated Powers will lay down four conditions indispensable in bringing about adjustment: First, peace at all points; second, removal of all economic barriers which restrain free circulation or exchange of food and commodities between factional zones and the outside world; third, general elections on a representative basis, and fourth, some adequate arrangement for the payment of debts.

RETAILERS ARE NOW ORGANIZED WITH OFFICERS

C. H. Orme is Elected President of New Organization, With J. H. Thompson as Vice.

C. H. Orme is the first president of the newly formed Retail Merchants' Association which has been started here. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber for the election of officers and representative men were chosen for the positions. About thirty merchants were present and great interest was taken in the proceedings. A large majority of the merchants have already joined the association and an effort is to be made to get all to become members in order that they may work together for the common good.

The following is the full list of officers for the coming term: President, C. H. Orme; vice-pres., J. H. Thompson; 2nd vice-pres., George Munro; secretary, E. R. Tabrum.

Meetings of the society will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Auditor and Accountant, J. F. Maguire, Smith Block.

* **1,000 BOLSHEVIKI** *
* **ARE ARRESTED FOR** *
* **ARRANGING A PLOT** *

* Warsaw, Jan. 23.—Sev- *
* eral thousand rifles, many *
* machine guns and thou- *
* sands of hand grenades, *
* intended for use in an at- *
* tempt to overturn the Pil- *
* sudski government which *
* has now been succeeded by *
* the Puderewski govern- *
* ment were discovered in *
* Warsaw. The government *
* authorities arrested 1,000 *
* Bolshevik. *

* **"DEMERS"** *
* Mrs. Demers has re- *
* turned from the south, *
* bringing a few of the new *
* trench coats, that are be- *
* ing worn at present. These *
* coats are very smart and *
* serviceable. Also the hat *
* of the moment, and several *
* pretty party dresses. *
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