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POLITICS IN BRITAIN TODAY

Influence of Sir George Younger and Possible Outcome Discussed.

Sir George Younger has been amusing himself for some time by twisting the lion's tail says the Manchester Guardian. He has administered a series of pin-pricks to the Premier, and told his own leaders what policy they must follow. He frustrated the idea of a February election, and demanded the reform of the House of Lords. When Mr. Austin Chamberlain spoke of an alliance with the Coalition Liberals at the coming elections, Sir George Younger intervened to say that he did not want an alliance, but only a "sort of co-operation" and a "bill of divorce" followed by friendly relations, and that he and his friends would be good enough not to turn the Coalition Liberals "completely adrift."

Lloyd George has now informed Mr. Chamberlain that this must stop. If Sir George Younger sets the tune for the Tory party, Mr. George will cease to lead the Coalition. The alternative possibilities are now these. The intransigent Tories having succeeded, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead and others might endeavor to arrange a Centre party with Mr. George or Mr. George may resign and leave the Tory party to its own devices, appeal to that wave of Liberal sentiment which is moving through the country and bring about the reunion of the Liberal party.

Sir George Younger has brought much nearer the long-pending choice between these alternatives. At the same time the Bodmin by-election has shown again how discredited are the Tories in a straight fight. The Unionist majority of 3,583 was turned into a Free Liberal majority of 3,111. Labor supported the Liberal candidature.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT.

In the ESTATE OF THE SKEENA RIVER CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, authorized assignee.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Skeena River Co-operative Association, Ltd., of Terrace, B. C., did on the sixteenth day of March, 1922, make an authorized assignment to the sheriff.

NOTICE is further given that the First Meeting of creditors of the above estate will be held in the office of Messrs. Horie Small, Chartered Accountants, Federal Building, Prince Rupert, B. C., on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1922.

To entitle you to vote thereat proof of your claim must be lodged with me before the meeting is held.

And FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you have any claim against the debtor for which you are entitled to rank, proof of same must be lodged with me within thirty days from the date of this notice from and after the expiration of the time fixed by Subsection 8 of Section 37 of the Bank Act, shall entitle the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which I have then notice.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 20th day of March, 1922.

H. E. MacLEOD,
Registrar of Titles,
Prince Rupert, B. C.,
21st day of March, 1922.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a fresh certificate of title to lot 10, block 41, Section 5, City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention to file, after the expiration of the month from the first publication of this notice, a fresh certificate of title to the above mentioned property in the name of J. Arthur Headley, which certificate of title is dated the 23rd March, 1915, and is numbered 7344-L.

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ALASKAN SHOWMAN CONVICTED OF WHITE SLAVERY ANCHORAGE

KETCHIKAN, Mar. 24.—Ragtime Kelly, an oldtimer of the North, who gave a vaudeville act in a number of towns throughout Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska, including Ketchikan, a little more than a year ago, has been found guilty of violation of the Mann Act when tried in the United States District Court at Anchorage.

The trial of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly occupied the attention of the district court for four days.

The case was submitted to the jury late at night and at noon the jury rendered their verdict. Ragtime Kelly was found guilty on all eight counts of the indictment. Mrs. Kelly, who was made co-defendant in the indictment, was acquitted.

Imported Women.

The indictment against Kelly, although containing eight counts, was really the transaction growing out of the importation of two women from Seattle to Anchorage as entertainers in the cabaret in Anchorage run by Kelly.

Kelly arranged for their tickets and induced them to come to Anchorage. The charge was that after their arrival Kelly attempted to force them to engage in immoral practices in violation of the Mann white slave act.

The conviction of Kelly carries with it a penitentiary sentence.

There is no doubt that an appeal will be filed by Kelly's attorneys and the case fought out in the Court of Appeals.

Later "Ragtime" Kelly was tried on a charge of violation of the bone dry law and was sentenced to nine months in the jail at Valdez.

HEAVY FINE AT EDMONTON

Man Has to Pay \$700 for Illegally Sale of Liquor to a Woman.

EDMONTON, Mar. 24.—Seven hundred dollars and the costs of the court was the fine imposed on Eric Hagen in the city police court Monday morning when found guilty of the illegal sale of liquor to Mrs. Barron, a woman in the employment of the city police.

Police testimony in the case is that Mrs. Barron, who just a few months ago came from Fort Saskatchewan jail, where she served a sentence of two weeks on the charge of drunkenness, offered upon being herself convicted in Mrs. Murphy's court to trap illegal sellers of liquor. An agreement was apparently reached between her and the police and they gave her a marked \$5 bill "to get" the accused. They drove her in a car to within half a block of the accused's premises and alleged that they watched her go there.

Had Three Drinks.

She says that she had three drinks while in the accused's private dwelling, having said she was ill in order to get the liquor, and also secured a small bottle to take to her room. This was on St. Patrick's Day and the liquor supposed to have been secured was "fine old Irish whisky."

The defence made much of the fact that it was on the information of a "besotted drunkard" that the police obtained a warrant to search the accused's place and also of the fact that the woman and the "little man" referred to her, who was also a crown witness, had to be recalled to amend statements made by them at the first introduction of the trial on Saturday, on which occasion one of the crown witnesses had to be removed from the witness stand at the order of the magistrate because he was in an intoxicated condition.

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PRINCE RUPERT LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 5

Take notice that L. P. M. Monckton, of Terrace, B. C., occupation land surveyor, intend to apply for a license to prospect for coal, natural gas and petroleum on the following described lands: commencing at a post planted one mile west of the north-west corner of Lot 4428, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Dated January 23, 1922.

P. M. MONCKTON.

PRINCE RUPERT LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 5

Take notice that L. Kathleen Monckton, widow of L. P. M. Monckton, intend to apply for a license to prospect for coal, natural gas and petroleum on the following described lands: commencing at a post planted 14 chains south of the southwest corner of Lot 1037, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated January 21st, 1922.

P. M. Monckton.

KATHLEEN MONCKTON.

P. M. Monckton, Agent.

CLOSE SEASON FOR HALIBUT

Pacific Coast Fisherman Recommends Regulation for Serious Consideration.

After prolonged discussion during the last month or two, the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association of Seattle whose members own most of the halibut vessels of the Pacific Coast, has passed a resolution urging congress to take action toward the establishment of a yearly closed season of approximately three months on halibut fishing in the Pacific, the season recommended being from November 15 to February 15, says the Pacific Coast Fishermen. The members have been practically unanimous in the opinion that this should be done, but the discussion was mainly in regard to what form the action should take and also in part as to the exact date of closing.

The closing is urged primarily as a conservation measure, as it is the consensus of opinion that the fish taken after the middle of November are almost entirely in a spawning condition of little real value for food; while later on, in January and February, few fish can be taken, and it would be better to give them a complete rest during that period.

Gaining Headway.

The movement for a closed season on halibut fishing in the north Pacific during the winter months has lately gained considerable headway, with strong support from both American and Canadian interests, says the magazine editorially. The idea seems to meet with practically unanimous favor from fishermen, vessel owners and other interested throughout the entire fishing district. There may be some slight variance of opinion as to details, but on the general principle there is complete agreement and efforts are being made to secure action from both American and Canadian governments.

The agitation is nothing new, having come up from time to time for a number of years. In fact, a treaty covering the subject has been negotiated but failed to win approval because of objectionable provisions relating to other matters. It is hoped that the matter will now be taken up for definite action on its own merits, without extraneous considerations. The precise form of action to be taken may perhaps be left to the able lawyers in the legislative and executive departments of both countries, but whatever regulations are made should be of unquestioned validity and effectiveness, the purpose being to stop halibut fishing for approximately three months. Prevailing opinion would begin the closed season about November 15; but investigation might show a slightly earlier date to be preferable from the viewpoint of conservation.

Conservation Measure.

The action is urged primarily as a conservation measure; but it should be borne in mind that no complete solution of the halibut problem can be found in a yearly closed season, inasmuch as the halibut does not reproduce until about twelve years old. It would be of no small benefit, however, as the halibut are spawning in November and December, when great quantities are taken in very poor condition, involving great waste and destruction of spawn. During the latter part of the proposed closed season fishing is difficult and unproductive and could be suspended with benefit to all concerned. In view of its real value toward the preservation of the fishery, as well as the virtually unanimous desire of those interested, this regulation deserves the serious consideration of the lawmakers and fishery authorities of both countries.