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HALL IS ACQUITTED

Second of Ocean Falls Cases Ends; Jury Disagrees in Third

George Hall, charged in connection with the assault of Provincial Constable Collins at Ocean Falls on August 20, was acquitted at the Supreme Court Assizes this afternoon. The jury disagreed in the case of Fred Bremer, similarly charged. Court opened on the case about 10:30 and the following jury were empannelled: G. W. Nickerson (foreman), Jack Judge, W. Rance, P. J. Ryan, D. McD. Hunter, J. A. Allan, W. O. Vigar, Stanley Smith, R. Arthur, W. J. Greer, Malcolm McLeod and W. W. Wright. After the taking of evidence and the argument of counsel had been finished, the jury left the court room at 12:40 and returned with its finding at 1:30. Court was then adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon when Jack MacDonald will be sentenced and the civil and divorce cases proceeded with.

The following called as jurymen were stood aside at the instance of E. F. Jones, crown prosecutor: F. Aldridge, F. Scadden, Ben Lipsin, F. W. Wesch, C. K. Ytreberg and James Jabour.

H. Castillou, counsel for the defence, challenged the following: S. Darton, T. W. Silversides, Mrs. Martha Leek, John Bulger, G. C. Walker, George Leek, Steve King and J. Bent.

The Evidence

The witnesses for the crown were Constable Collins, C. J. Fourchalk, night cook at the Ocean Falls Hotel; Wilfrid Owen, sawmill laborer, and Sam Zirilich, engineer. The only witnesses for the defence were the two accused. Their defence was by alibi.

Constable Collins positively identified the two accused as the men who had assisted Jack MacDonald in assaulting him. They held his arms while MacDonald pummelled him. According to the night cook's testimony Bremer and another man came to the kitchen after the fight and then Bremer told him that he had held Collins. Owen's evidence was that an excited man resembling Hall had come to a float where he was and said he had been in a fight. Zirilich was unable to identify either of the two accused as the men who had been with MacDonald. Evidence showed that the assault had occurred in a poorly lighted lane.

Bremer, on taking the stand, denied having been the man in the alley with MacDonald. Under cross-examination, Bremer admitted having come on the day in question from a logging camp in the same gasboat with MacDonald. The same night a bunch including witness and MacDonald had gone to a house at the point. Accused stated he knew nothing about the fight in the lane nor had he anything to do with it.

Just Out of Hospital

George Hall said he had come on the day in question from the

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CONFERRING ON SIRDAR MURDER

Views of Field Marshal Viscount Allenby are Awaited Before Action Taken

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The British Foreign office is in communication with Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, British High Commissioner to Egypt and the Soudan, regarding the steps to be taken in connection with the assassination of Sir Lee Stack, sirdar of the Egyptian army and governor-general of the Soudan.

Lord Allenby's views are expected to be received and considered by the British cabinet in time for a note to be delivered to the Egyptian authorities by Saturday or Sunday.

TAX COLLECTOR MUCH MALIGNED

W. E. Fisher Explains to Rotarians Some of the High Lights of System

That the tax collector is the most maligned man on earth was the opinion expressed by Walter Fisher, local collector, at the Rotary Club luncheon when he spoke to the club on taxation. He said the subject was a vexed one and the public had little information in regard to it. Taxes were collected under eleven distinct headings: Land, income, personal property, coal and coke, mines and minerals, mining claims, corporation, banks, railways, schools and in addition there was the amusement and fuel oil tax.

Mr. Fisher told of the different kinds of land tax such as wild lands, coal lands, timber lands and improved lands, all of which had to be treated separately. The duty of the assessor was to put a value on the lands of the district, consisting of over 50,000 parcels, many of which were as much as a square mile in extent.

Absurd Statements

Speaking of the absurd statements sent in by some businessmen, Mr. Fisher said he wondered how many of them could expect to get away with them. If every person paid his just tax, it was his opinion that the rate could be lowered right now.

The personal property tax of a half of one per cent was one against which people railed but he did not see where the money was coming from if it was abolished.

The speaker went on to tell of the coal and coke tax, the tax on cannery output and oil refineries. Salmon paid 4c a case and mild cure 75c a tierce. Oil ten cents a barrel, bone meal 20c a ton. Mines and minerals paid income tax or a two per cent tax on the output no matter whether there was profit or not from the undertaking.

Corporations

The corporation, bank and railway taxes were paid direct to Victoria. Railways were asessed at $10,000 a mile on the main lines and $3,000 on sidings and on this assessment they paid a tax of two per cent.

Mr. Fisher said he would not attempt at that time to deal with school taxes as they were very complicated.

ALL BLACKS DEFEAT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AT RUGBY YESTERDAY

OXFORD, Nov. 21.— The New Zealand All Blacks rugby team which is touring this country, defeated Oxford University team by a score of 33 points to 15 yesterday afternoon.

SITKA ARRIVES

Only one boat sold at the exchange this morning. It was the Sitka with 45,000 pounds that disposed of her catch to the Cold Storage at 14.30 and 6.

The Sea Maid is yet out.

MAJOR ZANNI WILL FLY NEXT SPRING COMING THIS WAY

TOKIO, Nov. 21.—Major Zanni, the Argentine flyer has been instructed by his Government to remain in Japan until spring and then to resume his flight to the United States by the Northern Pacific route.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leverett and son, who are leaving Hazelton to take up their residence in Bellingham, Washington, arrived from the interior on last night's train and proceeded south on the steamer Prince Rupert this morning.

MRS. HARDING PASSED TODAY

Widow of Late President Died From Kidney Ailment This Morning

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 21.—Florence Kling Harding, widow of W. G. Harding, late president of the United States, died today at 8.55. Death was due directly to kidney ailment, from which she suffered for years and which nearly resulted in her death while at the White House. The late President Harding was Mrs. Harding's second husband, her first having been Henry DeWolfe. This marriage, contracted early in life, proved to be unhappy, and she obtained a divorce in 1855.

The funeral will take place Monday.

CONFER WITH THE DOMINIONS

Action of Premier Baldwin Approved: Whole Question to Come up Again

LONDON, Nov. 21. — Premier Baldwin's action in conferring with the high commissioners of the Dominions a few days ago is welcomed by the Daily Mail in a leading editorial advocating closer relations between the various states of the Empire and the mother country.

The paper says that views expressed in Government circles are that the whole question of Dominion representation in London may require to be reconsidered in the light of changed conditions.

BOOTLEGGING AT VANCOUVER

Police Complain of Inability to Enforce Laws Under Present Conditions

VANCOUVER, Nov. 21.— Vancouver police complain that they are unable to effectively enforce the liquor laws because of inability to enter private premises for search purposes. They say that liquor is being sold in Vancouver illicitly by exporters who do not even pay the Dominion duty on it and in that way they defraud the government of its customs duties and the provincial government of its profit.

The plan of handling this liquor is for a vessel, large enough to meet with the requirements of the department, to load a cargo of liquor for Central America or Mexico, clear for a port in one of those countries but lie up along the coast of Vancouver Island or elsewhere and discharge the liquor into smaller craft which bring it back to Vancouver and other points where it finds a ready sale at prices less than those charged by the government.

The Dominion duty is $50 a case. The payment of this evaded, the exporters are able to sell at a cheap rate.

CEDAR IN DOCK

United States Lighthouse Tender is Here and Will Remain Several Days

United States lighthouse tender Cedar went into drydock this morning for her annual overhaul. This vessel comes here every year. She will remain until about the middle of next week. She is in charge of Capt. Leadbetter.

Frank Gomez, Wilfrid Thompson and Cyril Bagshaw, each sentenced to two years at the Essondale Industrial School, were taken south by the provincial police on the steamer Prince Rupert this morning.

COLONEL AND MRS. CHAS. KNOTT OF THE SALVATION ARMY

Colonel Knott has served for 38 years as an officer in the Salvation Army, holding various important positions. He served as chaplain during the Great War, being with the British fighting forces in Egypt. At the close of the war he was appointed to survey work in Palestine and for two years he lived in Jerusalem and travelled extensively in the Holy Land. His last appointment was Chief Secretary in Denmark and he speaks the Danish language fluently.

Among the visitors coming from the north on the Princess Mary will be the important group of officers of the Salvaitno Army that went north Monday. They took part in a very important native congress at Wrangell, which proved very successful. The party consists of Colonel Chas. Knott, chief secretary for the Salvation Army in Canada, West, Lieut. Col. G. Phillips of Winnipeg, Brigadier E. Sims of Winnipeg, Adjutant J. Merritt of Vancouver, Capt. F. Dorin of Wrangell, Alaska.

8 HOUR DAY EXEMPTIONS

Board of Adjustment to Sit Here Next Week in Regard to Law

Members of the board of adjustment under the Eight Hour Day law expect to be in Prince Rupert toward the end of next week. They are due to arrive on Thursday next from the East and will hold sessions on Friday. The object of the meeting is to obtain information and grant such exemptions from the strict 48-hour week as in its judgmant may be necessary.

The board is composed of J. D. McNiven, deputy minister of labor; T. F. Patterson, and F. V. Foster.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Saturday 8 p.m.
WELCOME

Sunday, 3 p.m.
LECTURE

7.30 p.m.
SALVATION MEETING

BOXER WAS DUMB FOR FOUR DAYS

Swing to the Chin Affected Nerve Hitherto Unknown to Science

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The plea of enthusiastic boxing fans, "Knock him speechless," was literally complied with during a bout between two lumbering heavyweights. They had been mauling and pulling each other through round after round when one accidentally caught the other on the point of the chin with a wild swing.

The one on the receiving end of the swing went down like a log. He was revived after a few minutes, but was amazed to find that he could not articulate a single word. Realizing that he had gone completely dumb he fell off into a swoon.

It was four days before the defeated boxer recovered his speech. Doctors attached to the French Boxing Federation declared that his jaw was not dislocated, but that the blow affected a nerve hitherto unknown to science. They are making a further study of the case.

BOAT OWNERS TAKE STAND

Ask For Exclusion of American Fishing Boats From Port While Duty Remains

OFFICERS ELECTED

Meeting Endorses Proposal to Fill Cow Bay Out as Far as the Bridge

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Halibut Fsihing Vessel Owners' Association held in the city hall last evening, four important resolutions were passed having a bearing on the fishing industry here. It was decided to again ask the Dominion government to close the port to non-resident fishing boat owners in the event of the duty remaining on Canadian fish as at present. It was also decided to ask for the abolition of the Canadian duty of one cent a pound on American caught halibut.

The third resolution was different altogether from the others, having no international significance. It asked that the Dominion government build a breakwater at or near Cow Bay for the protection of fishing boats.

Fill Cow Bay

The fourth resolution was an interesting one in that it showed a total change of front from the old stand of waterfront habitues. It endorsed the plan for filling in Cow Bay out to the bridge, there not being a voice raised against it.

There was some discussion on each of the resolutions but each was carried unanimously when the vote was taken, following explanations. Officers for the coming year were then elected as follows:

President—John Morrison.

Vice-president—G. W. Nickerson.

Secretary-manager, H. M. Daggett.

Trustees — Dr. W. T. Kergin, George Fritz and M. F. Nickerson.

TON OF TURKEYS ON ORDER FOR RUPERT

The merchants of Prince Rupert have placed orders for a ton of Bulkley Valley turkeys for Christmas. These will be handled by local stores and will be an indication of the development of the turkey raising industry of the Bulkley Valley and of the buying power of the Prince Rupert people.

SIR LEE STACK DIES AT CAIRO

Failed to Recover From Attacks of Assassins: Country Shocked at Outrage

PERPETRATOFS NOT FOUND

CAIRO, Nov. 21.—Major General Sir Lee Stack, Governor General of the Soudan and Sirdar of the Egyptian Army died at midnight following wounds which were received on Wednesday at the hands of assassins. Lady Stack remained at the bedside of her husband the whole day.

The whole country is profoundly shocked at the outrage and the gravity of the situation is everywhere realized. The press denounces the crime in the strongest terms, demanding the discovery of the culprits and exemplary punishment. Thus far the assassins have not been traced.

STORY TELLING WAS FEATURE OF CONCERT

Presbyterians Close Day of Bazaar With Entertainment in Church Hall

Story telling was the great feature of the concert given last night in the Presbyterian Church hall. A contest was staged in which Thomas McClymont, Dr. Grant, George Rorie, Consul Wakefield and T. H. Johnson took part. Major Taylor and H. H. Little were the judges and they decided that Mr. Johnson was the winner. One reason for the decision was that he spoke only five minutes yet never looked at his watch.

The musical part of the program was of high merit. There were selections by Art Easson's orchestra, songs by Mrs. P. J. McMillan, Mrs. Fraser, and S. K. Campbell; a duet by Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Larsen; a trombone solo by Mr. Tisdall and a piano solo by Mrs. Kenny. George Munro presided.

SUES EDMONTON CITY FOR DAMAGES DUE TO A SIDEWALK ACCIDENT

EDMONTON, Nov. 21.—A damage action for $13,558 against the city was filed in the Supreme Court by Elizabeth Gregson and William Gregson, her husband, for damages arising out of injuries caused through a sidewalk accident April 8, 1923. The claim asks $10,000 general damages for Mrs. Gregson, $2,500 damages for Mr. Gregson, and $1,058 special damages.

It states that Mrs. Gregson tripped on a rotten plank on 73rd Street between 113th and 114th Avenues, which sidewalk was in a bad state of repair due to negligence on the part of the city. As a result of the injuries Mrs. Gregson was in hospital 338 days at a cost of $708, paid a medical bill of $150, household help $200 and was incapacitated from performing home duties and denied the ordinary enjoyment of health

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SEATTLE AVIATORS FOUND YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Nov. 21. — The Seattle aviators who left Nanaimo Wednesday for Anacortes, were found yesterday afternoon on Graham Island near Sidney where they were forced to descend on account of the storm.

FINE CHURCH BAZAAR HELD

Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Was Very Successful at Annual Affair in New Church Yesterday

CONCERT IN EVENING

The first function to be held in the new Presbyterian Church which is now nearing completion, the annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid took place yesterday afternoon in the well appointed social hall in the basement of the edifice. The place was prettily decorated and, in addition to the bazaar attractions, the many ladies who patronized the affair were interested in inspecting the handsome premises for the first time. Financially the affair was as successful as it was socially, over $900 having already been realized.

The bazaar was opened by Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant who also took occasion to dedicate the hall to the glory of God and the use of the congregation. The pastor read Solomon's dedicatory prayer from I. Kings, Chapter viii.

With Mrs. R. M. Taylor, president of the Ladies' Aid, as general convener, those in charge of the various departments were as follows:

Fancy work—Mrs. Joe Greer, Mrs. F. W. Pearson, Mrs. William Millar and Mrs. H. R. Grant.

Plain sewing and baby booth—Mrs. T. E. Pringle, Mrs. R. F. McNaughton, Mrs. S. K. Campbell, Mrs. J. D. Westenhaver, Mrs. D. G. Stewart and Mrs. T. H. Johnson.

Candy—Mrs. J. G. Steen, Mrs. J. O. Reddie, Miss J. Rothwell.

Home cooking —Mrs. D. McD. Hunter, Mrs. A. R. Holtby and Mrs. T. Ross Mackay.

Novelties—Mrs. George Rorie, Mrs. W. H. Wilson Murray and Miss Nancy Rorie.

Handkerchiefs — Mrs. C. E. Starr, Mrs. L. W. Kergin, Mrs. W. D. Vance and Miss Irwin.

Tea room—Mrs. T. McClymont, Mrs. Fred Stork, Mrs. E. A. Mann, Mrs. Sam Massey, Mrs. Norman Watt, Mrs. H. H. Little, Mrs. Harry Welford, Mrs. A. Finnie, Mrs. G. A. Bryant, Mrs. S. Darton, Miss Kathleen Stork, Miss Marguerite Young, Miss Etanda Marsh, Miss Weatherhead and Miss Creighton.

Fish pond—Mrs. A. C. Clarke and Misses Clarke.

Mrs. D. S. Cameron was cashier for the tea room.

A large number of ladies worked faithfully at home and helped to bring about the successful result.

In the course of the afternoon, selections were played by the Ladies' Musical Club orchestra, consisting of Mrs. G. A. Bryant, Mrs. J. A. Hinton, Miss Marjorie Lancaster, Mrs. W. S. Ackroyd, Mrs. Max Heilbroner and George Rorie Jr.

The proceedings of the day closed with a concert program in the hands of George Munro and George Rorie, the former presiding.

CAPTURED BY BANDITS

SHANGHAI, Nov. 21. — Rev. Arne Anda, Norwegian Lutheran missionary stationed at Sichwan, Hanon Province, has been captured by bandits.

TWO WINS FOR FREE STATERS

Republican Candidates Beaten in Cork Which Was Rebel Stronghold

DUBLIN, Nov. 21. — The Free State government won two seats from the Republican "rebels" when Cork returned two government candidates by big majorities, one in the city where the Republican Lord Mayor was defeated and the other in East Cork where Michael Walsh, Republican, was defeated.