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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Proposes to Return Railways Of States to Former Owners

Secretary Tumulty Announces That President Wilson is Bent on Carrying out Policy; Labor and Farmer Interests Opposed.

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

WASHINGTON, December 18.—President Wilson's mind is still bent on returning the railroads to private control, Secretary Tumulty told a delegation representing union labor and some organizations which called at the White House to present a letter, asking the executive to delay return of the roads for two days.

The roads have been operated under control of the Administration since soon after the Americans went into the war.

GOT MONEY ON STRANGE CHECK

This is Charge on Which Joshua MacKay was Committed.

Joshua MacKay, a Port Simpson Indian, was this morning committed for trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. It is alleged that he obtained cash on a check written by the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. in favor of J. Tutlis. The information was laid by the proprietor of the National Grocery on Fulton St. who cashed the check.

J. Tutlis was examined and testified to having missed the check some six weeks ago. He had notified the office of the Cold Storage of the loss, and payment was stopped. The accused was employed at the Cold Storage plant with him. He never saw the check after he had missed it first, until the night before in the police station.

Lee Dick and another Chinaman testified as to accused coming into their store and buying a box of apples. MacKay offered the check for payment and got the change, which amounted to over \$50. Accused had said that he would call back for the apples but had not done so. Payment was refused at the bank and he had notified the police.

Chief Vickers gave evidence, telling of the complaint. The information had been laid by the grocer who said that he could identify the man who worked at the cold storage.

Sergeant Adams, accompanied by Constable Watkinson, went to the cold storage with the informant and the Chinaman picked out accused immediately as being the man who had cashed the check. MacKay pleaded not guilty of the charge.

SMALLPOX IS ON INCREASE

Ontario is Put Under Quarantine Against Montreal.

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

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The whole of Ontario has been placed under quarantine for smallpox as far as Montreal is concerned. The epidemic has increased to such an extent that drastic action has been found necessary in order to prevent the spread of the disease. For some time smallpox has been prevalent and of late it has increased considerably.

BALLOON DAY

The latest thing in tag days is what is known as "Balloon Day," when the ladies sell balloons on the streets of the city. The Victoria I. O. D. E. is using this novel means of raising money.

Albert & McCaffery, Ltd., have just received a shipment of five hundred doors and windows—the most and varied stock in Northern B. C.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages.

NOVEMBER WAS BIG MONTH WITH POLICE

Chief Reports Drug Using on the Increase and Severe Punishment is Meted.

The report of the chief of police for the months of October and November was read at the meeting of the Police Commission last evening. In October there were 35 cases out of which 33 convictions were obtained. There were 17 cases of drunkenness and 9 under the Drug Act. The chief remarked on the increase in the drug offences and said that the magistrate was dealing more severely with the cases and in some cases prison terms had been given with no option of fine. The total fines collected in October were \$701.

The report for November showed a much bigger list of cases and fines collected. There were 62 cases and 54 convictions. Of these 17 were for drunkenness, 11 under the Prohibition Act and 10 came under the Drug Act. The total of fines collected was \$1,148.

ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS ELECTED

G. A. Woodland, President, in Succession to J. H. McMullin Who Has Just Completed Term.

The Army and Navy Veterans held a meeting last night and officers were elected for 1920. The following make up the list:

Honorary President—Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O. President—George A. Woodland.

Vice-president—T. H. Johnson. Sec.-Treas.—W. H. Smith. Auditor.—J. H. McMullin. Chaplain.—Canon G. A. Rix. Executive Committee.—

M. Burke, W. H. Derry and H. Smith.

The retiring president, J. H. McMullin was in the chair.

A COMMITTEE FOR INSURANCE BOARD

War Veterans Name Members to Advance Needs in This Community.

At the meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held last night with Simon Duff, president, in the chair, it was decided to have a committee from the Association meet with the Health Insurance Board which will be here on December 31. This committee will point out the conditions and requirements of this community in the interests of the community at large.

Messrs. Cameron, Cargill, Pettie, Kerr and Atchison were named as members of the committee.

Principal Brady will address St. Andrew's Society tomorrow night, Friday, in the club rooms. Members and the ladies of the Auxiliary are invited.

Ole Evindsen, the Alice Arm hotel man, is spending a few days in town on business. He will return north on Saturday night.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

PRINCE IS TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

Expects to Spend Six or Seven Months in Two Countries.

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

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An announcement is made by the Prince of Wales that he is proceeding to Australia and New Zealand about March next on a tour that will take six or seven months and has excited great interest here. Following the announcement the newspapers predict a great success for the trip, much as was the Canadian tour. The Prince speaks of his "Wonderful time in Canada."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

English Holly. Arctic Studio.

Player piano, highest grade, in perfect condition, special price. W. J. Pitman, opposite the post office.

A. F. Miner is leaving for the south on the Prince George this evening. Mr. Miner is a well-known Alice Arm man. He intends to spend the winter in the States but will be back early in the spring.

The Great War Veterans' Association is busy providing Christmas cheer for widows and children of dead heroes. Hampers and toys are being prepared and will be distributed on Christmas eve and morning.

The fire shed at the corner of Eighth and Conrad disappeared during the big wind storm last night. This morning the hose and reel was standing without shelter and was brought into the central station. The hose shed on Second Ave. West, also lost a door last night.

There will be a sale of Xmas wreaths and tiny Xmas trees, trimmed and suitable for table centres on the Xmas dinner table, held at the Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 20. Tea will be served and there will be a fish pond and popcorn for the children.

At the meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held last night J. Cargill was appointed to represent the Association at the unveiling of the tablet to fallen members of the St. Andrews' Society in battle. The ceremony takes place in the society's rooms next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A good crowd turned out last night in the St. Andrew's Hall for the benefit dance to J. W. McDonald, who was recently burned out, despite the adverse weather. A good sum was realized and J. McDonald who got up the affair is to be congratulated. The floor was in good condition and Harvey's Orchestra supplied the music.

The efforts of Geo. Logan for the Army and Navy Veterans when in Vancouver two months ago to have the delegates from the East to the Dominion Convention in Victoria, in the spring, come west via Prince Rupert have been successful. It was reported at last night's meeting of the Association that they will come over the Grand Trunk lines on the west-bound trip. There will be a large number of delegates.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus' headquarters.

LORD GREY MAY NOT RETURN AS AMBASSADOR U.S.

Lord Reading Mentioned as Possible Successor at American Capital.

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Speculation is rife as to why Viscount Grey is leaving Washington, and the belief is held in diplomatic circles that he will not return as British ambassador. There is no intimation of this, officially, but it seems to be an understood thing. It was for that reason the suggestion was made that Premier Borden might succeed him.

People are talking about who is to succeed Lord Grey. Lord Reading is frequently mentioned in this regard.

MORE SALARY FOR CONSTABLES

Sergeant Adams and Warden Bailey Will be Designation of Two Members of Force.

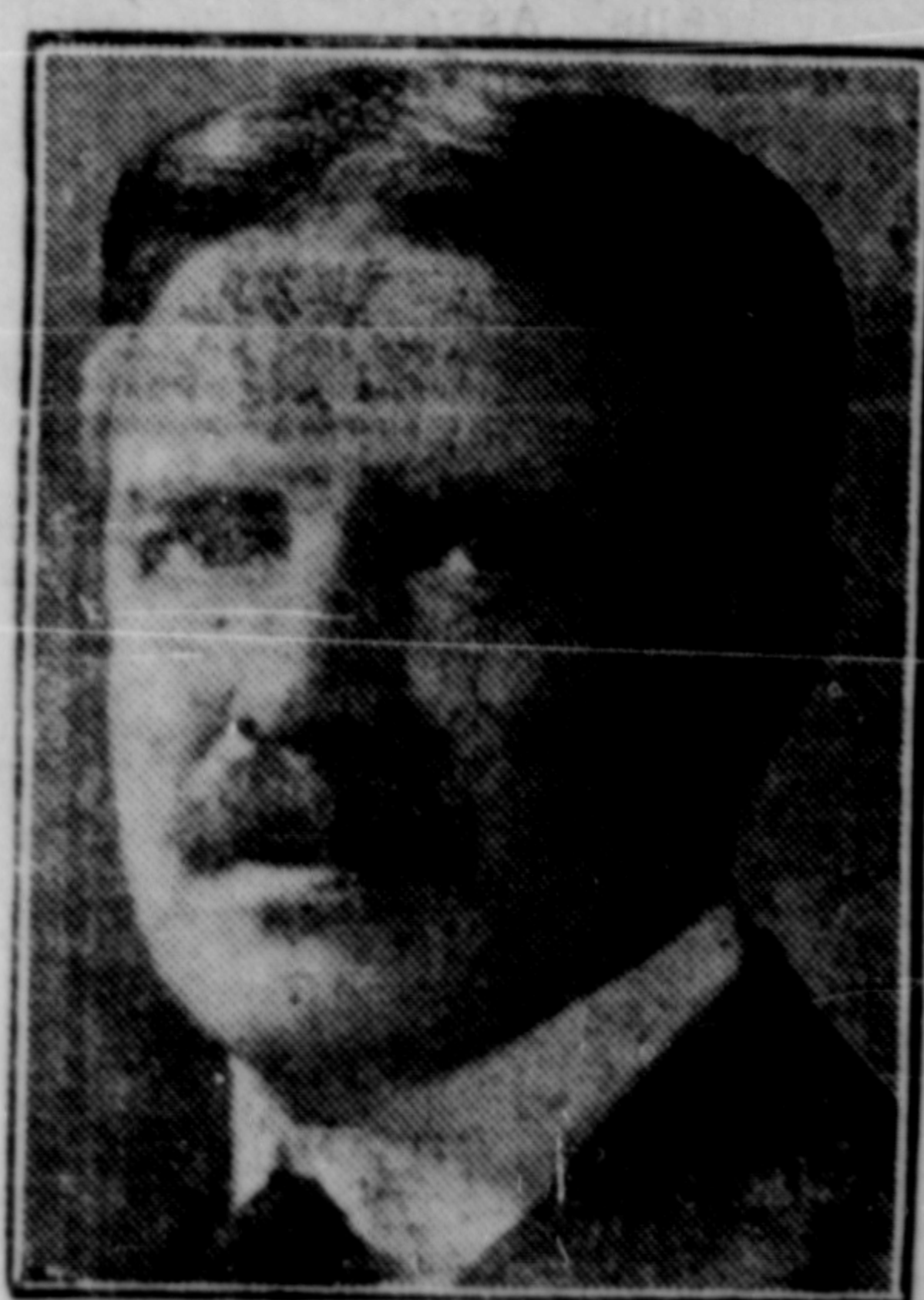
The matter of an increase of salary to Constables Adams and Bailey in view of their long and efficient service on the city police force was taken up by the Police Commission last night and the increase granted. Constable Adams will in future be known as Sergeant Adams and his salary will be \$150, and Bailey is to be Warden of the Jail. This relieves Warden Bailey of outside patrol duties and his salary is also \$150. The increases start from November 1 as promised by the commission.

The other members of the force are all to be increased to \$140, starting also on November 1.

The matter of a promotion system was again referred to but was laid over to be dealt with by the new board of commissioners next year.

WILL TAKE CENSUS OF CHINESE RESIDENTS

At the Police Commission meeting last night the matter of a Chinese census being taken in the city came up for discussion. The resolution of Ald. Perry that the census be taken was endorsed by the commission and referred back to the council. The commission felt that this was the business of the council rather than the police commission.



Sir Henry Drayton, possible Premier

Mail matter intended for delivery at southern points for Christmas should be posted by Friday, December 19 for the steamer "Princess Mary" and not later than Sunday, December 21 for the G. T. P. steamer "Prince Rupert."

Evidence was taken in the case of the G. T. P. Development case this morning, Don W. Peck being in the box. This afternoon at 3 o'clock the case starts again, when the witness will be cross-examined.

Police Commission Gives New Decision

Constable Duff to be Suspended One Month Without Pay; Commissioner Hill Stands by Old Finding.

At the sitting of the Police Commission last night, on motion of Commissioner Macdonald, supported by Acting Mayor Rochester, with Commissioner Hill dissenting, the action of the Police Commission in asking for Constable Simon V. Duff's resignation was changed to one month's suspension, without pay, dating from November 27.

Commissioner Macdonald was the first to speak on the matter after the meeting opened. The idea of the adjournment for two days had been to give the commission opportunity to arrive at its decision. He was still of the same opinion that Duff was guilty of a serious offence in making an incorrect entry in the police records and it could not be passed over lightly.

He had had a few words with an official of the Great War Veterans' Association. The association concurred with the police commission that Constable Duff had erred but considered that, perhaps, the decision was too severe. After thinking the matter over he had been inclined to agree with the opinion that the penalty had been too severe. He, therefore, moved that he believed Constable Duff had made a mistake in the entry, but in view of his previous good record and overseas service, his punishment be reduced to one month's suspension without pay.

Does Not Agree.

Commissioner Hill stated he had also given the matter his serious consideration but could not alter his opinion. Constable Duff had had every opportunity to clear himself, but had failed to do so. He had asked for a public inquiry and had got it. The evidence taken in this public investigation was the same as the evidence in the private one. He could not support the motion of Commissioner Macdonald.

On the mention of the word "private" in connection with the first meeting Commissioner Macdonald wished to correct Commissioner Hill. Mr. Hill took it back and both commissioners concurred that the former meeting was public but no invitations had been given. Nobody had been barred, but there merely had been no attendance. "Police Commission meetings have not drawn any attendance in the last 23 months anyway," stated Commissioner Macdonald.

Acting Mayor Rochester stated that the case had originally been in the hands of the mayor, but he (Alderman Rochester) had taken hold and gone ahead with the investigation to get it over with. He did not feel that Constable Duff was criminally guilty, but still adhered to his remarks in the last meeting that he had shown very poor judgment. Even had he only a short time to make plans for the arrest of the guilty party, he did not believe that it was proper for the records to be falsified. A police officer is expected to be able to act quickly.

Good Officer.

He had no wish to incriminate Constable Duff. As far as he knew he had been a good officer and he supported the motion of Commissioner Macdonald for one month's suspension without pay, feeling that this would probably be a warning to the constable that false entries could be allowed under no consideration in the police records.

Constable Duff, himself, rose and stated that no officer had spoken on behalf of the Great War Veterans' Association to assist him. The matter had never been discussed with the Association.

Commissioner Macdonald stated that an official, who claimed he had been appointed by the association to go into the Duff case, had spoken to him about the severity of the penalty. This official was Mr. Cameron, the secretary, who was there to defend himself.

On being asked, Mr. Cameron said that this was the case and

Constable Duff said it was the first he had heard about it. The chairman drew attention to the fact that as far as the Police Commission was concerned the proceedings were now over, so Mr. Cameron and Constable Duff retired and routine business was gone on with.

ELECTION TALK AT OTTAWA IS AGAIN REVIVED

Liberal Unionists Hold Key to Situation But Will Probably Keep Door Locked.

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

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—In view of the resignation of Premier Borden the possibility of an early election is again being discussed. Following the turn down of the Ontario Government and the rise of the Farmer party as a real factor in political life, election suggestions had all been pigeonholed for a year or two, as it was thought the Government would hold on as long as possible.

With Sir Robert proposing to resign there is danger of a split in the Union ranks which would immediately precipitate an appeal to the people. Much depends on the attitude of the Liberal Unionists as to what action will be taken. They have it in their own hands to make or unmake the government. If they remain loyal, it is hardly likely that there will be an election immediately. What is keeping them loyal to Unionism is the certainty that many of them would never return to Ottawa if an election were held in January or February.

BATTLE IN AIR WITH VULTURE

Lieut. Erne Has Exciting Time in Burma When Bird Broke His Propeller.

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

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Erne, the Frenchman who was competing with Capt. Poss Smith in the Paris-Australian air route, has reached Moulmain, Burma, after a battle in the air with a huge vulture, which broke a propeller of his machine and forced him to land in the mountains.

Last night's wind storm was responsible for some minor damage about town and several windows were broken as well as signs being blown down. Shingles and sidewalks also suffered. Some householders were forced up during the night to board up broken windows, much to their discomfort in the pouring rain. The gale appears to be pretty well a land storm as the steamers do not report unusually heavy weather.

A. B. Armstrong and R. F. McGinnis returned to Alice Arm on the Prince George last night.

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