

Desk Sergeant And The Turnkey

Interesting Tale of Proceedings Following Early Morning Session of Police Court — Why Thomas Arrested Clifford.

The case in which Turnkey Clifford of the County Jail and Desk Sergeant Thomas, of the city police force are involved, came up in the police court yesterday afternoon at four o'clock.

Sergeant Thomas went on the stand and testified that on the morning of the twenty-fourth he had taken three prisoners to the county jail after they had been sentenced at an early sitting of the police court. He had waited till he saw the jail being lit up and had then taken the prisoners across the yard to the jail entrance. He knocked at the door which was opened after some time by Turnkey Clifford, who immediately on opening the door accused him of breaking a window. He denied the charge and the Turnkey then called him a liar. The Sergeant took the prisoners into the hallway of the jail. He asked for a receipt of the delivery of the prisoners, but was refused and ordered out of the jail.

Later, about 7.30, he met Clifford on King street east, who again accused him of breaking the window, and swore at him and called him a liar. He then placed the Turnkey under arrest.

The Turnkey said: "If you arrest me you'll lose your job."

"The Turnkey resisted as I took him along to the police station and tore a button off my coat," said Thomas. "On the way we met Mr. McArthur and another man. Clifford said 'You're crazy, insane and mad and not a fit man to be on the job.'"

Cross-examined by J. Starr Tait, who appeared on behalf of Clifford, the Sergeant said he had been on the force eight months. He had brought a box of cigars over to the jail when he brought the prisoners; they were a present from Judge Ritchie to the military prisoners. Clifford told him to put them on the window; he had hesitated before doing so.

Never Said Liar.

He denied having called the Turnkey a liar or having sworn at him or called him to come out in the yard. After he returned to the lockup he rang up Mr. Henderson to have a warrant sworn out against Clifford. He then left the station to go home. He did not hit Clifford with the baton which was swinging on his wrist.

Turnkey Clifford said he was in the top of the jail when he heard some one knocking at the jail door and a clash. He attended to his prisoners before going down to open the door. On opening the door he asked the officer how he had broken the window. The officer said, "I didn't break the window." I said, "Well some of you did." He replied, "I'll get a warrant for you," and I told him to go ahead. I told him to lay the cigars on the window and told him to go out. On the way out he asked me if I accused him of breaking the window, and I said, "Well, you or some of the others that were with you."

After attending to his prisoners the Turnkey said he went out on the street to get a paper, and when re-entering he was halted by a policeman who told him to come down. He replied that he wanted to see him he could come up the stairs. The officer came up the stairs and took hold of him and said, "Come on," and hit him on the shoulder with his billy.

The policeman then dragged him down the stairs and took him to the station by the alley way. He rapped on the door and a policeman came to the window. Thomas gave him the keys to unlock the door. Thomas took him in and told the officer on duty to lock him up. Clifford asked to see the Chief, who ordered him released. James Moore testified to having heard Clifford accuse Thomas of breaking the window. Thomas denied having done so and swore at the

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War Finances of France Reviewed In Chamber

Minister of Finance Gives Optimistic Report on Financial Situation and Says There is No Occasion for Alarm.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Louis Klotz, Minister of Finance, presented to the Chamber of Deputies today, the loan bill providing for five per cent bonds redeemable during sixty years at 150, withdrawals every six months to designate these bonds redeemable in each period. The measure was approved by the cabinet. Like previous war issues, the new bonds will be exempt from taxation. Other war bonds will be acceptable in payment for the new issue.

at Klotz, addressing the Chamber, reviewed the war's financial situation. He declared the young of military credits was contrary to good manners, and that it was indispensable to return to the rule of a single budget.

Expenses Voted

The Minister said that the expenses voted totaled 220,000,000,000 francs, but the disbursements averaged a fourth less. Funds included 40,000,000,000 francs for the armaments; 10,000,000,000 francs for the support of soldiers' families; 20,000,000,000 francs for public expenses; 20,000,000,000 francs for interest and

Turnkey. The officer asked for a receipt for the cigars and the prisoners, both of which were refused by Clifford.

Douglas McArthur, Sr., of King street east, said that he was coming down the street about 7.30 the morning of the 24th. He noticed two ligatures on the jail stairs on the platform above the first flight. Coming nearer he heard Thomas place Clifford under arrest and saw Thomas strike Clifford with his baton on the shoulder. He called to the officer to stop.

He and Willard Bagnell followed the policeman to the lockup. The officer refused to take the prisoner up the main entrance but took him in by the alley way. McArthur asked Thomas if he knew what he was doing, and told him to be careful. He told the prisoner he would phone the Sheriff of his arrest.

Willard Bagnell corroborated Mr. McArthur's evidence. He said that he had heard a scuffle on the jail steps, saw Thomas make the arrest and saw him strike Clifford and drag him down stairs very roughly. When they reached the police court stairs the officer would not allow Clifford to go up them, but took him up the alley way. He heard Thomas threaten to strike Clifford, telling him not to dare take hold of the baton again.

The case is to be brought up again tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.

other charges; 20,000,000,000 francs for food and 4,000,000,000 francs for two advances to friendly countries.

Total Receipts

M. Klotz said that the total receipts of 1919 would exceed 11,000,000,000 francs. "That answers the fallacious charge that France lacked fiscal courage," he continued. "To appreciate the figures, one must consider that France had eight departments invaded and offering no resources, and mobilized 9,000,000, or eighty per cent of the mobilizable age. England, according to M. Klotz, mobilized fifty-two per cent of the men who could be called to the colors, and the United States six per cent. The advances of the Bank of France, he asserted, totalled 35,000,000,000 francs. "The country has shown its riches, its power to save and its will to assure victory," the Minister went on. "It will continue to do so."

The Minister said that various taxes during the war brought in 21,000,000,000 francs, national defense bonds 40,000,000,000 and foreign credits 33,000,000,000, all the receipts totalling 194,000,000,000.

Questioned as to the statement that the country had bought \$5,500,000,000 of the various loans, he replied that the new money brought in amounted to 32,225,000,000. The after-the-war budget, he said, would vary between triple and quadruple the former figures.

Present Crisis

Discussing the fixed price of bread maintained by the Government absorbing part of the price of flour, M. Klotz said: "That measure has had its hour; it has served its time. At the present moment we are in the presence of the crisis—first, insufficient of budget resources; second, a treasury crisis necessitating loans pending future receipts, notably from Germany; third, economy through the increased cost in living."

The proposed law provides that the subscription price shall be fixed by decree as well as other details. In the opinion of the minister it seemed useless to fix the subscription limit in advance.

LUMBERMEN TO MEET IN QUEBEC

Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association Will Gather There in February.

(Quebec Telegraph.)

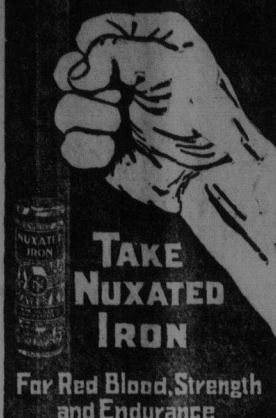
Quebec, who be generally honored during the first week in February, when the twelfth annual meeting of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association will be held in this city.

The dates of the gathering are Wednesday and Thursday, February 4th and 5th, and it is expected that the attendance will be the largest and most representative in the history of this widely-known national organization.

At a recent meeting of the executive, arrangements were perfected for the success of the gathering, at which many important matters relating to the present status of the industry and its future outlook and expansion will be considered. The headquarters of the Association will be at the Chateau Frontenac and it is confidently expected that the visitors, many of whom represent the largest wholesale and manufacturing enterprises in the Dominion, will be extended a hearty welcome.

The last annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, was held in St. John, N. B., and was a distinct success, the reception accorded the delegates being of the most cordial character, and the pleasant associations of the assembly still linger in the minds of all those who were fortunate enough to attend; in fact, no delighted were the visitors with St. John and so impressed were the citizens of St. John with the visitors, that a pressing invitation was extended that the Canadian Lumbermen's Association to hold their 1920 meeting in that city. The representatives from Quebec, however, came forward with such

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KERENSKY HASH SLINGER IN A LONDON BEANERY

New York, Dec. 29.—Alexander F. Kerensky, successor to the Czar as ruler of Russia, is now working in a "beef and beanery" in London, according to Georgy Zilborg, who says he was Kerensky's secretary of labor, and who spoke here tonight at the inter-collegiate socialist convention.

"The poor fellow is down at the heel," he added. "He is in the same boat as I am."

confidence and assurance that Quebec should have the honor of entertaining this national body that the ancient capital won the day and the lumbermen will go to Quebec for the first time in the history of the association.

CONSUMER MUST PAY THE FREIGHT

The New Schedule of Freight Rates in England Becomes Operative on January 15th.

London, Dec. 28.—The new schedule of railroad freight rates fixed by the Ministry of Transport will become operative January 15. They will vary from 25 to 100 per cent, with many additions to the flat rates from three pence to six pence per ton. The indications already point to the consumer having to pay for the rise. London household coal is expected to advance two shillings per ton. The Middlesbrough iron manufacturers announce that the prices of pig iron and steel must be raised to the consumer to meet the increased freight rates.

BRITISH PREMIER IN CRITICISM OF SENATE'S TACTICS

Thinks it Folly That America Should Enter Upon Party Warfare at This Critical Time.

London, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking at Llanystwyd, Wales, yesterday, defended the voting arrangements of the League of Nations. He said that Australia lost as many men as the United States in the war and has as much right to vote as the United States. President Wilson recognized "the justice and fairness of the claim put forward in behalf of the British Empire," said the Premier.

He recounted the fight in the United States on the Treaty, which he termed "the folly of America entering upon party warfare when trying to settle the difficulties and troubles ensuing from the great war."

THOUGHT NAME IN WRONG PLACE

Proceeds to Show His Disapproval by Smashing up Chinese Restaurant.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Dec. 29.—Fred Gulat today was sent up for trial for wrecking a restaurant called the Allie's Cafe, run by a Chinaman. Gulat objected to the Oriental choosing such a name. In less than ten minutes Gulat did \$500 damage, bombarding mirrors and plate glass with bottles of tomato catsup. He wore a returned soldiers button.

DR. S. F. TOLME IS IMPROVING

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—Satisfactory progress toward recovery is being made by Dr. S. F. Tolme, Federal Minister of Agriculture, who is lying ill with diphtheria at his residence here. He will be unable to leave his bed for at least two weeks, after which the necessary period of quarantine will mean his remaining at his home until the end of January.

ITALIANS WANT THEIR RED WINE

Will No Longer Emigrate to United States as They Cannot Get the Forbidden Juice

Rome, Dec. 27.—Italians will not in the future emigrate to the United States because wine is not obtainable there, Signor Bettini announced in the Senate today. He recommended that the government, in order to keep pace with the tremendous rise in population, facilitate emigration to Brazil, which country, he said, had always treated Italians with favor.



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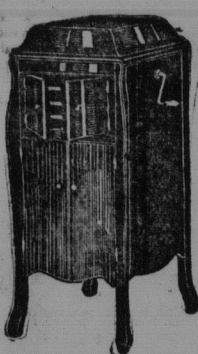
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OBITUARY

James Swetman.

Moncton, Dec. 29.—James Swetman, one of the best known passenger conductors on the maritime section of the Canadian National Railway, died suddenly of acute apoplexy tonight in the St. Louis Hotel at Campbellton, after having just completed his run from Moncton. Conductor Swetman, who resided in Moncton, had been in the service of the government railway about forty years. He was about sixty years of age, and is survived by his widow, two sons, both employees of the C. N. R., and two daughters. Deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic order and the Order of Railway Conductors.

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