

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN CARTOON

BY LOU SKUCE



Police Chiefs Petition Department to Reject Petitions for Clemency

Say Practice Does Much to Weaken Respect for Law and to Destroy Public Confidence in its Administration.

A petition against petitions is what Deputy Chief Stark, of the Chief Constables' Association of Canada, has handed to the minister of justice, at Ottawa, on Friday.

Their representation to the minister reads:—

"We submit respectful protest against this practice, which is doing much to weaken respect for the law, and to destroy public confidence in its administration.

"The people, thru their representatives in parliament, make the law, and establish a judicial system to operate it. Here their duty and responsibility ends. They have no right to ask that the law, so made, be set aside in certain exceptional cases, as their personal or political advantages may require, or as their whim may dictate.

"The right of a convict, and relatives personally interested in him, to petition the crown is denied, but such petition by a meddlesome, unreasoning populace is utterly inconsistent with the British system of law administration.

"The public petition introduces an element of unfairness into the administration of the law as giving the man with friends and influence an unfair advantage over his, perhaps, no less worthy companion, who happens to have no other.

"Statements often untrue. We respectfully submit that to consider or even receive the opinions of a collection of irresponsible individuals pressed all too often in ill-considered petitions in connection with

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U.S. Police Swoop Down on Labor Leaders

The vigorous denunciation by some judges and magistrates of the practice of public petitions and other methods of impertinent interference with the administration of justice, is encouraging.

Judges Indignant. "Mr. Justice Riddell, when offered one of these petitions when asked to sentence a prisoner, said: 'I can pay no attention to this petition. Persons who express an opinion that those violating the law should not be punished because of their good character, show an ignorance of the first duties of law-abiding citizens, and ask one law to be applied to those they approve, and another to those they do not. It would set the very foundations of society if such a rule were to govern, as that persons of previously good character might commit one crime with impunity. A responsible jury, not a number of irresponsible men, is the proper authority to pass upon the matter.'

"His Honor, Judge Winchester, at a recent sitting of the York County sessions, spoke thus in passing sentence on a prisoner on whose behalf a numerous signed petition had been presented: 'Your friends have petitions on your behalf. To these I can pay no attention. I don't sentence persons at the request of anyone, or relieve them of punishment at the request of petitioners. If I can't do my duty without such assistance, I will step down and out.'

"The Police Magistrate of London, in passing sentence on two prisoners recently, thus delivered himself: 'I have been pestered by clergymen and others asking me to deal leniently with these men. I cannot too strongly denounce such proceedings as unbecoming of a Canadian court of justice. Such proceedings will not be tolerated in this court.'

Deputy Chief Stark of Toronto, who presented a petition against petitions.

The review of matters that have been pronounced upon by the courts, is not only an admission of the possible influence of these opinions, but is an official recognition of a practice that cannot be designated as other than an offensively impertinent interference with the administration of justice, well calculated to excite suspicion and distrust in the public mind.

"Specific instances have been brought to our notice in which statements uttered at variance with facts regarding the previous record and character of convicts, the conduct of officers having charge of the prosecution, and the conduct of the courts at which such convicts were tried, have been embodied in largely signed petitions of this kind, and as a result of investigation we are convinced that in some instances at least the untruthfulness of such statements was known to those responsible for their preparation, whose dishonest attempts to mislead must be shared by those who attach their signatures to such petitions, without investigation, or enquiry, and who are therefore guilty of criminal carelessness or a deliberate attempt to deceive those to whom such petitions are addressed.

"In justice to the police of Canada we ask that in every instance in which statements are made in these petitions reflecting on their conduct, or on the conduct of the court at the trial, these be the first subjects of investigation in order that officers and courts implicated may have an opportunity of meeting charges, which are often nothing more than cowardly insinuations which will be found in nearly every instance without any foundation in fact, and are made deliberately for no other purpose than to prejudice the prosecution, excite sympathy for the convict, and mislead those whose duty it is to deal with the matter.

Should Consult Police. "When it is proposed to turn a criminal loose upon the country surely the voice of the responsible officers of the crown, who are charged with the protection of the lives and property of the people, should be heeded rather than the clamor of irresponsible and unreasoning petitioners, who in most instances, know nothing about the convict, or the circumstances of his conviction.

"In the answer to a protest against the public petition addressed to your predecessor by this association on Feb. 18, 1911, the following sentence occurs:—'I concur in the views expressed with regard to the statements which too often appear in petitions for clemency to convicts, and I may say that as a result I have, in dealing with such cases, long felt that little if any reliance could be placed on such statements.'

"The all too frequent appearance of items such as the following in the newspaper press of the country is causing many thoughtful people to seriously ask: 'Is the criminal law of Canada being administered by the legally constituted courts, or by the populace?'

"Whitney, Minn.—Ralph Connor is interesting himself in a petition which it is expected will be signed by many influential people, asking for the release of J. K. McLeod and Gordon Nagle, for theft from the bank in which they were employed.

American Impudence. "Ottawa, Ont.—The unprecedented campaign in the United States and Canada on behalf of the woman found guilty of the murder of her husband at the Canadian 'Shot' and the consequent deluging of the department of justice with petitions for executive clemency, is provoking very unfavorable comment here.

"Whatever excuse residents of Canada may have had for their action, the unprecedented impudence of residents of the United States deserved and should have received a well-merited rebuke.

Lord Selborne is Belligerent

Says Government is Introducing American Corruption into Political Fights—Party Machine Too Greedy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A London cable to The Times says: Following the example of his leader, Bonar Law, who charged the government with introducing American methods in politics, Lord Selborne, speaking in Cambridge last night on political corruption, told his hearers that if they wanted to realize the evils which "the party machine" from this elevation of the party machine to the seat of government, they must look at the experience of the United States. The party machine was greedy for money and would get it where it could and how it could.

In certain parts of America, he said, it got that money from the great corporations and trusts, and because they supported it, it supported them. Thereby, to a large degree, in certain parts of America, the real ruler of the country had been wealth, and irresponsible wealth was the worst ruler which a country could have.

Railway Bandits Leave No Clue

Poses Searching for Train Robbers, Who Hold Up Train Without Effecting Any Gain.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 17.—Poses scouring the neighborhood had found no trace this forenoon of the bandits who attempted to hold up the Vandalla New York-St. Louis mail train No. 11, near Liggett, Ind., last night. Because of more than an hour's delay in making up a special train to carry local Sheriff Walsh and his deputies to the scene of the attempted robbery, and the cutting off of telegraph wires, the bandits obtained a big start on the officials.

Railroad officials say no effort was made to break into the cars and that so far as they know nothing of any considerable value was being carried. It is their belief that when the bandits they gave up hope of getting any loot and made good their escape.

West Bound Express Smash at Fort Wayne

Four Men Killed and Five Injured When Pennsylvania Limited Crashed Into Wreck Train.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 17.—Four men killed and eleven were injured this morning when the Pennsylvania Limited train, No. 5, westbound, dashed into a wreck train at Larwill, Ind., 25 miles west of here. No one aboard the limited train was injured except a baggage man. Two or three of the injured

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may die. The dead are: E. S. Stump, F. C. Spoltman, A. Bailey and Frank Wiggin. The dead were railroad employees and all lived in Fort Wayne. None of the passengers on the limited were hurt.

Deaths

BADGLEY—On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1912, at her late residence, 23 St. Patrick street, Jane, beloved wife of Robt. Badgley. Funeral notice later. Belleville papers please copy.

In Memoriam

SHAMBROOK—In loving memory of George Herbert Shambrook, who died Feb. 13, 1908.

THOMPSON—In loving memory of John Thompson, who died Feb. 13, 1907 (late of Toronto Gas House for many years). A peaceful home we once enjoyed; How sweet that memory still; But death hath left the vacant chair; This world can never fill. —Wife.

BIRTHS

TONER—On Friday, Feb. 16th, 1912, at 74 Folles avenue, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toner, a daughter.

BRENNEN—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Brennen of 313 Crawford street, a daughter (Louise).

MARRIAGES

DEVINS-CAMERON—At the residence of the bride's uncle, 42 Grace street, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, 1912, by the Rev. J. D. Morrow, Omar Devins of Webb, Sask., to Marie Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cameron, Kinsbrough.

THE LARGEST ORDER

in typewriter history was placed this week by the Western Union Telegraph Company for ten thousand Underwood typewriters.

All telegrams and lettergrams must now be typewritten on the Underwood. The decision to buy Underwoods was not reached in a day or a week.

The price was not a determining factor, because the Underwood costs more than other machines. They wanted the best typewriter.

A corps of mechanical engineers (at the head of their profession) subjected different makes of typewriters to exacting and exhaustive tests.

They proved the Underwood to be superior in design, in material, in workmanship, in speed, simplicity, convenience, and durability.

So the Western Union Telegraph Company bought ten thousand Underwoods—and paid the higher price.

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EVERYWHERE IN CANADA

STRIKERS' CHILDREN LEAVE NEW YORK

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—Weeping children of the striking Lawrence textile workers, accompanied by a dozen grown-ups, passed thru this city today on their way to the homes of friends and sympathizers in New York. Each child wore two cards, one giving its address and the other read as follows:—

"We are winning; we will win if we stand together—if the mills are kept tied up tight. Therefore, stick together, or they'll hang one after the other. Don't scab, attend all meetings on Sundays, pack the balls full and keep the mills closed. Put this on your coat—pin it on tight—so that everybody can see this. 'I am not a scab.'"