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THE O'KEEFE LIQUOR CASE

No Liquor Was Sold in Prohibited Hours

CASE HEARD TODAY

Prosecution's Witnesses Swear That No Liquor Was Sold After Ten O'clock, But That Mr. O'Keefe Treated Once

Case Stands Till Monday

The case against William O'Keefe for selling liquor in his saloon on the 3rd inst. after ten o'clock, came up in the police court this morning at eleven o'clock.

The witnesses for the prosecution denied that Mr. O'Keefe had sold any liquor after ten o'clock, and during the case Mr. Henderson said that the information is alleged by the authority of a section in the act (see 48).

One witness stated that he was in O'Keefe's saloon on the evening of Jan. 3rd. He was in there between 9:30 and 9:45 o'clock. He said he was with two others. They had a drink and paid for it. Another man came in later, and they had a drink. They had another drink after that, and still another. It would then be about ten o'clock, Mr. O'Keefe treated the fifth round. He said, "Close up time, it is my treat." The witness said that they remained on the premises about twenty minutes. The witness said that the reason they remained was because Mr. O'Keefe and he had an argument about venal.

Mr. Henderson - "You don't mean schmoers?"

Witness - "Yes, it was about schmoers." Judge - "Mr. Henderson has a witness in his eye, he must mean schmoers of all."

To A. I. Trueman, who appeared for Mr. O'Keefe, the witness named those present in the bar. The witness said that he did not see O'Keefe, Sutherland or Dansey sell any liquor after 10 o'clock, but he would not say that the reason was furnished. The witness said that after ten o'clock there was no liquor bought. He admitted, however, that the treat was given after ten o'clock.

The second witness said that he was in the defendant's saloon on the 3rd inst. about 9:45 p. m. Just as he was in he was told that he was just in time. The second drink he had was before ten o'clock and the third drink was given by Mr. O'Keefe four or five minutes before they must. He was in about half an hour.

As Mr. Trueman, the witness said that he did not fix the time particularly. The witness said he heard someone say "It is ten o'clock, it is time to close." Mr. O'Keefe was on the outside of the bar when this was said. It went out immediately afterwards. The witness said that he did not see any liquor sold after ten o'clock. Witness further said that Mr. O'Keefe was busy cleaning up before they left. Mr. Sutherland was behind the bar washing his glasses.

LARGEST ON RECORD

The Cargo of the Steamship Lake Michigan is Valued at \$668,766.

The C. P. R. steamship Lake Michigan, now on her way to London and Antwerp, took away the largest valuation of any one cargo that ever left this port, the amount of which is as follows:—Canadian goods, \$224,883; American goods, \$443,903. Total, \$668,786. Among her freight are 200 packages of seal skins, valued at \$38,000. A C. P. R. steamship last year took away a cargo valued at \$653,783, on that trip 183 packages of seal skins were taken away.

SIGNAL TOWER IN I. C. R. YARD

Work was started this morning on the erection of the new signal tower that the I. C. R. will build in their outer yard between Gilbert's Lane, as announced in the Times, a few weeks ago. The tower is being built under the direction of the maintenance department and will be completed in about ten days. There are being put in to carry the wires to the tower and about two miles of wire will be used. It is intended to put two operators in the tower, one for day and the other for night duty, and it is expected that the tower will be in working order. The tower, in consequence of the winter months, will be greatly illuminated. It will be the duty of the operators in the tower to look after the signals, to see that they are going and so on, and to take any necessary action in looking after the tower. The tower is being built by the I. C. R. for the removal of the tower at Gilbert's Lane. The tower is to be built on a site which is to be somewhat elevated and a shed will be used as a storehouse.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Jan. 9. — (Special). — The market was very dull today, less than half a dozen issues figuring for more than fractional lots in early trading. Traders seemed to be wide apart in their offers and bids for the most active issues and it was clear that the market was devoid of commission orders and traders were afraid of something about to happen that would make it desirable to go slow at present. Early trading consisted of some Rio at 4 1/2, Detroit at 3 1/2 ex div., See common 138 3/4.

TONIGHT'S FREE CONCERT

The concert in the Broadway Club this evening will start at 7:45, sharp, instead of 8 o'clock.

Storm drum No. 2 was ordered hoisted at the signal station at noon today, indicating a storm from a westerly direction.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of health will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the city hall.

and it was 10:35 by his watch. He had no knowledge of liquor being sold. The witness said that Mr. O'Keefe was a very careful and prudent man. He had no knowledge of any violation by Mr. O'Keefe.

Mr. Henderson said that Mr. Trueman admitted that none of the prosecution's witnesses were members of Mr. O'Keefe's family or lodgers in his house.

Mr. Henderson here asked permission to change the information as he conceded that he had not proved that liquor had been sold. He asked that the question be changed to "that the defendant did unlawfully allow liquor to be drunk."

Mr. Trueman contended that the amendment should not be allowed even in the face of Mr. Henderson supporting his request by the Act. Mr. Trueman said that he would contend that by the Act, the wording of it, would not hold Mr. O'Keefe responsible. Mr. Trueman stated that Mr. Henderson said that the law was clear on the point and his honor thought that the altering of the information would prejudice the defendant he would not object to an adjournment of the case.

His honor said that he would allow the amendment but counsel for the defence could argue any point in it during the case. The case was stood over until two o'clock Monday.

MEXICAN RIOTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THIRTY MEN

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 9. — A telegram from Orizaba received late last night says that the value of the property destroyed by the strikers totals \$1,500,000. The strikers who have escaped the soldiers have fled to the nearby mountains and are being sought by gendarmes and troops. So far as known none of the 28,000 textile strikers have returned to work.

The factory owners announce their intention to open up all the mills today.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 8.—Reports received this evening from Nogales in the Orizaba district indicate that the government have completely mastered the situation. The strikers have ceased all acts of violence in the presence of the large body of troops raised there from the capital, and nearby garrisons. The seriousness of the affair, however, was realized today when it was made known that thirty of the workmen were killed outright and over eighty wounded by the soldiers, who were compelled to fire on the main body of rioters before they could be dispersed.

It was learned that the men after pillaging the stores at the Rio Blanco mill became emboldened by their success. A part of the men rushed to Nogales, a short distance away, where another mill is located. Telegraph, telephone and electric light wires were cut and pavements and even private houses were pillaged.

THE SHAH'S DEATH IS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PERSIAN CAPITAL

His Successor a Man of Strong Capabilities and Broad Views—Russia and Great Britain May Unite in a Policy Toward Persia.

TEHERAN, Persia, Jan. 9.—Official announcement of the death of the shah at eleven o'clock last night, was made this morning.

LONDON, Jan. 9. — The death of the Shah of Persia removes a picturesque ruler, who was well-known to western Europe owing to his frequent visits, particularly to France. During the visit of 1905 the shah and his suite made a dazzling appearance on the boulevards and in the music halls of Paris. They were treated as national guests and popular enthusiasm was marked owing to the shah's good nature and lavish charity. At that time his majesty looked old and feeble. He invariably wore a royal costume, with a richly embroidered coat and red fez.

The shah's death comes at a time when European governments are engaged in a struggle to strengthen their position in Persia. This struggle is due to the geographical position of Persia as a buffer between India and Russia's southern possessions, stretching towards the Persian Gulf. Still another international factor has recently been introduced by Germany's commercial and railway activity along the Persian Gulf.

The late shah was strongly pro-Russian and as a result Russian influence has been predominant at Teheran. An Anglo-Russian understanding has recently been negotiated and the announcement of its terms is considered imminent. By this agreement Great Britain and Russia will cease their rivalry over Persia and unite in a joint policy.

At the same time, Germany has been extending her influence in Persia. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Leading Persian official here, in an interview today, said he did not believe that internal trouble would follow the shah's death, as the people are devoted to the present dynasty. Foreign controversies are not anticipated.

The British foreign office is in touch with the situation. Excesses of views between Russia and Great Britain have brought about complete accord, by which they will act together in a crisis to maintain the status quo. Any other power will try to disturb the existing political conditions.

The personality of the new shah is not well known here, but his public declarations favoring a liberal policy and the constitution which he has since signed, indicate to be satisfactory, though they do not indicate his capacity or policy. It is also pointed out that the chances of internal disorders are minimized by the fact that the successor of the late shah is already installed.

The preliminary funeral ceremonies probably will be held at the royal palace, where Masafan-Ed-Din died. The body will lie in state eight or ten days in the splendid hall where the miracle plays are annually performed. Crowds of priests will surround the catafalque, incessantly chanting prayers from the Koran, and the public will be allowed to file past the coffin.

The body of the shah will be buried in Abdul Azin Mosque. The funeral procession will closely follow the lines of similar ceremonies in western countries, with the usual military display.

A proclamation, announcing the accession to the throne of Mohammed Ali Mirza, is expected in the course of the day, after which the high clergy, ministers and public functionaries will immediately repair to the palace and recognize the new ruler.

The coronation of the new shah will probably take place shortly after the funeral.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam remarked this morning with the air of a philosopher, that while it is true the weather has been very unseasonable lately, and he would like to see good sledging for hauling logs and firewood, yet the people of the Settlement are thankful that they do not live in the west this winter, where live stock is starving and freezing to death. Hiram does not care for chilled beef when it is chilled on the hoof. His barn is as comfortable as some town folks' houses, and his stock looks as sleek as good food and good care can make them.

"New Brunswick for me, every time," said Hiram, as he combed his whiskers with his lean fingers. "I call 'em we don't holler so loud, but we get more solid comfort in a month than them western fellers gets in a year. You kin make up your mind to that. Couldn't tell me where I kin strike a couple of good fellers to work in the woods for a spell—couldn't you? Good men's mighty scarce out here way. Guess all the young fellers want to be reporters or something nowadays. By Hen!"

MR. BINKS WILL BE THERE. Mr. Peter Binks will attend the opening of the men's club in the hall on Wednesday.

Miss Birdie McWhat has received an invitation from the Wooloomooloo Whist Club of Chatham to select a group of players from her own set and participate in a tournament to be held in that town shortly. Birdie will probably accept.

terio street this evening. He likes good music, and he likes men. "Come down," he said to the Times new reporter. "Fine hall down there—warm place on a cold night—and you get a chance to rub up against men that you won't get any other way. It will do you good, and maybe if you get down on the level and don't try to look over the other fellow's head you may do him some good. Anyhow, come down."

"I will," said the new reporter. "I have an essay on the Idealist and the Intuitionist that I am sure would be very helpful."

"Oh! you have?" quoth Mr. Binks. "Well, when you come—leave word for the ambulance to follow quickly. You won't be feeling well about the time the intuitionists down there get a line on what you have to hand out to them."

The funeral of Mrs. Ethel Doherty takes place this afternoon from her late residence, 56 Bridge street. Rev. N. McLaughlin conducted the services. Interment at Cedar Hill cemetery.

FREDERICTON SEWAGE CASE

C. N. Skinner Argues for City Before Executive Council.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 9.—(Special). — Argument of counsel in the city of Fredericton's appeal from the provincial board of health's decision in the sewage question is taking place before the executive council today.

C. N. Skinner, K. C., presented his argument on behalf of the city, J. D. Hazen, who represents the Sanitary people will reply this afternoon. Mr. Skinner quoted extensively from the evidence and cited numerous authorities to show that purification plants for sewage were only used on small streams. He thought the simplest solution of the difficulty would be for the river residents of Sanbury to filter the water used for domestic purposes. In laying down the principle that the purity Sanbury people were charged with civilization and to accede to proposition would seriously retard the development of the country drained by the St. John river.

BUSY TIME FOR THE ALDERMEN

Much Business Now On The Programme at the City Hall.

The water and sewerage board meets this afternoon, when a number of matters connected with the department will be disposed of. Mr. McVay, of McArthur & McVay, contractors on the water extension, will appear before the board to ask that their claims be adjusted. The treasury board will meet tomorrow evening. A meeting of the salaries committee has been called for Wednesday afternoon. The ferry committee will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The regular meeting of the common council will be held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The regular quarterly meeting of the municipal council will be held on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock in the court house. Previous to this meeting the finance and accounts committee will meet at 2:30 p. m. after the meeting and the committee on bills for the legislature will meet on Monday at 2:30 p. m.

MONCTON WILL ENTER PROTEST

MONCTON, Jan. 9.—(Special). — The Moncton Board of Trade will protest to the Dominion Government against the action of the United States abolishing sub-consular agencies at Bustoche, Richibucto and other points. The contention is that such an action will be a great loss to the shippers and a source of great annoyance. The government will be asked to retaliate in the same way.

The question of establishing an independent telephone system in Moncton will be considered at a meeting of the board of trade to be called for higher duties on cottons. They put forward the plea that more work and better wages would result from more protection to these industries. The reply of the government was that there were two opinions on the subject and both had been taken into consideration in framing a tariff which was expected to operate in the general interests of the whole people.

PARLIAMENT'S PROGRAMME

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—(Special). — The house of commons met today at two o'clock after the holidays. For the past two days the cabinet has had the tariff under consideration and it will no doubt be proceeded with in committee without delay. There is not likely to be any material changes as a result of the numerous delegations that visited the city some asking for higher and others for lower duties.

Today a delegation arrived from Montreal representing the operatives in the textile industries asking for higher duties on cottons. They put forward the plea that more work and better wages would result from more protection to these industries. The reply of the government was that there were two opinions on the subject and both had been taken into consideration in framing a tariff which was expected to operate in the general interests of the whole people.

EQUITY COURT

Judgment was delivered yesterday by Judge Barker in the case of Patchell vs. Colonial Investment and Loan Co. It was an action standing for three years, and was for the purpose of determining a mortgage. The plaintiff made the mortgage of the property assigned to the defendants and foreclosed under the form of sale. The mortgage was bought by them. The plaintiff claimed that she had made payments on the mortgage, and that she had not been credited with them. A referee was appointed to take accounts; \$890 was said to be owing and the plaintiff's counsel filed exceptions to the report. Judge Barker confirmed the report except \$8. The order is that if the plaintiff pays \$884 and interest and all costs including costs of reference and argument before May 1st, she can redeem the mortgage. In case of default the property stands foreclosed.

F. R. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff; W. W. Allan for the defence.

It is understood that this week's Royal Gazette will contain a notice summoning the provincial legislature to meet on Feb. 14th.

The Allan line steamer Pomranian at the I. C. R. pier took 48,000 bushels of grain from the I. C. R. elevator yesterday.

The very mild weather of the past few weeks has caused a number of trees about the city to bud forth, as if it was spring. This morning some lilac bushes in the yard of J. M. May's house, on Horsfield street, were seen to be loaded down with buds.

DEPRESSING EFFECT OF THE MILD WEATHER

The very mild weather of the past three weeks has been decidedly bad for business. It has prevented the usual traffic on the river and interfered with travel by team from country points to the city. It has lessened the demand for winter goods at the stores. It has reduced the business of the livery stables. It has been bad for lumbermen. It has had a depressing effect on the people, in comparison with the bracing stimulus of real winter weather with abundance of snow. It has caused an unusual amount of sickness and given the doctors more work than is customary at this season. Nevertheless, when all is said, the conditions are much better than in many places of which we read from day to day, and the impulse of real winter weather will not long be wanting. The factories are busy, winter port land is very active, and there is no lack of work for those who seek it.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Opening prices of stocks showed fractional recoveries from yesterday's depression, which ran nearly a point in Reading, 1/2 in Union Pacific and 1/4 in Sears. The banking time of the London market had a sympathetic effect here, leading reacted sharply from the opening price. Dealings were on a fairly large scale.