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NEWS OF MILITARY ENQUIRY CREATES A MILD SENSATION

Centres Public Attention on Gossip That Has Been Busy for Two or More Years, But Which May Carry More Imagination Than Truth—The Journal Suggests That Judgment be Withheld for a While.

SPIRIT OF CITIZENSHIP SHOULD PREVAIL

Something of a mild sensation was caused last night by the publication, exclusively in 'The Journal,' that a court of enquiry is to be held in this city at the Armouries on Tuesday next into certain financial affairs of the 19th Regiment during the time it was a part of the Welland Canal Guard. For the last two years there have been covert remarks heard, now and then, about supposed irregularities in connection with funds, and it was known by 'The Journal' that evidence was being gathered for the purpose of implicating officers who are said to have misled the Militia Department of sums aggregating several thousands of dollars. Some months ago an officer was said to be in the city representing the Government to "run down" all the information that could be secured. He got photographic copies of checks that were passed through a bank on St. Paul street bearing certain names of men and which are said to be a substantial link in evidence which is held by some to be incriminating.

Thought Things Had Cleared.

Time has passed on, however, and it is, according to information secured by this paper, monies were alleged to have been paid back under the charge of impropriety would have further countenance or support. As to the accuracy of this statement this paper does not vouch. It was thought that everything had been cleared away and that no one's character would be besmirched.

Now it develops that the Ministry of Militia and Defense has arranged for a sitting at which all who have any knowledge of these "certain affairs" can lay it before the responsible authorities. Just what will be revealed or whether anything will be disclosed, is not yet for the press to state, but having learned weeks ago a good deal about the various phases of the whole matter 'The Journal' feels it its duty to suggest to the public that its judgment be withheld until the facts pertaining to the whole affair are more firmly and clearly established. If we were in possession of less information this suggestion could not carry as much sin. As this paper considers it its duty as a public newspaper to convey the reputation of citizens who have lived long and busy lives here to not be sullied on suspicion and imaginary truths. No officer or former officer is entitled to be placed under a cloud until evidence is produced of a character that leaves no room for doubt. What facts the Militia Department may hold in its secret folds is not here anticipated. (Continued on page 2)

HAVE RESUMED PRE-WAR WORK

WHY WHO TRAINED THE POLISH TROOPS AT OLD NIAGARA BACK AT WORK

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Advance Guard—It might interest many Niagara people to know what has become of the numerous Canadian officers who were stationed here with Colonel Leane during the training of the Polish soldiers. A letter received from one of the staff officers throws some light on the subject. Colonel Lapan and Major Young are both back at their desks at the Toronto University. Captain Smuck has been in England and is just returning to resume his practice in Toronto; Captain Robinson is still at Christie Street Military Hospital; Captain Fowler is practicing dentistry in Huntsville; Captain D. Williams placed the mental age of the thirty-one-year-old defendant at eleven and one-half years, and termed him a "mental deficient." He expressed the opinion that New "after being turned down all his life," was keyed up to great hopes when Miss Lesser promised to marry him and when these were dashed to the ground by her refusal he flew into an insane frenzy and killed her.

This afternoon Mrs. Johnson-Clegh addressed a meeting of women in Knox Church in connection with the work of prayer.

"YOU SHALL NOT PASS."

A good joke is now in circulation at the expense of a lady citizen who thought to outwit the Yankee frontier guards. Having business over the river she procured a certificate of vaccination from a friend and presented to a lady constable at the Bridge. The guardian became suspicious and demanded a sight of the scarified arm. It was not there and she was summarily turned back with a severe warning.

CROOKS GOT OFF LIGHTLY AS HE'S POOR MAN

MAGISTRATE TOOK THIS INTO CONSIDERATION IN DEALING WITH THE ILLICIT STILL CASE IN CLINTON.

The Grimsby Independent gives the following details with reference to the big still discovered in Clinton Township:

The second seizure by Inland Revenue Officers of an illicit still in this district was made on Tuesday morning when the officers visited the farm of Charles J. Crooks, in Clinton Township and unearthed a gigantic whisky making plant.

Early Tuesday morning Eric Clark of the Wentworth County Police accompanied by Inspector Sturdy of Hamilton and Inland Revenue Inspector Baby of Hamilton, came to Grimsby. They looked up Chief Konkle and the party started for Crooks's farm, which is situated on a plateau right under the brow of the mountain in Clinton Township a short distance east of the Thirty.

When they reached the farm they immediately started a search and discovered a lot of machinery for making cider, cider butter, apple butter, etc., but no still. After a long search they finally located the whisky making outfit buried under the hay in the haymow. It was a mammoth affair and the officers claimed that it was the biggest they had even seen or heard tell of and if worked properly had a capacity to turn out 90 gallons a day.

It was in almost complete condition and had at some time not so long ago been used for the purpose of distilling, although at the time they found it it was dismantled and in parts.

In the house two one gallon cans full of "Moonshine" were found, and had a smell to it that would penetrate a brick wall and a taste that (Continued on page four.)

STOPPING REDS AT THE BORDER

CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ON WATCH FOR FOREIGNERS TRY- ING TO ESCAPE U.S. NET.

WINDSOR, Jan. 8.—Fearing that the action of the United States Government in rounding up persons suspected of Bolshevism may result in many of these undesirable attempting to enter Canada to evade deportation, Orval G. Adams, Inspector in charge of immigration at Windsor, and Walkerville ferry docks and the entrance to Michigan central tunnel.

All foreigners arriving at Windsor are now being closely questioned as to their views on Soviet form of government. This work is being done by men who have had experience with aliens, and any person not giving satisfactory explanation for leaving the United States would be subjected to further inquiry by a special board.

That the Dominion Government may take similar action to that of the United States authorities in dealing with foreign agitators, was intimated by border officers.

Selling pressure was evident in Wall Street, and prices sagged.

WILD TIMES IN OLD IRELAND ARE THE ORDER NOW

MUCH REVOLVER AND RIFLE FIRING EVERY NIGHT; MAGIS- TRATE DEFENDS HIS HOME; A PITCHED BATTLE.

BELFAST, Jan. 9.—Wednesday morning Roundstone Police Barracks Clifton, Galway, were attacked by Sinn Feiners who kept up continuous rifle and revolver fire from 1 to 3 a.m. Irish constabulary numbering six put up a spirited defence and beat off the rebels. They pursued them in the darkness and captured two in a house in which they took refuge. This is the first instance of Sinn Feiners being caught red handed by the police.

Sergeant Fairrell, who was badly wounded in the attack on the police near Dungloe, Donegal, recently, has had his right leg amputated as a result of his wounds.

Hibbert Wood Park, the residence of a Clare magistrate was raided by Sinn Feiners, who wounded a lady's maid there by rifle fire. Magistrate Hibbert promptly returned the fire knocking over one Sinn Feiner, who was subsequently arrested by the police.

Some light is likely to be thrown on the attempt to murder Lord French by the arrest of Bartholomew Kelly, brother of the publican, beside whose premises the attack was made. Kelly has been deported to England without any charge being made against him.

Safe For Three Months.

Forty Sinn Feiners in Cork jail have gone on a hunger strike. These include the men charged with the murder of Private Jones, of the Shropshire Light Infantry, Fermoy, and one charged with the attempted murder of Constable Hayes at Cork. A despatch from Liverpool states that Thomas Joseph Carroll, the Irishman who was recently arrested on a charge of drunkenness and found to possess a loaded revolver of heavy calibre, Sinn Fein literature (Continued on page 4)

STRONG EFFORTS TO AROUSE INTEREST

INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ARRANGED—WILL BE HELD IN LONDON EARLY IN JUNE.

HAMILTON, Jan. 9.—O. C. Pease, Canadian representative of the Canadian industries exhibition, which will be held in London, England, from June 3 to June 17 of the present year, was a visitor to Hamilton yesterday. His mission was to interest Hamilton manufacturers in the exhibition which will be of such great importance to the building up of Canada's export trade.

The object of the exhibition, briefly, is to demonstrate to the commercial world that Canada is a manufacturing as well as an agricultural country. Despite Canada's splendid industrial effort during the war, it is known that the impression still prevails in Europe that the Dominion subsists almost exclusively on agricultural and raw products, and it is felt that if Canadian export trade is to prosper, this impression must be removed.

THOMAS M'GEACHIE, OLD RESIDENT OF CITY, PASSES AWAY AT WELLAND

Thomas McGeachie, one of the oldest residents of St. Catharines in point of years of residence died yesterday at Welland at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, with whom Mr. McGeachie and his wife were living. The remains will be brought here tomorrow afternoon for burial in Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. McGeachie was seized with a stroke while walking on the street in Welland Wednesday night and he died as a result.

Years ago Mr. McGeachie carried on a lumber and planing mill business on the Thorold road and he was well and favorably known throughout the district. He was 61 years of age. Besides his wife and daughter five sons survive, William, John, Thomas, James and Percy.

He has two brothers here, Neil and John, and James of Queenston.

FORMAL VERDICT RETURNED BY JURY WHICH ENQUIRED INTO THE DEATH OF MURDERED WOMAN

Life in Flat Under a Brass Band is No Fun, But the Law Can't Help

TORONTO, Jan. 9.—"There is no law which says that music is a nuisance. A brass band is music, so it can't be considered a nuisance. It is like a rooster. You can't muzzle roosters." The desk Sergeant gave this Solomonic judgment last night to a tenant of 184 Queen street west who came into No. 2 Police Station to protest against the band.

"If, as you say, the band keeps your sick baby awake, and keeps you awake until nearly midnight, when you have to go to work at 5.30 in the morning, then you can go to the Medical Officer of Health and enter

a complaint there," continued the Sergeant.

The unfortunate tenant said that he had been standing the noise for some time; that the neighbor upstairs had broken the plaster off the ceiling hammering, and he had broken a hole in the wall in the same way.

"We have these complaints around the 12th of July, but we can't do any thing," said the Sergeant.

"They'll be Orangemen," remarked the complainant. "I'm thinking they'll be Gairmans getting ready to get out on the corners again."

THE OLD STEAMSHIP "CHICORA" IS NOW OFFERED FOR SALE

SPICY BOOK KEPT IN LIBRARY; SAYS RECTOR, QUITTING

RECTOR OF FORT ERIE CHURCH W. DRAWS FROM LIBRARY BOARD FOLLOWING CONTRO- VERSY.

Canon D. Russell Smith, rector of St. Paul's church in Fort Erie, has resigned from the village library board because his colleagues have refused to withdraw from circulation Mary Olivier, which was published last summer. The book, said Canon Smith in his letter of resignation, "teaches disrespect for parents, condones immorality, and dishonors God."

Not that all there is another work of May Sinclair's in the Fort Erie public library which, according to the Canon, contains "two or three spicy paragraphs."

But it is Mary Olivier which has aroused the rector: He said last night that the book had first been directed to his attention by some of his parishioners. He read it and found it not good reading, especially for the young persons.

"I then gave the volume to J. C. Dunham, chairman of the library board, to read. He agreed with me that it was not a suitable book for a public library and removed it. At a subsequent meeting, when I could not (Continued on page 4.)

STEEL STRIKERS ADMIT DEFEAT

WALKOUT IS OFFICIALLY CALLED OFF BY NATIONAL COM- MITTEE—A.F.&L. NOTIFIED.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—The strike in the steel mills and furnaces, called Sept. 22, and which at its inception called off here last night by the National Committee after an all day meeting. Announcement that the National Committee had decided to proceed no further was contained in a telegram sent to the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, to the heads of all international unions interested and to the organizers and field men in all strike districts.

Saskatchewan Legislature extended the Mothers' Pension Act, and amended the Minimum Wage Act to include girls not formerly included in its provisions.

J. B. Clark, M.P.P. for East Kent, has left to Premier Drury the question of his resignation in favor of one of the Cabinet Ministers.

Representatives of organized Labor asked the Dominion Government, at their annual interview, for legislation enacting the eight hour day.

Family Evidently Knew What to Expect When They Heard Two Shots Fired— Templin Had Crown Very Offensive and Mrs. Goodall Had Ordered Him to Leave

Coroner Jury's jury which last night enquired into the death of Mrs. Mary Goodall, who was murdered on Wednesday morning in her home on Carlton street, by Alex. Templin, a boarder who was infatuated with her in spite of the wide difference in their ages, brought in a formal verdict that the woman was murdered by Templin who has since died of self-inflicted wounds.

Several witnesses were examined by Crown Attorney Brennan.

Edward Goodall, husband of the murdered woman, was the first witness. He said up to eight weeks ago he was watchman at the Cordage Works, Welland. He said his wife was 54 years old. Templin boarded with them in Welland about three and a half years. Templin came here with the family two months before he himself moved here.

Wednesday morning he did not go to work he said, because something told him not to go. His wife got up about 5.30 and was fixing the fire. Templin generally left the house at 6.45, but did not go to work Wednesday, because he told Mrs. Goodall he had quit the job in order to look for a boarding house.

Goodall had been talking to his wife's sister in the kitchen when the two shots sounded upstairs. His wife's sister ran up and he himself ran across to the grocer's to telephone. Mrs. Goodall had been in the dining room and had gone upstairs unknown to Goodall.

"I telephoned to the chief of police that there had been a shooting at my place," said Goodall. "My wife's sister had come down and said 'My God, Mary is shot. That dirty brute has shot her.'"

"Were you surprised?" asked Mr. Brennan.

"I certainly was. I never had a cross word with him."

"Did you have any suspicion of Templin?"

"Only since I came back home. He had been acting queer, acting official." (Continued on page three.)

QUESTION OF AN ALIBI IN RINDER'S CASE

TWO MEN SAY HE WAS AT HY- DRO CAMP THE NIGHT TONY CONCORDIA WAS ROBBED IN THIS CITY.

The now famous Tony Concordia robbery case was given another hearing today in police court when Magistrate Campbell heard evidence on the alibi claimed by H. Rinder, one of the supposed robbers. Rinder and James McGlade were remanded again till next Wednesday.

Francis Secord stated that he knew Rinder who roomed with him in the camp boarding house on the Hydro canal at Stamford, on the night of December 5th Rinder came to his room and they had quite a conversation. Secord remembered the night well because it was his birthday. He afterwards saw Rinder watching a card game going on in the wash room Rinder that night offered to sell Secord a scarf he had. This all happened about nine o'clock. Secord had intended to go to Niagara Falls that night on the eight o'clock car but was too late.

"It was after nine o'clock when Rinder left my room that night," said Secord.

William J. Skitteral rooms with Secord and corroborated what Secord said about Rinder being in their room and offering to sell the scarf. He also saw Rinder watching the card game. He said it would take twenty minutes to the nearest street car crossing which is Stanley street.

Terence McCarron, Counsel for Rinder said they had expected to get (Continued on page four)