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COMPLAINS TO COURT OF CONSTABLES

H.W. Robertson Makes Charges Before the Police Magistrate

ASKS FOR SUMMONSES

Constable Crawford, who is Mentioned, Makes Defence and the Matter Goes Over Until Next Thursday—Will be Looked Into Meantime

Dissatisfaction has been expressed at times concerning the methods employed by constables serving executions or other writs, and the matter was brought to the attention of Judge Ritchie in the city court by H. W. Robertson, barrister, who dealt at length with several complaints which he lodged, and made charges, which, he said, should be investigated.

At the close of a lengthy argument he asked the court for summonses for Constable Robert Crawford, who, he said, had failed in the performance of his duties. The matter was postponed until Thursday next in order to allow those concerned to look into it more fully.

Mr. Robertson said he believed that the constables were in a combative and where a summons was served by one, it was impossible to get another to serve an execution in the same case. Some of them, he charged, took bribes for their services, and he added that there was evidence to prove it. He cited a case in which he said a constable had collected money for him two years ago, and had not since paid it, because he held that Mr. Robertson owed him some money, and would not pay, whereas the lawyer had offered several times to make settlement, and finally did so. Another constable, he said, had refused to make an arrest because the plaintiff was a Jew. Still another had left the city with money collected.

Mr. Robertson also contended that the method used in showing whether or not an execution had been served, that is writing "executed" or "not executed" on the document, was not correct, as it did not explain matters fully.

Asks for Summonses

He thought that conditions warranted an investigation being held, and he moved the court for summonses against Constable Crawford in case the returns were not made at once. He mentioned four cases in which he found fault with Crawford, those of W. P. Bonner vs. M. F. Wilson, Martine Dairy Co. vs. Christopher Nichols, Standard Creamery vs. Albert Dixon, and the International Harvesting Co. vs. Geo. Seely.

Mr. Robertson complained that the correct returns had not been made and Crawford was therefore liable to an execution.

Constable Replies

Constable Crawford, in reply, said that he had been a constable only three months. He had taken a few old executions from Mr. Robertson, but had refused to take any that were offered as they had been previously handled by Constable Sherwood, and he did not feel like paying for them. He served but one summons, and returned the executions. He denied collecting any money which he had not returned. He had refused to serve an execution it was about Christmas time, when he did not feel like doing so.

He took objection to the remarks of Mr. Robertson, who, he said, "inferred that all the constables stole" and also that "they were all rogues." He had served the executions only according to directions received.

Magistrate Speaks

Judge Ritchie said that the constables do their duty, and they could not refuse service. It was for this that they gave bonds. He had frequently referred to the fact that the constables were not to be lowered by the methods of some of the constables in serving writs.

He characterized it as a humanitarian standpoint, speaking for the laboring class, he characterized it as an injustice that wives, mothers, and sisters were frequently served instead of the man himself, and that the latter was made to lose considerable time from his work by attending court when he did not have to.

WALHOUSE COLLEGE; A NEW SITE

(Special to Times)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—Dalhousie College has purchased from the executors of the estate of the late Dr. Robert Murray, forty acres of land, known as Studley, within a stone's throw of the Northwest Arm.

The governors of the college will dispose of the present property of the college, and erect buildings on the new site.

THE WEATHER

Milder, snow or sleet; high wind from south to west.

K. BEZANSON OF MONCTON DEAD; ILLNESS BRIEF

Jeweller Returned From Boston on Tuesday and Yesterday was Taken to Hospital

(Special to Times)

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 19.—The death of K. Bezanon, jeweller, of Moncton, and widely known in the maritime provinces, occurred this morning in the Moncton hospital. He returned from Boston on Tuesday night and yesterday morning was removed to the hospital suffering with cholera.

He was the father of Frank Bezanon, who was killed in an automobile accident near Sydney last summer. After the death of his son, who also conducted a jewelry business in Sydney, that property fell to the father. He severed his connections with the business soon after his son's death, and the business has been conducted by a company of Sydney business men.

The only child surviving is Charles, who was killed in an automobile accident near Sydney last summer. After the death of his son, who also conducted a jewelry business in Sydney, that property fell to the father. He severed his connections with the business soon after his son's death, and the business has been conducted by a company of Sydney business men.

TODAY'S MEETING OF COUNCIL

The common council in meeting this afternoon to take into consideration a number of matters, among them the west side transfer, changes in No. 6 berth, Sand Point, the ferry situation, the market, and the water shortage in Lancaster and on Partridge Island. In connection with the water shortage the engineer has prepared a report recommending that a pumping station be established to supply the high levels on the west side. This is expected to cost in the vicinity of \$2,000.

Residents on Partridge Island are complaining of the shortage of water there, and it is expected that Dr. Buddich, port physician, will attend the meeting and urge that measures be taken at once to remedy the existing conditions. It is stated that there are cases of typhoid fever on the island now and that the only water obtainable there is from a well that is not of the best.

It is anticipated that there will be an exchange of compliments by Ald. Wigmore, Potts and Van der Pijl regarding the statements made by the latter regarding the former canvassing for the position of the director of public works. Ald. Wigmore denies that he ever asked anyone to vote for him for the position and says he had no idea of accepting the job if it had been offered him.

It is hoped that as a result of recent correspondence concerning the side transfer to the C. P. R. that this important matter can be arranged to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to the agreement.

VERDICT IN INQUEST INTO FATALITY IN MINE AT SYDNEY

Jury Finds That Coal Mines Regulation Act Was Violated—Some Recommendations

(Special to Times)

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 19.—After sitting for an hour and a half the jury inquiring into the cause of the explosion at Sydney No. 3, in which eight men lost their lives, last night, returned their verdict.

The jury expressed belief that there was considerable gas in the mine before the explosion, that the changing of the air, and slowing down of the fan caused the accumulation of gas, and that 2 of general rules of the coal mines regulation act was violated, and that was indirectly the cause of the death of the men.

They recommended that the coal mines regulations act and special rules be strictly adhered to by the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, also that the mining laws be amended so that no deputy be allowed to make an examination of a mine or any part of it without being accompanied by a man not less than eighteen years of age, who shall also carry a locked safety lamp.

TENTATIVE TREATY OF RECIPROcity DRAWN UP

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Jan. 19.—An ordinary looking document was carried across the hall way from the state war and navy building yesterday afternoon and deposited by Chandler Anderson in the steel vault of the secretary of state.

Not before this afternoon will the negotiators be in a position to make public the result of their lengthy conference. They deny the second treaty is ready for signing.

USED SAFETY PINS 2,000 YEARS AGO

(Special to Times)

New York, Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—A London cable to the Herald says: "Charles Dudley Ward, an English archaeologist, who is making excavations at Colchester, reports finding safety pins more than 2,000 years old. He says they apparently were in common use by the ancient Romans."

HERMIT FARMER ARRESTED BY RUSE

Charge is Threatening to Murder a Neighbor—How They Caught Him

(Special to Times)

Huntville, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—John Prentice, a hermit farmer, living in Chaffey Township, is under arrest charged with threatening to murder Mrs. Sime, a neighbor.

Prentice has been living with his three-year-old child in a log hut, which he refuses to leave, and keeping a loaded gun to scare off intruders. Police Chief Watson effected his arrest by sending two of Prentice's neighbors to see the ruse with an offer to buy some hay. While Prentice was dickering with them, the chief entered and made the arrest. Other charges were pending against Prentice.

RAISE \$10,000 FOR THE WIDOW AND FAMILY OF MURDERED POLICEMAN

(Special to Times)

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Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—A \$10,000 fund for the widow and children of John T. Sullivan, captain of the Spokane police force, who was killed by an unknown person, was raised by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce in less than thirty-six hours. Subscriptions, ranging from \$1.00 to \$1 were received without personal solicitation, but as the result of a letter campaign. Many business men of the city sent in expressions in favor of raising the fund in addition to endorsing their checks for various amounts.

A widow, probably seventy years of age, called at the chamber of commerce rooms and gave \$1. She said it was only a mite, but she wanted to give what she could. Another subscription which crossed considerable interest was one of \$10 from the Japanese Commercial Club.

The money is to be invested in trust by the chamber of commerce trustees for the widow and children of Captain Sullivan. They will thus have a permanent income during their entire lifetime.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCES

Total Receipts Show Increase—Today's News in Toronto

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The total receipts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for 1910, as shown in the comparative statement just prepared by the treasurer, Rev. Dr. John Somerville, were \$203,702.

Against \$197,771 in 1909. The amount of unapportioned money received up to Dec. 31, 1910, is considered to be \$60,130, but the expenditure in home and foreign missions was also increased.

The new commissioner of the Salvation Army for Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, David M. Reardon, who is in Toronto in connection with the Farmers' Bank frauds, declared that he heard for the first time only last night that his presence was desired. He declared he would leave for Toronto immediately.

Work is Held Up

(Canadian Press)

Brandon, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—The Penman Manufacturing Co., which was erecting a factory in the Holmwood district, has stopped operations because no steps have been taken to give the district street railway connection wanted for handling freight.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

Major Geo. O. Squier

Officer of the American signaling service who will revolutionize telephoning by combining with wireless system. He can send several messages over the wire at one time.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

HIRAM APPROVES. "Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbean to the Times new reporter this morning, "I see you fellows are going in for a new deal down to city hall. You ain't been in no great hurry about it, I've heard a good deal about Tax Reform and the Citizens' League, and things like that in the last twenty year, but they never got anywhere. I'm bound to say

MAY BE OTHERS IN BANK CASE

Books of Farmers' Institution Declared to be in Wretched Shape

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DR. BEATTIE NEBITT

Duncan said that the books of the bank, from which he had seen of them, appeared to be in a wretched shape so far as system of keeping them was concerned. He said that no circulars had been sent out to subscribers in the United States asking the withdrawal of Dr. Beattie Nebitt, because before doing this, the crown had to state that extradition could be demanded.

He also repudiated police responsibility for Nebitt and others getting away, saying that they had had to get out of the country before the information was laid. According to Duncan, the whereabouts of Dr. Nebitt and Mr. Lindsay are unknown but he believes the men are in the United States.

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REACH DEFENCE IN TRIAL OF MRS. SCHENK

(Canadian Press)

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—When Mrs. Laura Faraworth Schenk entered the court this morning she had recovered from the indisposition which caused the early adjournment yesterday and appeared as bright as ever after a refreshing sleep.

After a conference between Prosecutor Handlin and Judge Jordan, the prosecutor said he hoped to close his case this morning, in which event the defence will ask for an early adjournment so that it will open its side early tomorrow morning.

Miss Evans, nurse in the Schenk household, said that while she was nursing Schenk, he had frequent crying fits.

"Did Mrs. Schenk talk to you concerning her gentlemen friends?"

"Yes. One day I was in the parlor when she showed me a flower basket and told me she appreciated it highly. It had been given her by visitors, she said, by a special gentleman friend of hers."

Miss Evans said she never put arsenic or lead into water used by John O. Schenk.

"Did Mrs. Schenk narrate improper stories as to herself and other men?"

"She did." The witness refused to tell them to the jury.

MIGHT NOT HAVE TO GO TO THE SENATE

Washington Views on the Proposed Reciprocity Agreement—An English Opinion on Tariff Matters

(Special to Times)

New York, Jan. 19.—The State's Washington special says:—"It was said here today that the method of enacting a prospective reciprocity agreement into law has not yet been taken up. While it has been generally assumed that an agreement will be drawn up in the form of a treaty and submitted to the senate for ratification, it is said that this procedure may be omitted."

It was explained that a reciprocity agreement may be enacted into law by concurrent legislation by congress and the Canadian parliament.

London, Jan. 19.—Morning Post says:—"Tariff reformers here may welcome equally both the farmers' and manufacturers' deputations to Ottawa, although in Canada they are mutually antagonistic. The imperial idea of free trade with the empire, even if attained only after a gradual reduction of existing duties, would gradually raise the standard of living in English industrial centers to that of protected dominions."

GZAR ATTENDS THE BLESSING OF WATERS

Recalls Eventful Day Two Years Ago When Royal Family Was In Grave Peril

(Canadian Press)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—Emperor Nicholas was present at the annual ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva today for the first time since the eventful day, 10 January, 1909, when the whole Romanoff family was threatened with death from a rain of grape shot which, according to official examination of the matter, had been substituted by an anarchist for a salute in honor of the first anniversary of the First Horse Artillery of the Guard.

As he was accompanied by the metropolitan and the clergy, he encircled the pavilion and marched around the chapel to bless gospels standards of the famous guard regiments there assembled. His Majesty, in common with every participant and spectator, must have had vividly in mind the most atrocious crime which occurred at a time when the empire was facing a foreign foe and was threatened with a civil revolt.

Today's ceremony happily passed off with no unpleasant incidents. Relatives not able in the crowd when His Majesty left the scene.

ALBERTA BORROWS FOUR MILLIONS

(Canadian Press)

Edmonton, Alb., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—The Alberta government has floated a short loan for \$4,000,000, was taken all four per cent, through Lloyds Bank in England. While the amount realized is not stated, it is said that the government has made a good bargain.

VIEWS OF AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ON MAIL SERVICE

(Special to Times)

Melbourne, Jan. 19.—Premier Fisher expressed his opinion that Australia cannot participate in the Canada-New Zealand mail service but that the conditions of the proposals were such that Australia would be able to assist in the subsidy to the service. Mr. Fisher believes a line between Vancouver and Australian ports calling at Honolulu and Fiji would pay.

APPEAL TO BE MADE BY R. O. STOCKTON

Bond Is Filed in Matter of Case He Brought Against Local Bankers

(Canadian Press)

A. A. Wilson on behalf of R. O. Stockton, has filed bond and given notice of appeal in the case against John M. Robinson and H. Beverley Robinson, bondsmen. This is the case in which Mr. Stockton claims that \$100 was deposited by him in the bank of the defendants and for which he has not received credit. The case was tried before Judge Forbes and judgment given for the defendants.

W. J. Turner of Sussex, appeared before Judge Forbes in the county court chambers this morning on behalf of the Sussex Manufacturing Co., Limited, vs. Joseph Onlette. This was an action on a breach of contract and the court was asked to assess the damage. His Honor gave judgment for \$61.85.

Chancery Division.

F. R. Taylor for one of the defendants in the case of Reid vs. Reid et al applied to Mr. Justice McLeod in chambers for an order of discovery. The court considered the application and the court considered the application and the court considered the application.

King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice McKeown disposed of a number of ex parte matters this morning in chambers. A number of summonses for directions were granted.

Probate Court.

In the probate court today in the matter of the estate of David Bradley, block maker, the executors and trustees, Mrs. Lena Mildred Bradley, Walter S. Saunders and Stewart L. Fairweather, filed their accounts with a petition to pass them. A citation was issued accordingly, returnable on February 27 at 11 a. m. A. C. Fairweather, K. C., proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Mary B. Gilbert there was an adjourned hearing on the return of a citation to pass the account. The evidence of Mr. Bustin, agent for the executor, was given, and argument for the executor, was given, and argument for the executor, was given, and argument for the executor, was given.

Stephens B. Bustin is proctor for the executor. Daniel Mullin, K. C., and Mr. Wilson, K. C., for specific legatee and E. P. Raymond for the residuary legatee.

JUDGE WHO TRIED HATTIE LOBLANG ILL

Jurist is Stricken With Complication and Condition is Serious

(Canadian Press)

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 19.—Judge Daniel W. Bond, of the Massachusetts Superior Court, is seriously ill with a complication of heart, and kidney troubles at his home in Linden street, this city. Judge Bond, who is in his advanced years, was taken ill about three weeks ago with an attack of grippe. He gradually became worse and not stated, it is said that the condition was such that his condition was most critical with the chances against his recovery.

Judge Bond's last important court assignment was as presiding justice at the trial of Hattie Loblang, the Cape Breton girl who was acquitted of the murder of Clarence Glover, after a sensational trial.

HIS LIFE FOR HIS CREW

Submarine Commander Believed To Have Sacrificed Himself

(Canadian Press)

Berlin, Jan. 19.—The Morning Post's Kiel correspondent says that the investigation indicates that Commander Fischer of the submarine U-3 sacrificed himself to save his crew. He was seen to have taken two companions were cut off by burning water, he closed the lower door and then began to work at a cover, a blasting operation, evidently hoping to keep the torpedo tube above the water so that the other men could escape.

FARMER SUICIDES

Ill Health Causes Frederick Hoag To End Life With Gun

(Canadian Press)

Welland, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—Dependent over continued ill health, Frederick Hoag, a prominent farmer, shot himself through the heart yesterday.

He arose from bed, and, placing a rifle on a table, he used a stick to push the trigger and discharge the weapon.

Port Colborne, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—Wm. Michael of Bertie township, aged about 65 years, killed himself by hanging.

NEW MILL BUILT

(Canadian Press)

Colborne, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—A new mill has been erected for the provincial Steel Company here and the machinery is being installed. It is said that when the mill is completed the two mills will be worked night and day. It is the first Canadian rolling mill.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT IN THEATRE

Sword Flies From Hilt, Fractures Skull of Man In Audience

LIKELY TO DIE

Russian Ballet Performance Was on in Hamilton Theatre—Dancers Became Nervous And One Knocked Over Incense Jar And Set Fire

(Canadian Press)

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 19.—As the result of a peculiar accident in the Grand Opera House last night during the performance of the Imperial Russian Ballet, Robert Shiverick, a member of the audience, is in St. Joseph's Hospital in a critical condition. He was sitting not far from the stage when the blade of a long sword which was being used by Mikhail Mordinkin, the leading man in the troupe, flew out of its socket and a piece of steel used as a wedge in the handle struck Shiverick in the forehead. It was embedded about two inches in the scalp so that it penetrated the skull.

The sword remained in Shiverick's forehead and it was necessary for another man to hold Shiverick braced against the seat, while a third wrestled the weapon from the skull.

After the weapon had been removed, Shiverick jumped from his seat and ran up the side aisle to the lobby. It was seen that he was seriously injured and he was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was placed on the operating table. Doctors discovered that the end of the sword had penetrated his skull.

The dancers were nervous and one of them knocked over a jar containing burning incense. That set fire to the stage and the curtain descended. The fire on the stage was easily quenched. Shiverick is the son of an American millionaire.

The injured man rested fairly well during the night after the operation, but hospital authorities said today he was likely to die, unless blood-poisoning was inhibited.

DIX CALLS UPON COLLINS TO RESIGN

State Prison Official Was Right Hand Man of Roosevelt at Saratoga

(Canadian Press)

New York, Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—The Tribune today announces that Governor Dix has requested the resignation of Cornelius Collins, state superintendent of prisons, and that he has refused to give up the position. According to the Tribune, Governor Dix told him a week ago that he had information which prompted his request.

Supr. Collins is quoted as having replied that he did not know what information had been presented, but that he thought an examination of his department might change the governor's mind.

Collins was Theodore Roosevelt's right hand man at the Saratoga convention.

NEW TURF ASSOCIATION

Horsemen From Great Central Circuit Because of Clash Over Dates

(Canadian Press)

Columbus, O., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—A new trotting association has been formed and will be known as the Great Central Circuit. The new organization will include a majority of the Grand Circuit and a number of the Great Western Circuit.

The formation of the new circuit is the direct result of the clash between Columbus and Lexington in regard to the dates awarded by the Grand Circuit stewards at their annual meeting.

FIRE IN ELEVATOR

Loss of \$75,000 is Caused in Brandon, Manitoba

(Canadian Press)

Brandon, Man., Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—Fire broke out this morning in the premises of the Maple Leaf Milling Company. The firemen were able to confine the fire in elevator No. 1, and the loss kept down to \$75,000.

FIFTEEN MAY BE LOST

(Canadian Press)

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—A wireless message received here early this morning, says the steam schooner Lakme, bound for San Pedro, from Coos Bay, has been wrecked off Cape Blanco. No details have been received. The Lakme has a crew of fifteen men.

MONTREAL IS GRIPPED BY A SERIOUS MEASLES EPIDEMIC

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Jan. 19.—That the epidemic of measles in Montreal is a serious one and that steps should be taken immediately to prevent the further spread of the disease, is the declaration made by a number of prominent doctors today.

The medical men indignantly deny the charge brought by some of the civic health officials that the rapid spread of the disease during the last few weeks was due largely to the carelessness of many doctors in not treating cases properly.

They declare that carries parents have helped to increase the number of cases by not taking proper precautions to prevent infection.