

him to public hatred or contempt, or tend to a breach of the peace.

This is a preliminary enquiry and I am not trying the issue but the prosecution is bound to make out a prima facie case against the accused before he can be committed for trial.

"Justices are clearly bound to commit any one unless a prima facie case is made out against him and by witnesses entitled to a reasonable degree of credit," per Bayley, J. (1884).

The Prosecution not having made out a prima facie case against the accused, I therefore dismiss the Complaint and discharge the Accused.

Dated this 16th day of February, A.D. 1918.

(Signed) F. J. MORRIS, S.M.

Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., counsel for the complainant, intimated Mr. Coaker's intention to offer recognizances next week, probably before the Supreme Court.

Sleigh Capsized and Horse Injured.

While coming to the city this morning cabman Alan Hussey, of Port Cove, had an unpleasant experience when his horse and sleigh capsized and rolling down a steep snow bank landed in a pool of water about three feet deep, which had formed as a result of last night's rainstorm. The accident happened at a point between Stott's Bridge and the King's Bridge on the Cove Road. The horse is as yet unable to extricate itself from the water, and is being attended by a veterinarian. A lady passenger was saved from being thrown into the pool by the quick action of Mr. Hussey, who jumping in first caught the man as she fell out of the sleigh.

WEATHER REPORT.—St. Anthony: Moderate N. W. winds, dull and cold; coast blocked. Flower's Cove: Slight N. W. wind, fair and cold; Straits blocked. Foggy; Wind north, frosty, with snow flurries.

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To-Day's Messages.

ANOTHER NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, To-Day. The belief that a naval engagement has occurred is expressed in a despatch received in Stockholm from Copenhagen and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post. The despatch reports the recovery of a large number of bodies of German sailors who apparently belonged to a warship. Gothenburg is on the west coast of Sweden and is near the Skagerrak, one of the bodies of water connecting the North and Baltic Seas and the one nearest the North Sea.

UNEQUAL FIGHT.

DOVER, To-Day. The weather was thick and very dark when the German destroyers dashed upon the British patrol vessels in the Strait of Dover early Friday morning and sank eight of them. The patrol vessels being equipped only with light armament for anti-submarine work, did not have a chance as the Germans got underneath. The risk taken is shared by great numbers of travelers and drifters operating in all waters and at all hours. Yet the proportion of losses has been remarkably small. On this latest occasion the crews lost themselves with the same coolness and courage that they have shown in innumerable circumstances of danger and difficulty.

EMPEROR'S ARMY ORDER

AMSTERDAM, To-Day. Emperor Charles has issued an army order in connection with the Russian declaration of the termination of the war, in which he reviews the events leading up to the Russian military collapse. The order is quoted as follows: "As yet the hour has not struck when I am able to recall my warriors to their homes, but their return will come. Then may my peoples draw strength from their recollection of the glorious deeds their sons have done. May God be with us."

ADVANCE BEYOND JERUSALEM.

LONDON, To-Day. Official (Palestine).—Yesterday we advanced ten miles to the front of six miles to an average depth of two miles on either side of the village of Halkima, 11½ miles northeast of Jerusalem.

COMMERCE RESTRICTIONS.

WASHINGTON, To-Day. All foreign trade of the United States and imports was put under license today by President Wilson as part of the general program of American and Allied Governments to restrict shipping to transport troops and supplies to Europe. The essential exports and imports will be reduced to a minimum, and materials regarded as necessary will be transported by shortest route possible. The Allies are working in close cooperation with the U. S. and the trade routes of the world, in many instances, will be shifted to bring the most economical operation of tonnage. The Allies already have cut their foreign trade sharply but will make further reductions as a part of the general plan. American representatives sitting in London will work with the Allied representatives in eliminating and re-arranging ocean commerce to free ships for war service. Licensing of American exports and imports will be handled through a special committee which has created a special committee with final powers in deciding the country's foreign trade policy. The Board which already is

sues licenses for a large number of commodities over which the Government has exercised export and import control will work with the State Department of Commerce and Shipping Board in arranging the trade routes.

WAR REVIEW.

The date set by influential German papers for the starting of the much advertised German offensive has passed and no aggression on the part of the enemy materialized. On the contrary both British and French armies delivered at widely separated points on the West front smashes at the German line. These attacks, although they were merely in the nature of raids, were successfully carried out and resulted in the capture of prisoners and the infliction of casualties on the enemy. The Canadians on the famous Lens sector kept up their raiding operations against the Germans, again entering the enemy trenches and bringing back prisoners. Near Courcy the French undertook a successful military manoeuvre which resulted in the bagging of a number of Germans. In Butte du Mesnil region, Champagne, where the French aided by American batteries executed a brilliant stroke early in the week, a lively artillery duel was in progress at last accounts, with the Americans in all probability participating. Likewise near Verdun and in Woivre reciprocal bombardments of a violent character are in progress. Along that sector of the front, east of St. Mihiel, where an American force is holding the line, quiet is prevailing for the time being, owing to inclement weather and moggas which has formed as a result of heavy rain. The Germans in front of the Americans are busily engaged in repairing the trenches and constructing new dugouts to replace those shattered recently by the accurate aim of American gunners handling their 7.5's over the entire front. Aerial activity by both sides continues intense, with both Etienne and German airmen endeavouring to locate opposing positions or spy out troop concentrations. French aviators have again carried out a brilliant foray into Germany, attacking with bombs numerous towns of military importance, notably Metz, the celebrated fortress which lies some 20 miles north of the American sector in Lorraine. Large quantities of explosives were dropped and conflagrations were observed. The British again have hit the Turk's line in Jerusalem a hard blow. Northwest of Jerusalem they have penetrated Turkish positions to a depth of two miles on a front of six miles. Late German papers assert that there are indications that peace negotiations between the Central Powers and Roumania are in progress.

EXPORTS UNDER LICENSE.

WASHINGTON, To-Day. The rule requiring individual licenses only for certain classes of exports to Canada and Newfoundland will be continued in full effect under the new forcing trade licenses proclamation.

HAS NO POWER.

NEW YORK, To-Day. Wm. L. Hutchison, President of the U. S. Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, declared that he was powerless to inform the strikers back to work and enforce such an order. He asserted, however, that it was his desire that all men return to work and trust the Government to adjust their long-standing grievances.

SNEERED AT CONSCRIPTS.

QUEBEC, To-Day. A fight broke out here to-day between a unit of a draft battalion and volunteer overseas battalion. The drafted men in the fray were freely, and as a result a number were taken to the military hospital. Trouble is said to have been caused by slighting remarks made by volunteers about conscripted men.

CONCEALING SUB LOSSES.

GENEVA, To-Day. A Swiss engineer employed for the past ten months at the electrical works at Kiel and who has recently returned to inform the Associated Press that the Germans are making every effort to conceal their submarine losses, especially from their navy because of increased difficulty in mustering crews. He estimates the Germans lost thirty per cent of their subs during the time he was at Kiel. I saw a score of submarines lined up in a canal undergoing repairs which, he said, had been hit by depth bombs which the Germans seem to fear greatly. The engineer added that there had been two serious mutinies at Kiel in 1917.

CONGRATULATES CANADIANS.

LONDON, To-Day. (Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency). Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in France, has sent a message of congratulation to the Canadians who took part in the successful raid near Hargicourt, February 12.

NOT FINISHED YET.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day. A despatch received here from Vienna says that Count Cernin, Austro-Hungary Foreign Minister, replying to an address of the Burgomaster, who welcomed Count Cernin on his return to the Austrian capital, said it was the war aim of their supreme war lord which had secured for them a peace with Ukraine. This peace, he added, was in a double sense the greatest significance. What has happened at Brest-Litovsk, Count Cernin said is not yet the end of the war, but it is the beginning of the end. Not only political diseases, but political recoveries, are infectious, and peace will be so too. Moreover the strangling blockade of the Entente has been broken by the signing of peace with Ukraine. With its break, difficulties of transport are certainly still considerable but all necessary preparations have been made, and if conditions don't alter an improvement will take place. He said he had assurance that Austrian prisoners of war would be released. Civil war between Russia and Ukraine might cause difficulties but he was full of hope. In conclusion Count Cernin said if war conditions was justified it is to-day, I am firmly convinced that we have only to hold out a little longer and an honorable general peace will be attained.

CAPITAL AND LABOR DELIBERATE.

WASHINGTON, To-Day. Capital and labor have named five representatives each, to outline to the

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Government a basis for relations during the period of war. The first sessions of their deliberations probably will be held next week, after each has named one other man to represent the public, making a board of 12. The announcement of the personnel of the men, who were chosen by the National Council for Industrial Safety, and American Federation of Labor, is being withheld until acceptances of several of the men asked to serve have been received. The Department of Labor which suggested that a general policy be outlined in an effort to eliminate friction at a time when all energy should be centered on successful prosecution of the war is endeavoring to expedite the constitution of the board in the hope that unrest will be allayed.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Feb. 16th, 1918.

Leibig's Asthma Cure is the main dependence of many sufferers from asthma, who say that by means of this remedy they have been made comparatively comfortable, and that they no longer dread the occasional attacks in anything near the same degree as formerly. In simple uncomplicated cases of asthma this remedy certainly has done remarkable work, and has given great relief. Price \$1.40 a bottle.

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Here and There.

POLICE COURT.—A laborer was charged before the Magistrate this morning before being drunk and disorderly in his own house. He had to enter into a bond of \$100.

REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle left Pictou at 2 a.m. yesterday on the western route. The Elbie left St. Mary's at noon yesterday. The Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 11:20 a.m. yesterday.

CAPE RACE, To-Day.

Wind N.W., blowing strong, weather clearing, a heavy S.W. gale with fog and rain raged last night; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.05, ther. 28.

BLOCKED THE RAILWAY.

The express which left last Thursday has been held up at Seal Island, a point about three miles east of Humbermouth. The cause of delay as reported to the Despatching Office of the R. N. Co., is that a heavy avalanche of snow has covered the rails to a depth of several feet and extended over 50 yards along the track. The incoming express was also delayed for some time. With the assistance of a snow plough and a large gang of section men the road has been cleared and trains are now running as usual. The east bound express will arrive here to-morrow afternoon.

DIED.

There passed peacefully away at 4:30 p.m., February 15th, John Cairnes, aged 89 years and 4 months, leaving 3 sons, 4 daughters, 25 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, besides a large circle of relatives and friends; funeral on Monday, at 2:30 p.m., from his late residence, 20 Gill Place, off Pilot's Hill.

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St. John's, N.F., Feb. 15, '18.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In looking over some English and Scotch papers received by last mail, we note with much pleasure that ladies and gentlemen who have taken a very prominent part in War activities since the War began, are receiving Royal recognition for their loyal patriotic and faithful work.

In Newfoundland, since the War began, we have many men and women who have never ceased doing War work.

"The Order of the British Empire."

This Order was instituted recently for the special purpose of recognizing war service in a variety of directions.

We understand in March many honors are to be distributed in the British

Dominions, both to men and women for services to the Nation. Many of these honors should come to Newfoundland. In St. John's we have men and women who spent much time in Patriotic and Red Cross work, and we have also the devoted men and women of the Outposts, who also should be honored by their King. In many parts of the British Empire last month His Majesty the King honored men and women in the Grand Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

An Order that dates from the days of the Crusades, and that has answered the fine old traditions of chivalry, sacrifice and service. The Great Priory consists of Knights of Justice, and Knights of Grace, Ladies of Justice, and Ladies of Grace. Some of England's greatest men and women are proud to wear the simple insignia of the historic Order. His Majesty King George is its Grand Prior; the Duke of Connaught is its Prior. "Who are the men and women to wear it in the Dominion of Newfoundland?"

Then we have the new Orders of the British Empire: In recognition of the manifold services, voluntary and otherwise, that have been rendered both by British subjects and their Allies in connection with the War, His Majesty the King was pleased to institute, in 1917, two Orders.

The first of these was an Order of Knights and to be called "The Order of the British Empire," and to be conferred, as the title indicates, for services rendered to the Empire, whether at home or abroad. This Order will follow in most respects the precedents of other Orders of Knighthood; but it will consist of five classes: the most appropriate form of recognition, constituting, as it will, an honor dissociated either from the acceptance of title or the classification of men.

The second Order, which will be closely restricted in numbers, will be entitled the "Order of the Companions of Honor," and will consist of one class only, to which women will be eligible equally with men. The Order will carry with it title of precedence, and will be conferred upon a limited number of persons for whom this special distinction seems to be the most appropriate form of recognition, constituting, as it will, an honor dissociated either from the acceptance of title or the classification of men.

The King appointed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to be Grand Master of the Order of the British Empire.

The five classes of the Order of the British Empire are as follows:

MEN.

1. Knights Grand Cross (G.B.E.)

2. Knights Commanders (K.B.E.)

3. Officers (O.B.E.)

4. Members (M.B.E.)

WOMEN.

1. Dames Grand Cross (G.B.E.)

2. Dames Commanders (D.B.E.)

3. Officers (O.B.E.)

4. Members (M.B.E.)

The badge of the Order worn by members of the first, second, and third classes takes the shape of a silver-gilt cross, enamelled with grey, in the centre of which, in a circle, is the motto of the Order, "For God and Empire." The Star, worn by members of the first two classes, is an eight-pointed silver star, the centre of which bears the same device as the badge.

The above five honors have also been freely distributed throughout the British Empire. Who are to be the lucky men and women in this Dominion to be recognized for their devoted War work? "We must wait and see."

France. The French Government has a newly-created medal, which is called "France's gratitude." King Albert of Belgium, who passed through Paris a few days ago for the South of France, called on President Poincaré, who asked the King to hand the Queen one of these new medals.

We wonder if any of the young women of St. John's will be considered by the French Consul for recommendation to the French Government for this medal, for War work done on behalf of France.

Newfoundland. Many of our noble women, and girls of our own land, since the outbreak of War, have been actively identified with Red Cross work, and in various other ways, given valuable service to help "Win the War." Should the Government not be prepared to reward the way of a medal, brooch, or a little gold brooch pin, for general distribution among the various W. P. A. and Red Cross workers of the country? Just think it over.

Yours truly,

VIVAT REX—VIVAT REGINA.

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2473—Private Arthur Warford, Pt. Leamington.

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