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LOUIS URDANG IS CLEARED IN CASE

Brown Fined \$500 and 3 Months in Jail in "Still" Matter.

The largest still ever seized in St. John with a holding capacity of more than 70 gallons, and capable of turning out over 90 gallons of barbed wire "hooch" a day attracted the eyes of all in attendance at the police court this morning.

Standing nearly five feet high, and resembling a cross between a giant milk can and a pipeless furnace, the huge incubator was the "still" or still witness in the case of Henry Brown and Louis Urdang charged with unlawfully having a still in their possession.

After the hearing the evidence of Excise Enforcement Officer Dawes, and Provincial Constable Garnett, as to the seizure of the still on January 31st, at Brown's house, Gilbert's Lane, and the arrest of Brown, and later of Urdang in consequence of information supplied by Brown, E. J. Henneberry acting for the prohibition authorities, placed Brown on the stand.

Brown, while admitting he had information against Urdang, said he was so excited at the time of his arrest that he did not know what he was saying, and that his object was to secure the assistance of Urdang in effecting his own release, as the latter had on previous occasions assisted him financially. He completely exonerated Urdang.

PROSPECT IS BETTER IN C. B. MINE CASE

Representatives of Miners and Employers to Confer in Montreal.

Gloucester, N. S., Feb. 2.—There has been another turn in the negotiations between the United Mine Workers' representatives and the officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation which will in all probability result in a satisfactory agreement being signed within the next week.

A telegram received by William Dalrymple from Andrew Steele says that a joint conference had been arranged between representatives of the miners and of the British Empire Steel Corporation at Montreal on Monday morning. This morning William Dalrymple, Silby Barrett and Robert Baxter left for Montreal.

Before their departure the U. M. W. officers reiterated their opinion that they would stand firm for an increase over and above the 1923 scale.

The Montreal conference is evidence they declare that John L. Lewis and his representative, Mr. Steele, have not been idle at Indianapolis.

This conference, so far as the miners' representatives are concerned, means that the corporation is prepared to do something better than the 1923 rates for the miners.

PROSECUTOR OF CRIPPEN IS DEAD

Sir Richard Muir, Grim and Thorough as Representative of Crown.

London, Feb. 2.—Very few anecdotes cling round Sir Richard Muir, whose death has just been announced. He prosecuted in the noted Dr. Crippen murder case. His manner in the criminal courts, as senior counsel to the British treasury, was much too businesslike and grim to permit of much play of fancy round him.

The crown prosecutor is usually condemned to look for the bad side of human nature, and not the good, and Sir Richard was unrivalled in the art of making it difficult for defending counsels to enable a culprit to escape the just penalty of the law.

Like several other legal luminaries—the present Lord Chief Justice among them—Sir Richard, who was in his sixty-seventh year, began his career in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons.

The son of a Greenock shipowner, he was educated at King's College, London, and called to the Bar just forty years ago, beginning as a pupil of Sir Ernest Bigham, then one of the two senior counsel to the treasury.

Young Muir's dogged and relentless manner in the courts probably attracted the attention of the officials of the treasury, so that before many years had passed he was appointed treasury counsel at the North London Sessions.

Remorseless in Attack.

There he developed that calm but remorseless method of attack which was later so often the outstanding feature of big criminal trials at the Old Bailey.

Sir Richard's style as crown prosecutor was described as "ponderous but relentless." "He handles evidence with great skill," wrote the author of a series of personal sketches in the "Illustrated London News," "and he goes on to anything but hard facts, and he goes on, unhesitating, unfeeling, the very personification of an avenging justice, and he never allows himself to be lulled by any of his web round the doomed man."

Yet Sir Richard had his softer side, and it peeped out occasionally, as in the sensational case of the Duke of Malcolme in 1917, when he said, "I should be less than human if I did not sympathize with all my manhood with Lieutenant Malcolme. I have not as hard a task as any advocate for the crown ever had."

One felt, seeing him at work at the Central Criminal Court, that he really felt he was wielding that big sword of justice which hangs behind the judge.

Justice had to be done, and he let no personal considerations enter into his conduct of a case. His duty was to present the facts of a case in all their nakedness, and the question of mercy was one for others.

It was this absolute lack of passion in all he did which made him such an admirable counsel for the crown. He was the perfect instrument of the law, which relied upon to let nothing be overlooked. He left all questions of emotion to the other side. His very coldness was perhaps the greatest opportunity of a defending counsel.

It enabled the defence, by the judicious display of emotion, to throw the impartiality of the law, and to persuade the jury to have some sympathy for a prisoner because of the very straits in which he found himself.

The Campaign, delegates declare, was necessitated by public extravagance.

Arrest 10 Children; Plot Is Alleged

St. Paul, Feb. 2.—Charged with conspiracy to effect an illegal entry of Canadians into the United States, James B. Hunt, an Inspector of the United States Immigration Service, who was taken into custody at Winnipeg, was removed to Thief River Falls for a hearing, immigration officials announced here today.

Hunt's arrest followed the apprehension here of 17 persons, ten of them children, who, according to stories told local immigration officials, paid \$300 for the privilege of entering the United States after appearing on the list of inadmissible persons rejected by the immigration department.

Contracts in Reconstruction Will Help Labor in England.

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Sues Uncle In Alienation Case

New Liskeard, Ont., Feb. 2.—The unusual instance of a man suing his wife's uncle for alleged alienation of her affections, is provided in a writ by Alex Hornby of Cobolt. Her plaintiff is suing for \$10,000 damages, and he has named as defendant, Leslie Teal of Ridgeway, Welland county.

Mr. Stewart, who is not present in person, asserts that the Rev. Mr. Johnson broke a contract entered into between them, whereby Mr. Johnson was to protect an account which Mr. Stewart had with Hornblower & Weeks, consisting of 1,000 shares of the stock of the United States Smelting, Mining & Refining Co.

Mr. Stewart declares that not only did Mr. Johnson agree to protect the account by furnishing additional funds but that after the account was closed out by Hornblower & Weeks, he agreed to re-purchase on margin a similar amount of shares of the same stock when it touched \$20 a share. He says that later the stock rose to \$37.70.

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In his answer the Rev. Mr. Johnson pleads the statute of limitations, the statute of frauds, in that the alleged agreements were not in writing; that there was no consideration for them, a general denial and further answers that the "several contracts mentioned in the plaintiff's declaration are contracts for the transfer of stock in a company incorporated under a law of the United States or of an individual State, and are void because the party contracting to sell or transfer said stock was not the owner or assignee thereof or authorized by the owner or assignee or his agent to sell or transfer the same."

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SUES MINISTER IN STOCK CASE

Stewart Makes Rev. H. S. Johnson of Boston Defendant.

Boston, Feb. 2.—The Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, widely known Boston Baptist minister, is a defendant in a \$30,000 suit brought by Carl L. Stewart of Venice, Los Angeles county, Cal., involving stock deals.

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PERSONALS

Miss Irma Schofield, one of the teachers in the Randolph school, is ill with grippe at her home in Harding street, Fairville.

Mrs. J. Britney, of Fairville, is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Britney, Moore's Mills.

Mrs. Harry Leonard, who has been visiting here for the last three weeks, will leave this evening to return to her home at Windsor, Ontario.

Dr. George Duncan and Rev. J. J. McCaskill of Montreal are traveling to Riverfield and Howick, Ormston and Huntingdon in the interest of the Presbyterian Church Association. They are both well known here.

Mrs. H. C. Hamilton, late superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has arrived in Vancouver with her daughter, Miss Emily Hamilton, who has been at school in Brussels, Belgium, for the last few years. They are visiting Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Mrs. Frank Fletcher, prior to leaving for California, where they will reside.

Friends of O. W. Chesley of Bridgetown, formerly of this city, will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from his recent illness and is now able to be around again.

W. C. Smith Chosen General Chairman

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 2.—At the biennial election of officers of the general grievance committee of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees on the Atlantic Region C. N. R. yesterday W. C. Smith of Halifax, C. N. R. dining car steward, was elected general chairman, Leopold Gagne of Riviere du Loup, Que., vice-chairman and John J. Crowl of Truro, secretary.

Because labor is so cheap, Indians in Bolivia, South America, are beasts of burden.

Ontario Launches Reforestation Plan

Toronto, Feb. 2.—A definite step toward the establishing of a reforestation area in the northern part of York County was taken yesterday when the county council voted to purchase 400 acres in Whitechurch township for this purpose at a cost of \$6,250.

WANT TAXES IN CANADA LOWER

Campaign in Regina May Spread Over Whole Dominion.

Regina, Feb. 2.—A campaign aiming at the reduction of taxation in Canada, to be followed possibly by a Dominion-wide campaign supported by the provinces, will be launched by the Board of Trade of the prairie provinces. It was decided at a conference held here by Boards of Trade representatives from ten western Canadian cities.

The campaign, which is to be non-political, will be begun on Feb. 15 and continuing until Feb. 29, culminating in a national economy week, suggested to begin on Feb. 29.

Also added proposal that the campaign might be followed up by a national conference at Ottawa to prepare a proper and adequate case for lower taxation for presentation to the Dominion Government.

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SPEAKER ASKS WHAT HE WANTED

Burns Will be a Strong Addition to Cleveland Infield.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Now that Cleveland fans have resigned themselves to the recent deal with the Boston Red Sox, where Wambgsans, O'Neill, Connelly and Boone came to the Hub in exchange for Burns and the Boston infield, it is just beginning to dawn upon the Indian supporters that Tris Speaker was building better than they realized. The deal that traded with Bobbie Quinn and Lee Fohl, and that the Tribesmen are going to be a more powerful and even more dangerous outfit than the coaching season that they were last year.

Team Has Punch

For the acquisition of the hard hitting Burns has given Speaker a lineup that will include no less than seven 300 hitters, a fact that was generally overlooked when Eastern critics began to clamor that Spoke was overgenerous.

Prominent among Speaker's sternest critics were the New York scribblers, who emphasized their assertions that Spoke had been outjockeyed. Maybe their criticisms were a bit tinged with venom when they commented so harshly on Spoke's ability as a trader.

In bringing Burns back to Cleveland, the Indian manager not only strengthened his team at its weakest point, but he added to the punch which nearly batted the club into a championship last year.

In recent resumes of the season of 1923 most writers have dilated upon the punch displayed by the Yankee and Tiger outfits and seem to have overlooked the attack that the Indians displayed till the very flag end of the campaign.

Infield Would Hit 336.

That Indian outfield alone batted for an average of 351, the triple, including Speaker, Jamieson and Summa, outfitting the Detroit outfield by two points and eclipsing the mark set by the Yankee gardeners by a margin of 13 points. Even with Lutzke, a first year recruit included, the infield swatted the pill for 314, and with Burns hitting as he did last season, the infield quartette duplicated the marks of 1923 would show a batting average of 336.

As Myatt is practically a 300 hitter, and Uble and a few more heavy hitters are included in the Speaker outfit, one can get an idea of the powerful attack that the Indians are sure to present this year.

Yanks Fear Indians

The Yankees fear Cleveland, and in a measure this may account for the scathing criticism the Gotham scribblers have leveled at Spoke. The Yankees could have used Steve O'Neill himself, and over in the big burg they were not any too delighted to see the Boston team strengthened either.

For three years these Indians have been a menace to the Yankees' peace and in the coming campaign they are likely to prove even more disconcerting nightmare to all the confident New York American leaguers.

Cleveland might have made a trade with Detroit, but Speaker was in a mood to let the Tigers gain any additional nourishment. The Cobb outfit is dangerous enough as it is, a fact which perhaps even more influenced his decision to do business with Boston.

Cobb was crazy to acquire Bill Wambgsans, and promised the Detroit fans that he would be "all set" with Wamby in the lineup. But the Cleveland leader was not desirous of seeing the Tigers strengthen at Cleveland's expense.

That's one reason why Cobb could not do business with Speaker.

Badu, a prosperous island of Australia, is ruled by a white woman as governor.

SAYS THAT CURRIE DECLINED POST

Was Offered the Position of Minister for Canada at Washington.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—A despatch to the Montreal Star says: "Premier King last night confirmed the report that General Sir Arthur Currie was offered the position of Canadian minister at Washington. He expressed regret that Sir Arthur did not feel disposed to accept. It is also well known that Sir Lomer Gouin declined the post."

"The Government as a whole is said to be anxious to make an appointment, but there is a certain element disposed to the view that such an office at Washington might be misconstrued in its effect upon relations between Canada and the Mother Country. Sir Arthur's selection, it is considered, would be a peculiarly effective offset to this view."

Assaulted Boy Who Took Own Life

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 2.—J. Benson Cox, farmer, of Colborne township, was yesterday sentenced to two months in jail by Magistrate Reid for common assault on Chas. Pulpitt, a 16 year old immigrant boy, who committed suicide by hanging himself in the Cox barn on December 22.

HOME FROM QUEBEC

S. H. Weston, acting chief engineer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, arrived home last evening from Quebec, where he had been with members of the commission in consultation with members of the Quebec Government on the matter of storage of power in the event of Grand Falls being developed.

Mr. Weston said that they had met the Premier of Quebec and others of the Government and members of the Quebec Steam Commission and had been given a sympathetic hearing by all.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS

BIRTHS

BRAND.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Brand, 205 Rockland road, Feb. 1, 1924, a son.

DEATHS

ROACH.—On Feb. 1, Bessie Alice Roach, daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah Roach of Sussex.

FUNERAL.—Monday, Feb. 4, from her residence, 20 Wentworth street, Services at 11 o'clock a. m. Interment at St. James on arrival of noon train from St. John.

BAXTER.—At her residence, 122 Pitt street, Feb. 1, 1924, Anne Elizabeth, widow of John Baxter, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn.

Funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8.30 o'clock from her late residence to the Cathedral for solemn requiem high mass. Friends invited.

IN MEMORIAM

YEOMAN.—In loving memory of Charles William Yeoman, who departed this life Feb. 3rd, 1915. Gone but not forgotten. WIFE AND CHILDREN.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Johnston and family of 88 Harrison street, wish to thank their many friends for kindness rendered and beautiful flowers received in their recent sad bereavement, and also the members of the Portland Methodist choir.

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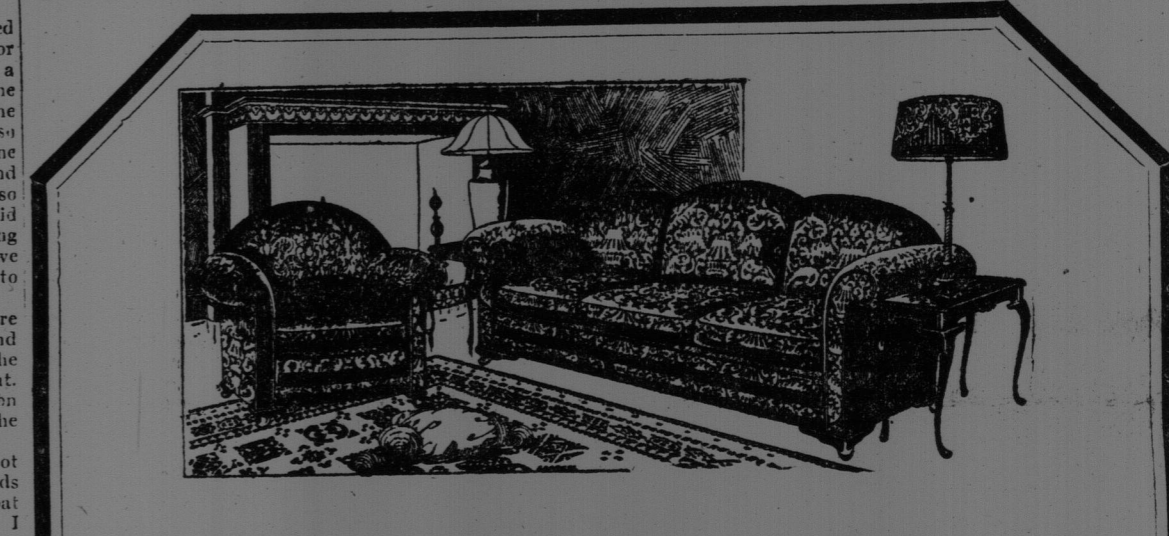
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