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THE PELKEY VERDICT.

The verdict in the Pelkey case, though somewhat confusing, is quite satisfactory. It establishes clearly the fact, which heretofore has been somewhat in dispute, that the events which have been held in Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and other western cities and euphemistically called boxing bouts were prize fights, and accordingly were illegal.

This is the first time that a supreme court judge in Canada has dealt with such a case. This decision will have the result of chasing the prize fighter out of the country. And the country will not suffer by the departure. Prize fights, such as were allowed here, are not permitted in Philadelphia, Chicago, or any of the other cities in the United States, with a very few exceptions.

The jury would not say that the blow which Pelkey delivered in the ring caused McCarty's death. That is surprising. This shows the uncertainty and uselessness of expert medical evidence, which only confused the jury.

However, no person desired to see Pelkey punished. He was the innocent victim. He was playing the game, according to the rules, fairly and honestly. The satisfactory part of the finding is that the encounter, and all such encounters, are prize fights, and accordingly illegal.

Mr. William Macdonald reported as saying that the \$100,000 prize money which was distributed to the winners of the money market was the result of a free gift by the Canadian parliament.

A Canadian member of parliament in a letter to the Toronto World writes to R. B. Bennett as one of the half dozen more progressive members of the Conservative party. With the exception of four years, Mr. Bennett has been in public life for the last fifteen years, either as member of the territorial legislature, the Alberta legislature or member of parliament.

An evening paper declares that the Alberta government should resign because times are hard and it is difficult to get money, which is a good reason why there should be a stampede of resigning, including the Dominion government. The suggestion must emanate from Ponoka.

In these days of wars and rumors of wars, it is pleasing to know that for one day at least we shall be free from terrors for tomorrow the Hon. the Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, the greatest warrior that ever came out of the Lindsay Warder print shop, will be in our midst and he can protect us against all comers. We may rest secure tomorrow.

In Australia the new premier has a majority of one and is in the minority in the senate. What an opportunity for the unscrupulous opposition newspapers to frame up stories about the absurdity of the ramping, roaring, raving, ranting.

George M. Hall, industrial commissioner of Edmonton, has made a report on the difficulty which he has found in interesting industries in that city. The obstacles in his path are pretty much the same as industrial commissioners in all western cities discover.

In the first place, he finds that the local people will neither start industries themselves nor assist in any way which involves money investments. Until local people are willing to risk some of the money which they picked up out of the undeveloped real estate, in building up industries which will assist the city, there is but small chance of interesting outside capital to any great extent.

Mr. Hall points out that the real estate game is still strenuous, and the man with money prefers this speculation with easy profits to the real investments. "That is unfortunate," says Mr. Hall, "and a remedy must be found before many industries can be induced to come here; now and then one will be secured, but as a rule and with comparatively few exceptions, men coming from the outside with factories or the like require to be met with some share of local support as evidence of interest and faith among the home people."

Mr. Hall also finds great difficulty owing to the abnormally high rents in Edmonton. He tells of a biscuit factory which was induced to consider Edmonton. They wanted a building costing \$40,000, part of which was to be used at once and all of it later on. Men undertaking to supply the building asked for a five-year lease a rental of \$70,000 a year.

Edmonton is not alone in its troubles. There are serious difficulties in securing manufacturing establishments. It requires something more than argument to get many manufacturers here. They

quite understand that these western provinces and cities are to go ahead and become very populous and furnish a big market, but many are prepared to wait. Bouncing is a bad business, and the worst policy for a city. But private citizens who have made money should interest themselves in manufacturing, which is likely to pay, and the city could very well afford to make easy the rent question by erecting the buildings and giving the manufacturer good accommodation at moderate cost.

The Saskatoon merchants will be here tomorrow. They have nothing to learn in enthusiasm and enterprise, because they are about the most enthusiastic and enterprising on earth. They are not likely to fall in love with the city so badly that they will stay here for all time, for they are convinced that Saskatoon is the best city that gets sunshine. But they are among the best in the west, and Calgary will give them the glad hand.

It remained for the commissioners of the city to find out how the city might pay its debts without costing the citizens a cent. It is by cutting in on the salaries of the industrial employees and forcing them to bear the brunt of it all.

If we are not mistaken Premier Borden said when he became premier of Canada, automatically and without any delay the western provinces would get their natural rights. As the original title says that the story vexed the Premier, it is probable that the Premier, in the case, the dentist is probably the true story.

Now if Alderman Costello and the commissioners have such good intentions for the city, they would suggest that first of all they pay the men employed by the city, and begin by showing charity at home. This would encourage the employees to show their loyalty to the city.

First one evening paper declares that there is dissension in the Alberta government, and the Premier will resign. Then another evening paper, not to be outdone, retorts that the province cannot borrow money, therefore the government will resign.

Before election time a day did not pass that the senior evening paper did not have some terrible stories about crises and such like threatened dangers to the government. This crisis was always going to break out in the next few hours and sweep the government out of existence. But the crisis never got working. It never would perform as the opposition and J. K. Cornwall—since retired from public life—had planned.

An amount of that sort of speculation and exaggerated nonsense, however silly, may be expected just before election. But surely there is a limit to it.

The suggestion that the government should resign because the money market is so tight, in London that no person can secure any money, is as unreasonable as the report that there is dissension in the Alberta cabinet is untrue. The people of Alberta have just given the Sifton government a very pronounced endorsement. For a government to consider resignation after such an endorsement would be a reflection upon the people.

The government is pursuing the same policy as other governments and all wise business establishments are pursuing at this time, that is, holding its expenditure down to the limit and undertaking nothing that is not absolutely necessary.

Acting Premier Mitchell makes this statement in a Medicine Hat paper: "Owing to the condition of the money market, which is world-wide, the department of public works has decided to curtail public expenditures for this season as much as possible, as it is not considered good policy to embark on a heavy expenditure on capital account until the money market improves. Consequently, for the time being, only urgent and necessary work will be undertaken."

That is a reasonable statement to make. It is a business-like position to take. The patriotic position for a newspaper is to assist the province at this time of stress, instead of persistently nagging at it and endeavoring to injure it.

A British member of parliament says that the only Canadian politician who is welcomed in England is the one without brains, but with a large bag of money, which he is willing to spend trying to "redeem" a hopeless constituency. But that cannot be true, for so what succeeds Sir Max Aitken has been in the old country and, worse and worse, can we believe it—how anxious they were to have our R. B. Bennett as the old hand.

An Edmonton paper says that a couple of men will race up Mount Robson, one of the most inaccessible peaks of the Rockies. But that is not a man's job. They should go in for Mountain goats.

The Lethbridge newspapers upheld the traditions loyally. The cyclone turned out the lights, but the power out of business, kicked over the telephones and did divers other damage, to the great inconvenience of the newspapers, but the next day, from the cyclone cellar, the newspapers put up their heads high enough to say "it was a fine thing for the crops," which was the truth.

Now we know that a prize fight is a prize fight, and not merely athletic exercise, a sham battle or a boxing bout. That is something to know.

The Calgary fair will be well under way next week. It will be better than last year and, despite the fact that it is so much better than the Calgary citizens. Calgary people all should see it twice or oftener during the week. It is worth while and will help along the fair.

article in The Morning Albertan, dealing with the proposed increase for City Hall employees, is a very good one. It is allowed to express my view as to the matter, but the commissioners in this matter.

First, I see that through an oversight on the commissioners' part in omitting to include the salaries of the employees, who are paid less than \$90.00 per month, it is necessary to have the salaries raised to \$100.00 per month, and suffer the loss of back pay to January 1, in order that this mistake be corrected.

If the commissioners are not aware of the fact that they cannot stop the salaries of any wages and employees, but that such wages due, must be paid to them and can be legally claimed for such time as they are due (in this case, as the estimates call for) and that they have no power to withhold any money from employees, they should see to it that they do not do so.

By Information received the report that no employee who is now drawing over \$40.00 per month will benefit by a further increase, this is untrue, as there are men who are getting increases and drawing at the present time \$90.00 per month.

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Editorial: I think your article in regard to the money market is very timely. The senate has just accomplished something that will be a relief to the people of Canada. It has passed a bill which will be a relief to the people of Canada.

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The Poet Philosopher by Walt Mason. A little word is but a sound, a saved-off chunk of wind; we scatter little words around here to farther Ind. They are such inexpensive things, we don't economize, and so the world we live in rings with foolish words and lies. A little word costs just a breath, the shortest breath you draw; yet it will wound someone, or do some harm, or hurt that good and true. And you may wreck some man's renown, or stain a woman's fame, and bring bright castles tumbling down into the muck of shame. Your little words, like poisoned darts, may crook the world, or scatter many into loving hearts the venom dire of hate. Be not so lavish with the breath that turns the world into a madhouse, and bear the chill of death and lay your friendships low. A word is but a little of your breath, but it may be a tongue; so never let it bring despair or grief to old or young. But give to it the force of a strong man's arm, and the symbol of the life above, and of an angel's dream.

What Followed. The occasion was a choice little tea party on the lawn, and the hostess was beaming and busy among her guests. "Yes," she remarked, "my little girl is very clever. She can imitate almost any one."

"She can, my dear," echoed the host, delightedly. "Alice, show us what you can do. Pretend to be the housemaid." The little girl, eagerly enough, came forward and bowed to one of the guests.

"Will you take some more tea, madam?" she asked politely. Then she turned to another guest. "May I move your chair, madam? The sunlight is very strong."

At this the guests were exceedingly interested and asked for me. Then, looking at her father, little Alice exclaimed in a terrified voice: "Sir, let me go! Don't touch me, sir! Give your kiss, indeed! Suppose the mistress was to hear you?" Then the clever little darling was whisked away suddenly.

Remember: During June, July and August, this Store will Close early Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Wednesday Morning purchases will not be delivered until Thursday morning. In no other way will the drivers and the horses, too, benefit by the weekly half-holiday they so greatly appreciate.

Exquisite Robes and Tunics at Store Special at Half Price. Ladies who follow the fashion won't need to be told how charmingly becoming these beautiful creations are for afternoon and evening wear. Every robe and tunic has been reduced successfully for a 4-2 hours' special selling. Fit largely by morning shopping tomorrow, for the store closes at 1 o'clock Wednesday.

White Lawn Robe—Regular \$10.00, for \$5.00. White Lawn Robe—Regular \$12.00, for \$6.00. White Lawn Robe—Regular \$20.00, for \$10.00. White Lawn Robe—Regular \$17.00, for \$8.50. Pink Chambray Robe—Regular \$8.50, for \$4.25. Mauve Chambray Robe—Regular \$8.50, for \$4.25. Sky Chambray Robe—Regular \$13.50, for \$6.75. Pink and White Robe—Regular \$15.00, for \$7.50. Bulgarian Effect on Black Net—Regular \$20.00, for \$10.00. White Beaded Net—Regular \$27.50, for \$13.75. Black Beaded Net—Regular \$27.50, for \$13.75. Salome Beaded Effect on Black Net—Regular \$25.00, for \$12.50.

SEQUIN AND BEADED ROBES AND TUNICS. Very Handsome White Beaded and Sequin Robe—Length—Semi-ready made. Regular \$30.00, for \$15.00. Black Beaded Sequin and Embroidered Net Robe—Length—Regular \$18.75, for \$9.37. French style Net—With full skirt, broderie and handing to match. Regular \$22.50, for \$11.25. Green Net—With silk embroidery and gold and pearl beads. Handing to match. Regular \$27.50, for \$13.75.

Ladies' Waists Half Price and Less. Nine to Eleven o'Clock Only. MIDDY WAISTS; GOOD VALUE AT \$1.25. Calgary smart set have shown their appreciation of these attractive little garments by snapping them up in great numbers. We are in receipt of a fresh shipment which represents special value. We are showing them for the first time to Wednesday morning shoppers.

MIDDY WAISTS; GOOD VALUE AT \$1.25. Middy Waists of fine duck, with neat collar of self material and set in navy, cadet, red and white, and neatly trimmed with white braid. They come in sizes 28 to 44. Sale price \$1.25.

Save 25c to \$1.00 on Boys' Wash Suits. WE HAVE congratulated ourselves on gathering together the finest stock of Boys' Wash Suits in the country, as mothers who have had their eyes open will agree. Here is the opportunity to see the little fellows with dressy summer garments at a fraction of their original cost. All Boys' Wash Suits in English ducks and galateas. In the season's newest plain and fancy fabrics, in attractive little Buster and Russian styles. They come to fit boys of all ages from 2 to 7 years. Reg. \$1.25 to \$2 a suit. Wednesday morning \$1.00.

BOYS' PANTS ON THE WALK. A sale of this character puts a different price aspect on the coat and clothing of a boy with an extra pair or two of trousers. This is a special lot of 100 pairs, which are reduced for no other reason than to create a busy half-day selling. One hundred pairs Boys' Tweed Knickers, well cut and well made throughout, in sizes 22 to 28. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.50. Wednesday morning \$1.00.

CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS IN A BARGAIN BREEZE. A little lot of popular fancy Straw Hats in a goodly variety of the most reasonable and becoming shapes for boys of from 1-2 to 8 years. Hats that sold regular at 35c, 45c and 50c. Wednesday morning \$25c.

\$4.95 Wash Dresses \$1.95. A Morning Special Wednesday. ANY LADY who desires a pretty summer wash dress at a fraction of their original worth should make a special effort to be down to the store bright and early tomorrow for these dresses are going to sell at less than cost of material and making. Hence, it might be well to remember that there are only sixty of these dainty garments to go on sale. Pretty Summer Wash Dresses, of cross-bar muslin in assorted designs, made with large sailor collar and deep cuffs of embroidery; all sizes from 32 to 44. Regular \$4.95. Wednesday morning \$1.95.

SHOE SALE. A little lot of 60 pairs of Men's Tan Russia Call Boots, button or laced styles, with short vamps; high toes, military heels. Good year worn soles. Especially priced for a Wednesday morning rush sale, and the greatest value we have given for months. Regular \$3.00 pair. Sale price \$2.00.

Motor Car Drives Yaht. The application of an automobile to the propulsion of a small yacht has been worked out successfully, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. The vessel, a 32 foot yawl, has a deep cockpit, so arranged that the automobile can be run or lifted into it. The rear wheels are then jacked up and the driving mechanism of the car connected to the yacht's propeller by chain gearing. With a 15 h.p. car the yacht was driven against head winds on a three weeks cruise without trouble.

Only One Snake. For all his dignity and learning, the college professor is often comically or unconsciously amusing. The following story is told by the Rev. B. J. Hardy in his "How to be Happy Through Civil".

The wife of Professor Agassiz was one morning putting on her stockings and shoes. A little scorpion attracted the professor's attention. Not having risen, he leaned forward on his elbow and anxiously inquired what was the matter.

"Why, a little snake has just crawled out of my shoe!" cried he. "Only one, my dear," inquired the professor, calmly lying down again. "There should have been three. He had put them there to keep them warm."

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