

LOCAL MAN MAKES MRS. SMALL OFFER TO UNRAVEL CASE

Offers to Elucidate Mystery For Extra Reward—Wife's Efforts Untiring.

INVASION OF CRANKS

It was stated yesterday that on Monday last Mrs. Ambrose Small received a visit from a Toronto man, well-known in sporting circles, who offered for a sum of money in excess of the amount in the published reward to unravel the Small mystery.

The person in question was referred to Mr. Hughes, the solicitor to the committee managing Mr. Small's affairs, and to the committee of the Capital Trust Company.

Unravel the Small mystery? was repeated to the lawyer, but so non-understandable were the terms suggested by the sporting gentleman and so vague the hints as to what and how much he knew, that he was advised to communicate with the Small management committee.

Up to date last night nothing further had been heard from the sporting gentleman in question, and the Small management committee think that he has no real information to impart, but at any rate, the next move is up to him thru his solicitor.

The sporting gentleman is said to discuss the matter at all with The World last night, contenting himself with saying: "I have nothing to say, that is all."

Modern Magic. A lady called upon Dr. Connelly yesterday with a view of solving the mystery. She produced a white powder and told the doctor to put it in a pan and stand on each side of it a photograph of Small and Doughty.

Exactly at 12 midnight the powder was to be lighted and thru the smoke the exact location of each would be shown.

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Stationary engineers have succeeded in closing two strikes resulting in increased pay for the men. These were at the Kellogg and another well-known plant in the city.

Many thousands of all sorts and conditions of men and women in every part of the world, but more particularly in Canada are working on the Small-Doughty mystery in the hope of gaining out of it a big reward.

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ANDREW HICKS WITHDRAWS CHARGE Fully Satisfied by Statement on Alleged Bribery by M. C. Fox, M.L.A.

Responding to the summons of Attorney-General Haney, Andrew Hicks, M.L.A. for South Huron and U.E.O. withdrew the parliamentary charge yesterday to explain what he meant by a statement made during the U.F.O. picnic at London, alleging that bribery of a member of the legislature had been attempted.

After reading a letter from Milton C. Fox, M.L.A. for South Essex, who Mr. Hicks alleged had been offered money to drop a bill he had brought before the legislature that would prevent the removal of sand from Pelee Island for rebuilding in the United States, Mr. Hicks made the following statement to the attorney-general, which was in turn handed to the press. It reads as follows:

Dear Sir: The letter written to you by Mr. M. C. Fox, M.L.A., dated the 22nd inst., which you showed me today.

The statement that I made at London with reference to money being available to members of the legislature to corruptly influence their votes on matters before the house at the late session was based entirely upon a remark made to me by Mr. Fox.

From that statement I have no information whatever as to any approaches having been made to any member of the legislature to corruptly influence his action in respect to any legislation before the house. No money was ever offered to me as I know, no money was offered to any other member of the house, and no improper proposal ever made in that connection either directly or indirectly.

I, of course, accept Mr. Fox's statement without reservation. Apparently the whole matter was based upon a misunderstanding on my part of his remark.

Yours very truly, (Sgd.) Andrew Hicks. The letter from Milton C. Fox, dated Kingsville, June 22, which was shown to Mr. Hicks by the attorney-general, follows:

Dear Sir: In answer to your enquiry with reference to statements that have appeared in the press connecting my name with alleged offers of money in the matter of the amendment of the Criminal Code act of last session, I desire to state that I never approached me either directly or indirectly with any offer of money or other corrupt proposal in connection with any matter whatsoever.

I think I can understand how Mr. Hicks received the impression which he expressed in his statement before the last session of the legislature. It was the result of a misunderstanding between the Sandusky Company, which has been engaged in removing sand from Pelee Island, and the Sandusky Company, which has been engaged in removing sand from Pelee Island.

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WILSON WANTS ACTION ON RAILWAYMEN'S PAY

Washington, June 23.—The Railroad Labor Board at Chicago has been urged by President Wilson to expedite its wage decision.

The president's message, resulting from the general unrest among railroad workers over the wage question and the walk-out of yardmen and other employees at Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities, is not yet made public, but unofficially it was described as being of a "forceful" character.

BRITISH RESERVISTS TO RECEIVE APPEAL

War Clouds Are Gathering In Near and Middle East. London, June 24.—The war office intends almost immediately to appeal to the reservists according to The Daily Mail today.

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KEEN COMPETITION FORESEEN BY C.P.R.

Steel Train Equipment To Be Put on New Rival Services.

Montreal, June 23.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific Railway are getting ready for more active competition because of the increased activity of the Canadian National Railway, including the old Grand Trunk, the consolidated system are putting on several new trains both of a local and trans-continental character.

Within the next few days the Canadian Pacific will be ready for service a large number of new steel cars in the shape of passenger coaches, second-class coaches, baggage and express cars, sleepers, cafe cars and compartment cars, and will put these into commission almost immediately, certainly quite a number of them before July 1 and probably also shorten up the running time of the trains made up out of this new equipment.

Some idea of the equipment required in this new competition may be reached by knowing that it takes ten trains to maintain one trans-continental service both ways across the continent, and many of these trains are made up of not less than ten cars. The Canadian Pacific are similarly equipped in steel cars and trains.

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that throws interesting light upon Canada's financial position, the Excess Profits Tax and the Government's financial policy is given in Investment Items, just off press.

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HAMBLY ADOPTED FOR NEW TRUSTEE

Unanimously Favored by Board of Education as C. A. B. Brown's Successor.

Dr. John Noble paid tribute to the excellence of the late Trustee C. A. B. Brown at the special meeting held yesterday afternoon to appoint a trustee for the vacancy.

Miss Constance Boulton, second in the list of candidates, moved the appointment of Fred B. Hambly as chairman of the board of education, as successor to the late Trustee C. A. B. Brown.

The motion was adopted unanimously. The Trustee-elect Hambly was one of the progressive group when previously on the board. His father also has the distinction of being the son of a former chairman of the board.

BLOODSHED IN MILAN OUTCOME OF STRIKE

London, June 23.—Three persons were killed and about 50 wounded at Milan, Italy, today in a clash between police and participants in a demonstration which followed a meeting of supporters of the railway strikers, according to a Reuters despatch from that city. Shop windows were smashed during the fighting and many arrests have been made.

workmen's organizations have defeated a resolution to declare a general strike. On the contrary, says the report, they urged all strikers to return to work.

MANITOBA CROPS FLOURISH BUT 'HOPPERS' A MENACE

Winnipeg, June 23.—The army of men are fighting them and fast, says an official crop report of the provincial department of agriculture, and early wheat is in the show. The past month has brought liberal and frequent rains in most districts.

"Grashoppers" says the report, "are widely distributed, and extremely thick in some places. A fair sized army of men are fighting them and it is now fairly sure that if farmers will continue to spread the poison mixture without cessation the scourge will be subdued. The poison prescription works all right," adds the report, "and millions and millions of hoppers have been killed by it."

ARRANGE RESERVE POWER. Chatham, June 23.—(Special)—In order to meet a possible shortage of Hydro power during the coming winter the local Hydro commission is endeavoring to arrange for reserve supplies of power. The commission, it is reported, has several propositions under consideration.

PENSION ACT IS PASSED IN COMMONS

Jacques Bureau, absent from the house, to speak on the Pension Act. Take Up Pensions Report. In committee, the house then considered further the bill to give effect to the report of the special committee on pensions.

C. G. Power (Quebec), contended that the government should have given a widow or mother, despite any personal income, the pension which she was entitled to receive. He moved an amendment to prevent the pension being subject to a meeting of the police commission today.

Mr. Carpenter announced, however, that he was unable today to present a report on the pension act. He said that the pension act would be presented to the house on Monday.

Mr. Stewart, who was elected grand patron, and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, also of London, assistant grand patron. The selection of officers will continue tomorrow.

Mrs. Margaret Rose, wife of Norman Stewart of this city, passed away yesterday at Sarina. Mrs. Stewart was on a visit when she was taken ill. Thomas Dolery, a well-known grocer and coffee merchant of this city for many years, passed away this afternoon at his home on West Cannon street. Deceased was single and was 60 years of age. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral. A sister in this city survives.

JAPAN WILL RECOGNIZE EASTERN RUSS REPUBLIC

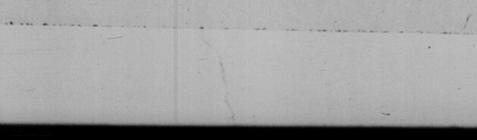
London, June 23.—A wireless dispatch received from Moscow says Japan has agreed to recognize the far eastern Russian republic on condition that it guarantees to complete political and economic independence of the Russian soviet government and that it guarantees to be a democratic form of government.

The despatch adds that the foreign minister of the republic has declared that these conditions are acceptable.

PRESENTATION TO LATE POLICE HEAD.

The police department are taking up a collection to purchase a suitable present to present to Cpl. H. J. Gray, retiring chief of the force, when he returns next fall from England. Inspectors are asked to donate \$5, recruits \$2, patrol sergeants \$2 and policemen \$1.

TRANSFER BANK MANAGERS. Kingston, Ont., June 23.—(Special).—George B. McKay, manager of the Bank of Toronto branch instituted by himself ten years ago, is being transferred to Kitchener, Ont. The takeover place on July 1. He will be succeeded here by Mr. Borland, of Toronto.



LIFE OF NO ONE SAFE IN STRIFE-TORN DERRY

City of Forty Thousand Inhabitants Virtually Controlled by Party Extremists—Every New Arrival Searched at Revolver Point.

Londonderry, Ireland, June 23.—The inside view of the life of the reign of terror Londonderry has been experiencing without respite since Friday last. The casualty figures from day to day are alarming enough, but they picture only the shadow of the grim reality. The truth is one of the 40,000 inhabitants has seen safe since the rioting began.

The city is virtually controlled by extremists of the Unionists and the Nationalists, who probably number under five hundred. They fire volleys down the streets without warning and apparently without reason, and the citizens are thus put in a state of continuous panic, salting forth only when the procurement of food becomes absolutely necessary. Many shop-keepers have suspended business and have taken refuge on the top floors of their business premises for safety.

Men who are compelled to be in their offices sleep there rather than risk stepping into the streets. The postoffice force has been reduced to a mere handful and the postmen are being petitioned by many of the workers for relief from duty until the trouble subsides.

Search New Arrivals. Everyone arriving in the city is challenged for credentials and searched for arms and ammunition. The real test for a visitor, however, comes when he is held up either by the Sinn Feiners or the Unionists. With hands in the air, staring into the muzzle of a revolver, he is thoroughly searched. Some have come out of this examination rather badly.

Each morning the engagement of the night before is resumed. Heavy barricades have been thrown up and

groups of armed men go from one place to another, either on the offensive or defensive. Many persons have been killed in the past few days. After the first day or two, it became impossible to figure on the victims, as the dead are removed, and many of the injured are treated by their comrades and carried away.

Warning Proclamation. A proclamation was issued by the magistrates tonight, warning all citizens to keep indoors. The constabulary and military, the proclamation announces, have received instructions to take prompt measures and, if necessary, disperse by force all assemblies. The magistrates strongly condemn Dublin Castle's inactivities. In addition to the erection of barricades, trenches have been dug in some of the streets within the battle zone. A special train carrying two companies of soldiers arrived at the Great Northern Railway station this evening. The county inspector announced that a detachment of soldiers was to be sent to Londonderry. He also said he proposed to telephone the authorities in London on the true situation.

Shooting firing again broke out on Bishop street and there was vigorous sniping from the hill overlooking the city. A detachment of soldiers moved to the spot, and soon the firing ceased. A military field kitchen returning from its rounds conveyed three soldiers with heads and arms bandaged.

No bread was delivered in the city this week. Hotels and homes are running short of supplies. No gas is being produced at the gas works, and when the present supply is exhausted the city will be without lights.

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