

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, SAINT JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1926

MONCTON C.N.R. POLICE ARREST TIMES-STAR MAN

K. Clifford Jailed For Selling Papers On Station

HIGH-HANDED

Outrageous Procedure To Be Aired in Police Court Tuesday

(The subject who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures.—from the Letters of Junius.)

By Staff Correspondent.

MONCTON, N. B., March 21.—Somebody, whose identity must be disclosed soon, is attempting to make it a crime or misdemeanor to sell the Saint John Evening Times-Star to the public on the platform of the C. N. R. station here.

The newspaper in question has hitherto enjoyed all of the rights and privileges accorded newspaper publications under the law of the land, but an attempt has been made to dictate to the people of Moncton, and to the traveling public, and to say to them that this publication is under the ban so far as its purchase on the platform of the C. N. R. station here is concerned.

On Saturday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, Kenneth D. Clifford, a member of The Times-Star circulation staff, was placed under arrest on this platform by C. N. R. Police Inspector Dunphy and locked up in the Moncton police station.

NO CHARGE LAID.

No charge was made against him. So far as official records go, he was deprived of his liberty without cause. He was released a little later upon depositing \$25 to guarantee his appearance in court tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Magistrate Stevens subsequently decided to continue the case until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, in order that counsel selected to represent the prisoner might be present to defend him and might have the requisite witnesses on hand.

The publishers of The Times-Star and The Telegraph-Journal propose to see that the legal rights of the prisoner are fully protected, and also that the right of the public to purchase any newspaper they may desire shall be fully vindicated.

SELLING TIMES-STAR.

Although no charge has been made on the police records of Moncton against Mr. Clifford, he was arrested because he had committed the crime of offering The Times-Star for sale on the station platform, although at that particular moment the Moncton Transcript was being offered for sale there by a newsboy selling that publication. The question immediately arises, therefore, as to who has the power to say that the traveling public shall have the right to purchase one newspaper and not another, and also who it is that is attempting to censor the taste of the people of Moncton, or of travelers on the C. N. R. or its employees.



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with respect to their reading matter—why. Moreover, it remains to be seen whether a citizen of New Brunswick can be deprived of his liberty, taken to jail and locked up, without some charge being lodged against him, and what redress he has under such circumstances.

VITAL PRINCIPLES INVOLVED.

Somebody has started something. The developments of the next few days should show whether or not that somebody can finish what he, or they, have started. There are several vital principles involved, and only a thorough ventilation of the case will be sufficient to show just where everybody stands, and whether there is any possible excuse for what appears to be a most high-handed outrage.

Mr. Clifford, who is a Saint John man, was sent to Moncton some weeks ago when The Times-Star was preparing to issue an early mail edition for the purpose of serving the needs not only of the people traveling on the C. N. R. but also of the people of Moncton and points adjoining. This early mail edition, which contains not only the telegraphic news available up to 12:30, but also news of particular interest to Moncton and other C. N. R. territory, is sent out in the train leaving Saint John at 1 o'clock, and is offered for sale at various points from Penobscot to Sackville, of which Moncton is the most important.

Members of The Times-Star circulation department made arrangements for the distribution of this mail edition through newsboys in Moncton upon arrival of the train there, and as the Moncton Transcript was being sold upon the station platform, it was arranged to have a boy selling The Times-Star there also. The sale of newspapers and periodicals at the Moncton station is handled by the Canada Railway News Company of which Mr. George Linkletter is the district manager. The matter was talked over with him by Times-Star representatives and he said that while he had no authority to permit or forbid any newsboys doing business on the station platform he would not have any objection to any newspaper placing boys there. He has subsequently expressed the opinion that an important principle is involved in the question, and that if one paper is allowed on the platform, all papers should be given the same privilege. In his view there should be no discrimination against anybody.

BOY ORDERED AWAY.

Accordingly, a newsboy was supplied with copies of The Times-Star and for some days he disposed of them to travelers on the station platform without objection or interference. After he had been selling the papers there for some days—along with boys selling the Moncton Transcript—C. N. R. Policeman Ahern ordered him away. The policeman was asked by a Times-Star representative why he was taking this action, and he said that it would be well to see Chief Tingley of the C. N. R. police. Chief Tingley, upon being

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bold what had occurred, agreed that one Times-Star newsboy and one Transcript newsboy should be permitted to sell papers on the platform, and things ran along in that way until Friday afternoon upon the arrival of the train from Saint John, when Policeman Ahern again ordered The Times-Star boy off the platform.

NO NOTICE RECEIVED

The Times-Star had had no notice from Chief Tingley that his permission had been withdrawn, nor was there any visible reason why one evening newspaper should be sold and not another, and therefore on Saturday The Times-Star boy appeared upon the platform as usual. Policeman Ahern again ordered him away, upon which Mr. Clifford took the boy's papers and himself offered them for sale. Before he had disposed of any, however, he was placed under arrest by C. N. R. Inspector Dunphy, who turned him over to Policeman Ahern, who in turn took him to the police station and locked him up.

WHAT AHERN WROTE

Instead of entering some charge upon the records at the police station, Policeman Ahern wrote the following: "I beg to report arresting K. D. Clifford by order of J. J. Dunphy. (Signed) 'E. AHERN, 'C. N. R. Police.'"

After Mr. Clifford had made a deposit of \$25 he was released, and this additional entry was made upon the records: "I beg to report per order of C. N. R. Inspector Dunphy, I released Kenneth D. Clifford at 5.20 p. m. on a \$25 deposit for appearance on Monday, March 22, at 10 a. m. I put same in your office. (Signed) 'INSP. HARRIS.'"

CHARGE ISNT LAID YET

When Inspector Dunphy was interviewed by a Telegraph-Journal representative today, and asked for what crime Mr. Clifford had been arrested, he said that he would be charged with selling newspapers on the station platform.

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him, in spite of the fact that he had committed no offense recognized by the law, in spite of the fact that he had not even been warned off the platform and had not refused to obey the law in any particular—even assuming that there is any law in existence which could prevent him from offering The Times-Star for sale at a time when another newspaper was being sold within a few feet of where he was standing.

LACKS CENSORSHIP POWER.

The Canadian National Railways owns the Moncton station and adjoining property, but, so far as the people of this country know, it has no power to exercise censorship over the people of this province, or the people of Canada, who own the railway. If the C. N. R. should successfully assert its authority to control the reading tastes of the people of Moncton, obviously it might extend its jurisdiction to all other stations along the line—a proceeding which, very clearly, the people would be disposed to challenge very sharply.

TO APPEAR TUESDAY.

As the matter stands Mr. Clifford is to appear in the Moncton police court on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, and at that time the case will be gone into, not only in order to protect his rights fully, but also in order that it may be shown whether or not the people of Moncton can be told by the C. N. R. or any other authority, what newspapers they shall or shall not purchase.

So far as Mr. Clifford is concerned he is in the position of having been locked up arbitrarily in spite of the fact that no charge was made against him, in spite of the fact that he had committed no offense recognized by the law, in spite of the fact that he had not even been warned off the platform and had not refused to obey the law in any particular—even assuming that there is any law in existence which could prevent him from offering The Times-Star for sale at a time when another newspaper was being sold within a few feet of where he was standing.

form; but up to tonight no charge of any kind had been made, and no official reason had been given for depriving Mr. Clifford of his liberty and locking him up. Mr. Clifford, when interviewed today by a Telegraph-Journal representative, said that at the time of his arrest a boy was offering the Moncton Transcript for sale, and that he did not see any effort made by the C. N. R. police to stop him. He said, also, that within the last few days he had repeatedly seen a boy selling the Transcript on the station platform without interference.

VERBAL AGREEMENT

Inspector Dunphy told your representative that none but boys selling the Transcript or the Moncton Times were permitted to do business on the platform, and that this was the result of a verbal agreement made some years ago by the C. N. R. authorities and others concerned whereby one newsboy from each of the Moncton newspapers was allowed to sell papers there. He

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