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To Report on Question Of a Juvenile Court

Matter Goes to Solicitor and the County Secretary

WILL BE CONFERENCE

Consultation With Those Interested —Ferry Assessment—To Pay $2,000 to Mrs. O'Leary—Harbor Rates

The proposal to establish a juvenile court was referred this morning by the common council committee to the city solicitor and the county secretary to report on the legal aspect of the matter and to submit recommendations regarding the way in which the plans might be worked out.

On the recommendation of the commissioner of public safety, the council agreed to pay a lump sum of $2,000 to Mrs. O'Leary in place of the annual allowance which has been made to her since the death of her son, a former policeman.

Changes in harbor and wharfage rates were announced by the commissioner of harbors.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Bullock, Fisher, Jones and Thornton were present.

J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., city solicitor, and J. King Kelley, K.C., county secretary, were present when the meeting opened, and the proposal to establish a juvenile court was taken up.

Mr. Baxter said there was provision under the Children's Protection Act to enable the municipality to do this.

Mr. Kelley said that the dominion act requires that, before a juvenile court may be established, the government must be assured that a suitable detention home, apart from the police station, is available, and that funds have been provided for the payment of a judge and adequate staff.

Mr. Baxter said that no police court was the proper place to deal with the juvenile cases, no matter hoy sympathetic the magistrate might be.

In reply to Mr. Bullock, Mr. Kelley said that in Halifax the county court judge also acted as juvenile court judge, and in the city of Kingston the police magistrate acted for both.

Mr. Kelley said that the dominion act deals with the child as a criminal, and the provincial act with the child as a member of society; it would be necessary to unite both ideas in carrying out effective work.

The mayor suggested that the city solicitor and the county secretary might be asked to consult with those interested and work out some plan which would be suitable and not too expensive, and if it were found that legislation was required, to report on this.

Mr. Baxter said the governor-in-council was authorized to pass on the facilities which were required.

Mr. Kelley thought that more room might be required than the two rooms in the children's home.

Mr. Jones commented that it was likely to be more expensive than had been indicated.

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Baxter agreed that such a court should have jurisdiction in the county as well as the city.

It was agreed to leave the matter to the two solicitors to report.

Ferry Assessment.

Mr. Fisher said that the amount to be assessed for the ferry department, $61,000 for general purposes and $11,000 for interest and sinking fund, was $20,000 greater than in 1918, when an amount included last year for paying a deficit was deducted. In 1917 the amount was $41,000 and in 1915 it was only $16,000. He thought that there should be some way to reduce this, either by cutting expenses or raising the rates. He was not in a position to go into details, but he thought the council should fix some limit for the years to come, if not for this year.

Mr. Bullock said that the time to discuss the matter was when the estimates were taken up and the superintendent was present to answer questions. He had given Mr. Fisher information which he sought yesterday, but he found Mr. Fisher's attitude was the same today. In other words when he was set, he remained set. It was time that the ferry service was a white elephant but could the city abandon it? It was not necessary to limit the expenditure; if he found more money was required he would tell the council so, and frankly give the reasons. The ferry department estimate showed a decrease of $2,198 this year, and it was the only department which did show a decrease.

Mr. Fisher said he had not taken into consideration previously, the fact that last year's expenditures included debits to the amount of $21,000.

Mr. Bullock replied that he had stated that fact and also pointed out that Mr. Fisher was at the board when the deficit was included in last year's estimates.

No action was taken.

Mrs. O'Leary's Case.

Mr. Thornton reported on the case of Mrs. O'Leary, mother of a former policeman, who has been drawing from the city the full pay formerly drawn by her son. He had proposed to Mrs. O'Leary that she should accept a lump sum of two years pay, or $1,650. She had offered to accept three years salary or $2,475. He recommended as compromise figure of $2,000. This was agreed to, affecting an increase of $1,125 in this year's assessment, but relieving the city of further liability.

Mr. Thornton announced that this increase would be more than offset by a reduction of $1,760 in the fire estimates, due to an error in figuring the amount required for the salaries of the call men.

These changes, with allowances for cost of assessing, made the fire total $102,585.40, and the police figures, $97,041.82.

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C. T. WETMORE IS NEW AUDITOR

Election at Session of Kings County Council

IMPORTANT MATTERS

Health Act Among Them—Dr. G. G. Melvin and Dr. Brown of St. John in Attendance

(Special to The Times.)

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 28—The Kings county council met in the court house here this morning with a full attendance of councillors. Warden Howard Keith of Studholm presided and G. O. Dickson Otty, county secretary, was present. Notices of important matters to come before the council in the coming sessions were given. Among them are the new public health act. Dr. G. Melvin, chief medical officer for New Brunswick, and Dr. Brown of St. John, district health officer, who includes Kings in his jurisdiction, were in attendance at the opening session but owing to pressure of routine business have not yet been heard.

They were to appear before the council this afternoon.

The resignation of G. Hudson Flewelling as county auditor was laid before the councillors and accepted with regret. Mr. Flewelling has been a faithful official for more than thirty years. C. T. Wetmore, principal of Rothesay Consolidated School, was elected over Councillor Henry Gilbert of Rothesay to succeed Mr. Flewelling.

The report of the valuation board was received this morning and showed increases for Rothesay and Westfield parishes. The annual report of the Kings county almshouse was adopted. There were thirty-eight people cared for during the year.

The matter of payment to Fred Sproule, late registrar of deeds, for consolidation of the county index was laid over to be considered later.

PREMIER GIVES ASSURANCE OF THE LEGISLATION

Delegation From School Board Waits on Hon. Mr. Foster Relative to Assessment Increase

A delegation representing the board of school trustees waited on Premier Foster yesterday and asked for his assurance that legislation authorizing the increase of the limit for school estimates to the extent of $40,000 would be passed at the coming session, in view of the promise of the city council that the money would be supplied if legislation could be secured.

The premier informed the delegation that, since the board and the city council had agreed on the matter, he would have no hesitation in promising that the necessary legislation would be put through the house at the coming session. This is the last step required to provide the funds for increases in the teachers' salaries which had been promised by the board.

DEATH OF SOLDIER HERE

The death of Private James Gould occurred on Monday afternoon in the military hospital in St. James street, as the result of an attack of pneumonia. Private Gould, who was a native of Moncton, had resided in St. John before he entered the military service. He was thirty-two years of age. He had been engaged as shoemaker with the depot battalion for the last year. He is survived by his wife and four children, two brothers, George Gould, of Amherst, N. S., and Miner Gould of Moncton, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Carlin of this city. He will be buried with full military honors on Wednesday afternoon from 72 Acadia street, where service will be held at two o'clock.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM OVERSEAS TO COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Jones has received from overseas some additional letters of congratulation on his election to office. One is from Harry D. Hipwell of this city, who enlisted in the west, but was transferred to a local unit while visiting at his home here. He writes from Germany:

"The Canadian Daily Record, just to hand, a copy of which I herewith enclose, tells us that you were one of the victorious candidates in the recent election in your city, and I take this first opportunity to offer you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes that fortune may be with you in the administration of your department."

Another letter of congratulation is from a local officer of the 26th Battalion.

SERGEANT JOHN SMITH POLICE CHIEF

Sgt. John J. Smith, who has been in charge of the North End division of the police force for a number of years, was this afternoon recommended by Commissioner Thornton of the Public Safety department, to succeed Ex-Chief of Police Simpson. Sergeant Smith has been on the police force for more than thirty-six years and during that time has a record to be proud of.

FUTURE OF THE HUN COLONIES

Wilson Proposes Administration Under Control of League

THE QUESTION OF JAPAN

British Declared Strongly in Favor of Claims of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa For Possessions

London, Jan. 28—In referring to discussions of the future status of Germany's colonies by the peace congress, the Paris correspondent of the Mail writes:

"President Wilson appears to have put forward a general scheme which may be termed the internationalization of Germany's last possessions. This plan is not exactly defined, but in principle it would make it mandatory for the various powers to administer the colonies subject to the control of the League of Nations.

"British delegates do not object to such procedure respecting the colonies in Africa, although other nations, notably the French and Portuguese, do not acquiesce and the Union of South Africa definitely claims German Southwest Africa. As regards the Pacific, Australia claims New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago, New Zealand claims Samoa and Japan desires the Marshalls and Carolines. Japan also suggests an equatorial delimitation between British and Japanese influence in the Pacific."

The correspondent refers to the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1916 which assigned the Marshalls and Carolines to Japan, and adds:

"Such possession would be very distasteful to the United States and American political opinion is that if President Wilson agrees to this movement his power will be seriously impaired. It is suggested that from this comes his earnest demand for the internationalization of all Pacific colonies. It is declared that the whole voice of the British Empire at the peace congress supports the claims of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, and also agrees to the retention of the Marshalls and Carolines by Japan, with equatrial delimination of influence.

"It was concurrent opinion tonight that President Wilson would see the justice of Great Britain's claims. He requested evidence of Australian interest in New Guinea, and this was quickly forthcoming in a telegram recording resolutions by a large number of public bodies in Australia, opposing any other solution of the colonial problem. Australia declares she has lost more men in the war than the United States and has been paid no recompense in the shape of war contracts, and that the non-possession of the whole of New Guinea would arouse great bitterness."

THE S. A. DRIVE.

The Salvation Army drive for $60,000 in the province of New Brunswick, including $25,000 for the city of St. John, will be successful is the opinion of the officers at drive headquarters, Prince William street this morning. Returns coming in indicate that the provincial amount will in all probability be met and the St. John amount almost, if not fully, collected. A few extra dollars may be needed for the St. John fund to round it out, but, it is said, they will be forthcoming.

Rev. E. P. Loose told The Times this afternoon that it was estimated they were within about $1,200 of the $25,000 for St. John, and as there are still some who have not given it is hoped to make the total within the next few days. Rev. Mr. Loose leaves on Thursday for his home in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Except two days in September he has not been home since July last. He has made many friends in these provinces and especially in St. John since he came here in the interests of the big drive.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Fair and Colder.

Maritime—Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and colder; Wednesday, northeast winds, fair and cold.

New England—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; gentle to moderate southerly to westerly winds.

SONS OF ATLAS

—From Portland Oregonian.

Seventy Two Babes Cross on Megantic

Transport Docked At Halifax Today

SOME FOR THIS DISTRICT

Large Number of Women and Children Aboard — Harvard Unit, Which Did Great Work, Returns on This Vessel

(Special to Times.)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28—With thirty-six officers, twenty-five cadets, and 302 other ranks, members of the Canadian expeditionary force, in addition to 652 soldiers dependents, including 481 adults, 158 children and seventy-two infants, the White Star steamer Megantic docked here today, and those on board included one officer, one cadet and twelve other ranks for New Brunswick, also fourteen adults, four children and five infants among the civilian passengers.

(Canadian Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28—The White Star liner Megantic arrived in port today from overseas with thirty-six officers, twenty-five cadets, 302 other ranks and 652 soldiers' dependents. She entered the harbor at ten o'clock and docked an hour later, but the work of disembarking her passengers was delayed by prolonged examination conducted by the port medical officer.

The Megantic left Liverpool on last Tuesday afternoon and reports an uneventful trip. In addition to her Canadian passengers she brought American Y. M. C. A. officials and the complete Harvard surgical unit, under the command of Lieut. Colonel Hugh Cabot. These passengers numbering 200 all told, will proceed with the ship to Portland, Maine, sailing this afternoon. The Harvard surgical unit is made up of twenty-seven medical officers and 103 nurses. Accompanying the unit are Herbert H. White, president of the Harvard University Press, who has acted as business manager of the organization, and H. W. Marsh, a prominent insurance man and lessee of Warwick Castle, who is assistant manager of the unit.

The Harvard unit was organized in April 1915, largely through the instrumentality of Robert Bacon, former United States ambassador to France, and Sir William Osler. It entered the British service soon afterwards and was assigned to general hospital No. 22 at Camiers, France. Here it handled in all 126,000 British wounded in hospital and 27,000 at the various casualty clearing stations for which it was responsible. The total approximated ten per cent of all British wounded.

Colonel Cabot said today that the unit had been most fortunate as well as successful in its work. Only a fraction of one per cent of the cases handled proved fatal. The unit had worked from thirty to forty miles from the firing line from the first and was never really beyond the sound of the guns. It had been raided from the air on several occasions, on one of which the entire personnel escaped being wiped out only by having previously been called to receive a convoy.

RESIGNATION OF TURKISH CABINET

Saloniki, Jan. 28—According to a semi-official statement the Turkish cabinet headed by Tewfik Pasha, has resigned as a result of allied demands that Turkey restore property carried away during the war from occupied territories, and cease carrying out drastic measures against Greeks and Armenians. It is said that the Sultan will participate in the work of reconstructing the cabinet.

IN HOSPITAL IN FRANCE

Mrs. John Creagan of 166½ Pitt street has received word through an army chaplain that her husband, who enlisted with the 140th Battalion and afterwards was transferred to the 25th N. S. Battalion, has been admitted to No. 14 General Hospital, France, suffering from accidental injuries to his right hand.

ALLIES HAVE ENTERED KIEV

Franco-Roumanian Troops Reported There

DEFEAT FOR BOLSHEVIKI

German Volunteer Force Halts Them as They March on Libau—Japanese Troops Reported Defeated

Paris, Jan. 28—(Havas Agency)—A despatch received here from Vienna says Franco-Roumanian troops have entered Kiev, Russia.

Berlin, Jan. 28—Bolshevist forces marching on Libau, on the Baltic coast of Coulland, have been holted by the German volunteer forces which, though greatly outnumbered, forced the Soviet army back across the Windau river by a bold counter offensive, according to a special despatch to the 'Zeitung Am Mittag.' It is said the Bolshevists suffered heavy losses.

In the course of their terrorization of Esthonia, the Bolshevists are reported to have killed 600 people in Dorpat and Wesdenburg. The German commissioner in Lithuania says that Kovno is not occupied by the Bolshevists, who are still twenty-five miles east of the city. The line is being defended by German volunteers and the Bolshevists are said to be awaiting instructions from Moscow before resuming their advance. It is said the capture of Kovno would open the road to the German frontier.

Vladivostok, Jan. 18—(By the Associated Press)—Japanese troops at Mazonova, on the Zeya river north of Blagovestchensk, have clashed with Bolshevist forces numbering about 1,000, according to reports here. The Japanese lost two killed and eleven wounded.

Russian police agents had arrested several Bolshevists and taken them to Mazonova, but the people of that village, who are said to be pro-Bolshevist, are reported to have rescued the prisoners. Japanese forces joined in the fighting, which lasted several days. Seventeen Cossacks are reported captured by the Bolshevists, and two Japanese were drowned while trying to swim across the Seya river.

Krasnoyarsk, Central Siberia, Jan. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Allied military authorities have raided a Bolshevist rendezvous here and have arrested the leaders. Important documents were seized.

POLICE COURT

Albert Murray was before the police magistrate this morning charged with drunkenness, having liquor in his possession and with breaking a window. He pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second and third. Sub-inspector McAinsh said that last evening while he was standing at the corner of Britain and Sydney street he saw the defendant push his hand through a window. He put him under arrest, and while he was bringing him to the police station a bottle of whiskey fell out of Murray's pocket. The prisoner was remanded.

John Paris was charged with vagrancy. Inspector McAinsh said that he was wandering about Pond street and could not give a satisfactory account of himself. Paris said that he was hurt some time, and since that time he had spells affecting his head.

Two men were charged by the C. P. R. with the theft of four mufflers from crates in No. 2 shed in West St. John. Sergeant Brodie of the C. P. R. police said that he saw both men go to the crate and push their hands into it. He said when he arrested them he found four mufflers on one. None were found on the other. The men were remanded. J. H. A. L. Fairweather appeared for the C. P. R.

There was a further hearing in the case of Albert McAuliffe, charged with doing grievious bodily harm to a man named Boyd. Constable Corner told of making the arrest. McAuliffe was remanded.

SITUATION MORE SERIOUS

Two Hundred Thousand on Strike In England and Ireland

Half This Number Out in Belfast; Disturbances There Last Night With Windows Broken and Shots Fired; London Grave Diggers Join Strikers

London, Jan. 28—It is estimated that nearly 200,000 men are idle in the United Kingdom and Ireland because of strikes in various trades, creating one of the most serious situations industrially that the country has had to face in many years. Half of the strikers are in Belfast where the strike movement is continuing to spread.

There is no change in the situation on the Clyde, where 20,000 shipyards workers are out, nor in London, where 15,000 ship repairers are striking and have refused an offer to refer the question of wages to a committee.

To these must be added 24,000 Fifeshire miners and 60,000 South Wales miners, 5,000 Edinburgh shipwrights, 4,000 Manchester dockers, 4,000 South Wales shipyard men and a number of Glasgow municipal workers.

Except in London, where the question at stake is one of wages, all these strikes are due to a demand for shorter hours with the same privileges and wages as prevailed when longer hours were worked.

Belfast, Jan. 28—Strikers attacked shops here last night, seeming to centre their assaults on stores showing lights. One large store which generates its own electricity and was brilliantly illuminated was stoned by the mob. The plate glass windows were smashed and women's clothing exhibited there was carried away. In another district a saloon was broken open and liquor was taken by the members of the mob.

Police engaged in dispersing rioters were fired upon but at last succeeded in restoring order.

London, Jan. 28—There are 100,000 people involved in the strike at Belfast, and twenty-six trades are affected, writes the Belfast correspondent of the Mail.

"The strike is the most serious ever experienced in this city of strikes," the correspondent writes. "Belfast is like a dead city. Its entire social life is paralyzed, theatres and saloons are closed, tram cars are not running, bakeries and laundries are closing and there were no afternoon papers on Monday. Only two small editions of morning newspapers appeared yesterday.

"Telegraphic and telephonic communication with outside districts is seriously handicapped. After sunset Belfast becomes a city of candles, restaurants are closed and evening services cannot be held by the churches. Railway stations are lighted with naphtha lamps, but in their homes the people depend upon candles. Should the candle supply fail there would be a plague of darkness.

"The main cause of the trouble lies in the fact that the workers in electric and gas plants have joined the shipyard workers in demanding a forty hour week. Things are in such a state of chaos that a change must come soon. Grave diggers joined the strike on Monday."

THREATENED RAID ON A BIG PLANT NEAR WINNIPEG

Returned Soldiers and Sympathizers Finally Prevailed on to Desist—Want Aliens Dismissed

Winnipeg, Jan. 28—Timely action by Mayor Charles F. Gray and Brigadier-General H. D. D. Ketchen saved a most threatening situation at the big packing plant of the Swift Canadian Company at Elmwood, a suburb of Winnipeg, yesterday afternoon.

With a large crowd of returned soldiers and sympathizers clamoring at the gates, Mayor Gray with General Ketchen succeeded in getting the men at least to refrain from raiding the plant and ejecting the alien employes bodily, a course which was pursued by the soldiers at several places which they later visited.

The men had gone to the packing plant to demand that all aliens be replaced by white labor. The general urged the men not to hamper the work being carried out in their behalf by wiser counsels and to go back to the city and give the manager of the plant a chance to dismiss the aliens.

ARMED WITH WEAPONS AND FIERY PAMPHLETS

Rochester Police Believe They Have Ringleaders in Bolshevist Movement

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 28—In the arrest of two foreigners the police believe they have the ringleaders of a Bolshevist and anarchist movement in this city. According to the prisoners, Luigi Querica and C. Salamona, there are thousands of Bolshevists in Rochester, well organized, and regular meetings have been held.

Both men were heavily armed and had quantities of Bolshevist literature. One circular called upon upon "all Reds to rise and use dynamite and fire," to accomplish their purpose.

LABOR MINISTER HAS HARD TASK

Strikes in England Without Authorization of Executives Make Situation Difficult

London, Jan. 28—Alex. Thompson, editor of the Socialist-Labor newspaper Clarion, in reviewing present industrial unrest for the Mail, writes:

"The new labor minister, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, whose sincere sympathy with labor in desire for improved conditions of life has very favorably impressed leaders of the trades unions, confesses his utter helplessness in dealing with the grave problems assailing him on his entrance to office. None of the present strikes have been authorized by the executives of the unions involved, and are all contrary to official advice. There, it is obviously impossible for Sir Robert to interfere. It is his policy, as labor minister, to support trades unions as any other action would only weaken their strength."

DEMANDS OF FORMER SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES IN NEW YORK

Meeting is Closed by Authorities But Resolution is Adopted

New York, Jan. 28—Police reserves and a naval guard put a prompt end to a meeting of discharged soldiers, sailors and marines last night at which speakers criticized organized government. The meeting was held to discuss unemployment. A resolution demanded from the national, state and city government decent wages under decent conditions for every discharged member of the armed forces of the United States and that such jobs shall not be secured by the discharge of working people now employed and dependent upon their employment for a living; that such jobs shall be secured by the increase of public works, by the shortening of the working day throughout industry and by such other measures as will not throw others out of work.

BIG CAR ORDER FOR NEW GLASGOW CONCERN

Toronto, Jan. 28—President D. B. Hanna of the Canadian National Railways yesterday announced the placing of orders for 2,830 cars. The list includes 500 flat cars and 550 general service or coal cars, all steel, from the Eastern Car Company, New Glasgow, N. S.

CUT IN OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Jan. 28—To meet the cut in trans-Atlantic freight rates made by British ship owners, the Shipping Board last night announced a reduction of about 66 2-3 per cent. in tariff charges between Atlantic and Gulf ports in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The new rate to the United Kingdom is $1 per 100 pounds or fifty cents a cubic foot against the old rate of $66 a ton while the rate to Havre, Bordeaux, Antwerp and Rotterdam is $1.25 per 100 pounds or sixty-five cents a cubic foot against the old charge of $66 a ton.