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SEAL HERD IN U.S. WATERS FAST BEING DECIMATED

Report to Secretary Metcalf by Solicitor of Department
Says Canadian Sealing Fleet Operated in Alaskan
Waters in Closed Season—Japanese Poachers
Caught Red-Handed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Japanese pelagic sealing fleet which operated in the Behring Sea during the summer season, each of which carried a crew of thirty men, and from five to seven small boats for sealing.

"It was only when the crews of the schooners landed, or attempted to land, on the islands (the Pribyl group) that they (the United States agents) were able to make arrests, and those of the Japanese who were killed belonged to parties which were caught red-handed and were attempting to escape."

These statements were made in a report to Secretary Metcalf by Edwin W. Sims, solicitor of the department of commerce and labor, now United States district attorney of Chicago, of the seal poaching by Japanese on the Pribyl Islands, early last summer, which resulted in the killing of five of the Japanese sealers, the wounding of two and the capture of a total of 12 prisoners including the two wounded.

"The report was made public today by Secretary Metcalf."

Mr. Sims reports that five or six of the Canadian pelagic sealing fleet operated in Alaskan waters in May and June last, during the closed season, and that the Japanese fleet took thousands of seals within the territorial waters of the U. S. surrounding the Pribyl Islands during the summer. He says the seal herd is being decimated rapidly and that of the 4,000,000 to 7,000,000 seals which the herd originally contained, not more than 180,000 remain.

Mr. Sims recommends that a revenue cutter cruise along the Alaskan coast from May 1st to the latter part of June, during the closed season, and follow the seal herd in its northward course to the Pribyl Islands. He recommends that a revenue cutter patrol the Behring Sea from June 1st to October to watch the pelagic sealers.

Mr. Sims urges that the law be strengthened so as to enable the revenue cutters to seize and forfeit any "passing vessel found within the territorial waters of the United States surrounding the Pribyl Islands with seals or sealskins, or the paraphernalia for taking them. He urges also that the agents on the islands be properly equipped with arms, as it would be entirely possible for the crews of several schooners to raid and capture the islands. He suggests that the hands of St. Paul and St. George be equipped with a few small cannon, but does not think a permanent military guard necessary.

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MONTCALM WILL NOT BE USED

Minto and Stanley Will go
on the Route Again

The Lady Grey Will Also Work in North
umberland Strait—Basis of Settlement of Lethbridge Strike

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Two important statements were made today to the house by the Postmaster General. One was that the Lethbridge strike had been settled and the coal was again being raised. The other was of the proposed changes in the postal law.

Mr. Macdonnell introduced a bill providing for compulsory voting and that employers should be compelled to give their men time to vote. The bill was given a first reading.

Sir Wilfrid informed Mr. Landry that the Minto will be ordered on the Pictou-Charlottetown route when the formation of ice compelled the summer boats to stop at Pictou. The Minto will be put on the Tormentine-Summerdale route and will run there as long as the winter boats can do so with safety. Then both steamers will go on the Pictou-Georgetown route for the middle and winter seasons.

There has been a through rate arrangement as in previous years. The Minto will not be placed on the Island route, as there was not sufficient depth of water in Pictou harbor. The Lady Grey is scheduled for work in the Northumberland Straits.

Sir Wilfrid told Dr. Black that the lease of the Windsor branch to the Dominion Atlantic railway expired in 1914, and the question of renewing of the lease was a matter for serious consideration.

The prime minister stated that the mounted police had been served with a thousand rifles of the first design. There had been some defects found which were being remedied by the company at its expense. The police were using their old rifles in the meantime.

Sir Wilfrid stated that arrangements were being made for improving the train connections at Rimouski with incoming steamers to prevent mails being delayed.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux announced postal express legislation would be enacted providing for transmission and delivery of postal parcels C. O. D. It is intended that the post office should be the means by which parcels should be despatched and collection of any charges thereon made on a definite scale. The bill has not yet been introduced.

They are now under the consideration of Parliament.

The Hon. Minister of Labor, replying to Randolph Smith (Nanaimo), stated the Lethbridge strike was settled on the following basis: An increase of wages of about 10 per cent to most of the employees, the appointment of a check weighman to protect the interests of the men who were to pay the weighman. That was to be the only deduction from the pay roll in respect of doctor's fees, coal, power, oil and other supplies furnished by the company, and if the men desire it, for a sick benefit fund and library. All employees, whether the members of an organization or not, must be on an equality. The men involved in the strike with the company will have the preference of employment over the strangers, if they apply within reasonable time. Disputes in future, so as to prevent strikes, may be referred to the superintendent of the mine and if necessary to the general manager and two of the company's employees to appear on behalf of the parties seeking redress, and failing an adjustment the matter is to be referred to arbitration, both parties agreeing to abide by the award of the arbitrators. The strikers withdrew their demands for a complete recognition of the union, for the deduction of union dues by the company, for an eight hour day and other less important concessions. The intervention of the department was requested by Hon. Walter Scott, anti-trusts, King conducted the negotiations for settlement.

The senate today made a record. It had the first division and the first third reading of the session. In committee on the bill to authorize a revision of the statutes amendments proposed by Senator Burke were adopted. They substituted the word "revise" for the word "translate." The change

ANOTHER CHARGE OF THEFT MADE AGAINST MCGILL

Accused of Stealing \$1,500,000 from the Ontario Bank
During Last Six Years—Charges Made to Facilitate
Sending the Commission of Inquiry to New York—
McGill Denies Charge.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 6.—Another charge of theft now hangs over the head of Charles McGill, former general manager of the Ontario Bank. In the police court this morning he was accused of stealing from the bank during the years from 1901 to 1906 inclusive, the sum of \$1,500,000. The new move came as something of a surprise and occurred immediately after the evidence of the day had been taken. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and took his seat beside his lawyer with the remark that the amount was "pretty big." McGill still has bail, his own last charge to that already furnished of \$100,000. It is admitted by lawyers that the purpose of laying the charge is to facilitate the sending on a commission to New York to find particulars of McGill's financial operations there. It has already come out in evidence that some money went into the hands of New York brokers and the amount named in the charge is of such an extent that so far as is known some of the funds alleged to have been stolen must have gone to New York. "We cannot prevent the commission going now," said R. McKay, counsel for McGill, immediately after the charge had been laid. He added that it looked as if the last accusation had been made simply because the dispatching of the commission on the two former charges had been probably blocked.

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MORE LIQUOR DEALERS TO JAIL

Tennysen Smith's Closing
Meeting in Moncton

Citizens Interested in Farce Trial—
Desperate Dash of Excited Wit-
nesses for Prisoner's Throat

MONCTON, Dec. 6.—King Alcohol was found guilty and duly executed here tonight by a jury of citizens, eight of the twelve being in favor of conviction and four against. Tennysen Smith's closing meeting drew a large crowd to the Opera House, and the examination of witnesses was the principal part of the trial. The most interesting was William Cummings, a former drunkard, who was one party in the well remembered wood alcohol tragedy a couple of years ago, when two Moncton men died as a result of drinking, and Cummings had to walk all night to keep from falling into the fatal slumber in which his companions expired. So excited did Cummings become during his evidence that he made a dash at the prisoner's throat, which consisted of a bottle of ale, and had to be forced off the stage. This of course is an interesting part of these trials, and needless to say just such an incident occurred at the St. John trial.

Another interesting witness was Rev. B. H. Thomas, chaplain of Dorchester penitentiary, who claimed that the conviction of ninety per cent of the convicts, some of them murderers doing life sentences, was due to liquor. Other witnesses were two reclaimed drunkards and Rev. H. E. Thomas, who told of an instance in St. John, some years ago, where a man while intoxicated walked over a cliff to his death.

Herbert Smith, a St. John lawyer, won the audience by the exceptionally clever defense which he offered. C. A. Steeves presided as judge, with Dr. C. A. Murray foreman of the jury; W. A. McDougall, clerk of the court, and D. J. O'Neill, policeman.

Two more liquor dealers were taken to Dorchester this evening to spend a month in jail. A. G. Jesty, manager of the Windsor and T. Richard, proprietor of the Park Hotel. The latter when the police called on him with a commitment a few weeks ago, claimed to be so critically ill that he could not go to jail, and Jesty could not be found until yesterday.

A slight run-off at Thomson's siding, near Springhill Junction, is blocking up traffic on that portion of the line tonight.

CARS COLLIDE; TEEN AGERS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Serious Results of Montreal
Street Car Accident

Conductor and Lad of 14 In Alarming
Condition—Snow on Track Prob-
ably Cause of Trouble

MONTEAL, Dec. 6.—As a result of a rear end collision between two cars on the street railway lines here tonight ten passengers were taken to the hospital, two of them seriously injured. The accident occurred shortly after 6:30 o'clock when the traffic was particularly heavy and the cars were crowded to the vestibule. The cars collided at the corner of Pine Ave. and Park Ave., where, at the foot of a fairly steep grade the tracks curve sharply.

Heavy snow during the greater part of the day turning later into sleet made the track difficult to operate on and the accident is supposed to have been due to the failure of the brakes to check the career of the rear car.

The conductor, Joseph Bolvin, and a boy of fourteen, Norman Boucher both of whom were on the platform of the front car, were the most seriously injured, the former suffering from concussion of the brain, and the latter from compound fracture of the legs.

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Keepers of Houses Summoned to Give
Evidence—Detectives Will Work
Up Cases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Significant action was taken today by District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner Bingham to further the investigation by Mr. Jerome of gambling in this city. Messrs. Jerome and Bingham held a conference today after which the police commissioner issued an order immediately withdrawing about 100 policemen who had been stationed in front of houses suspected of being gambling or poolrooms. Besides this the police commissioner turned over to Mr. Jerome a list of suspected places compiled by the police department. It was also made known today that in order to expedite the investigation the grand jury will convene tomorrow as a favor to the district attorney so that testimony of more than fifty witnesses subpoenaed by him today as keepers of suspected gambling establishments can be heard. The withdrawal of the policemen is taken to mean that Mr. Jerome's detectives and assistants can now endeavor to obtain admission to places which are under suspicion without risk of having their detective work compromised.

The agreement made by the grand jury to sit tomorrow followed a request made to it today by Mr. Jerome himself. When the favor had been granted he issued the subpoenas.

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