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JUDGE WILLS ACQUITS PROSPER FRECHETTE

Retrial Results in Judgment of Not Guilty —Interesting Case Ends.

This morning P. Frechette was found not guilty on a charge of stealing liquor, the property of the Grand Trunk from the local yard on the night of Sept. 13th, 1919. This is a case in which there was a conviction last December in the county court before Judge Deroche and a jury, but a new trial was ordered. Judge Wills heard the evidence in the retail yesterday and at ten o'clock this morning gave judgment discharging the defendant on the grounds that theft in the legal sense had not been committed. From the evidence it could not be shown that there was any moving of the jars in question. W. Carnew for the crown; E. J. Butler for the defence.

JUDGMENT:

Judge Wills' judgement follows:

"I do not purpose reviewing all the evidence that has been given at this hearing, in fact, much of it could have been dispensed with except in the way possibly of an explanation in laying the foundation for the present charge.

"So far as you are concerned" he said to Frechette, "you were prosecuted last December upon a charge and found not guilty. The lesser charge in connection with the matter is laid under Section 347 of the Criminal Code, being a charge of theft.

"The question arises, did you steal a quantity of whiskey over the value of $50, the property of the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the night of September, 1919? As I have pointed out the charge of relating to the morning of the 13th of September, 1919, was heard and you were found not guilty. I can therefore only take the matter up really from the time in the evening when you and Nicholson came up to the Grand Trunk yards and walked across same to the ditch near the north track of the east end or main switching yard.

"When you two men, who were employees of the railway and off duty and not authorized or required to go upon the company's premises for any purpose, go up to such a part of the railway yard as you did and at such a time at night, it would occur to anyone that it was not reasonable conduct and there must be some motive. We are told in the evidence that the motive was curiosity to find out what Nicholson had noticed in the ditch near the north track that morning. It would seem rather extraordinary to choose this particular time, about 11.30 Saturday evening to ascertain this. However, there can be no doubt of this fact, that both yourself and Nicholson agree that you proceeded in an automobile from Front street to Watson's farm crossing or culvert on the second concession road deflection caused by the placing of the railway yards where they are, and from there went over to the ditch and commenced to feel about in the grass. You say you touched two jars, and you did not know what they were, you did not move them. You were ordered to hold up your hands, and you ran away, but you were overtaken by Special Grand Trunk Officer Moten, who arrested you. Special Officer Moten says he saw Frechette moving one jug three feet and was moving another jug when his (Moten's) feet moved some cinders and Frechette started to run. Nicholson was not very clear about the moving of the jugs, he said. He says they had come up to the long grass and were putting their hands down in the grass but had [illegible] nothing further, when the Special [illegible] Mr McMoran stood up before him and made him his prisoner. You ran away. Mr. McMoran did not see you move the jars or any of them.

"The question arising here is, was theft committed in contravention of the Criminal Code? Theft is committed when an offender moves the thing, or causes it to move or to be moved, or begins to cause it to become movable, with intent to steal it, or any part "or begins to [illegible] movable" it not applicable because the subject matter says already moveable chattel. I place no confidence in the statements made by you, either in admissions or otherwise, as I consider you quite irresponsible as to telling the truth.

"Upon the evidence submitted to me, and after weighing the same carefully, I cannot find that there was any actual moving of the jars of whiskey or any of them by the accused, and although the circumstances and acts of the accused are not without the gravest suspicion of your intent, they are not such as constitute theft under the Criminal Code.

"In discharging you I desire to remind you that it has been more by good fortune than otherwise that you have not been this day found guilty of the offence as charged, and I trust that in future you experience in this case will lead you to be more careful and cause you to regulate your life so that your acts and conduct will be above suspicion."

Trenton Plant Will Be Active

PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS ENTERED UPON BY NEW COMPANY

Acquisition by Chemical Products, Limited, of the plant at Trenton, formerly owned by the British Chemicals, Limited, and operated by the Imperial munitions Board, will be followed soon by active manufacturing operations. This property was bought several months ago, and plans have been made meantime for additional construction to make the site suitable for the production of fertilizers and pharmaceutical chemicals. The plant will be divided into four units. The first section is a sulphuric acid plant, and it will be immediately operated largely for fertilizer production. The nitro acid plant will be used later with a view to producing for the sale of mixed acids for explosives, dyestuffs, intermediates, etc. Plant No. 2 will be used for the manufacture of refined nitrate of soda, Epsom salts and general chemicals. In plant No. 3 it is planned to make salicylates of allied derivatives, namely, aspirin, salicylic acid, sodium salicylate, oil of wintergreen, coesotinic acid, etc. The production of ammonia and coke oven by-products is contemplated in plant No. 4, including salamoniac, ammonia, carbonate, liquor ammonia, aromatic hydro carbons and whiting.

Made-in-Canada Aspirin

Aspirin was successfully produced on a commercial scale during the war by the Chemical Products of Canada, Limited, in its Toronto plant. The market offered for this product is very large, and the President of the new company believes that from 600 to 800 tons per year can be handled from the Trenton plant. With respect to prospective markets it is stated that two connections in England are each willing to contract for delivery of 500 tons annually in bulk. A company in Argentina asked for quotations on 50 tons, and Australia will consume 100 tons a year. Russia will be perhaps the largest user of aspirin when that country is again opened up for international trade. China is also a very promising market. Hitherto small quantities in retail packages have been taken for Chinese consumption, but Chemical Products have authoritative information that there is a tremendous field as soon as a manufacturer can offer quantities in bulk at a reasonable figure.

It is proposed to produce salicyclic acid in excess of the aspirin and salicylate requirements. This chemical was produced exclusively in Germany before the war. It is used largely in the pharmaceutical trade for remedial preparations and the dyestuff trade, etc. World consumption is estimated at 3,000 tons a year.

With respect to refined nitrate of soda, the Chemical Products management states that it has now on order contracts covering 3,000 tons. Nitrate of soda has replaced the ordinary salpetre in the treatment and curing of meats.

Will Produce Fertilizer

Canadian requirements of acid phosphate are estimated at considerably in excess of 50,000 tons a year. The world's shortage of this product is estimated at 15,000,000 tons, with no possible chance of catching up for several years. Fertilizer consumers predict that the demand for this product for Canadian account will expand greatly in the next few years. Meanwhile export business is declared to be readily available.

It is proposed to produce sulphuric acid in the plant at Trenton, which has a capacity of approximately 120 tons a day.

About 50 per cent. of the Chemical Products of Canada output from 1916 to 1918 was for export, and the newly-formed organization plans to follow along similar lines. Those connected with the company include Messrs. T. E. O'Reilly, W. H. Vanwinckel, J. C. Graves and A. H. C. Heliman, the latter being in charge of plant operations.

An American soldier ran short of money in Paris and to get hold of some sold "certain rights in the subway" to a credulous Frenchman. He was arrested.

Sudden acquisition of wealth transforms the family jar into jardinieres.

Morning Dispatches

TURKS TO RETAIN CAPITAL

SAN REMO, April 21 —Supreme Council have decided that Turkey shall retain Constantinople as its capital.

GERMAN POLICY CAUSES DISSENSION

LONDON, April 21—The controversy over the policy to be pursued towards Germany is cause of dissension and may precipitate a crisis between Britain and France.

BILL FOR REFERENDUM MAY CARRY

TORONTO, April 21—It now looks as though the McCreary Bill asking for a referendum on the liquor question will have enough votes to carry today.

DEATH TOLL FROM TORNADO REACHES 140

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21 — The death list last night from the Tornado stood at 140 with millions of dollars in property losses.

DETECTIVE SHOT YESTERDAY IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN, April 21 —Detective Dalton was shot and mortally wounded in the heart of the city yesterday afternoon.

Railroad Strikers Refuse to Vote

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

CHICAGO, April 21 —Striking railroad men in the Chicago district refused today to vote on the question of returning to work. All efforts of the committee of strike leaders to obtain action failed.

Huns Ask to Have Terms Modified

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

PARIS, April 21—Germany has asked for a modification of the military claims of the peace treaty so as to enable her to maintain larger armed forces than permitted by that pact. The request was contained in a note handed to the French Foreign Office last evening with a demand that it be sent to the Supreme Council at San Remo.

The note set forth that a force was necessary for the maintenance of order in the interior and that furthermore the army would not accept an order for its dissolution. The note asked that Germany be allowed to retain the entire general staff and corps officers which means the frame-work of an active army.

French Troops Have Relieved Aintab

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Caradian Press Ltd.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21 — French troops, equipped with heavy artillery, entered Aintab, Asia Minor an April 14 and have effectively relieved the situation there according to a statement made public by the French Embassy here. Messages sent from Aintab on April 12 asking for immediate aid for relief workers there were received in this city late last keek.

One of the Most Disastrous Tornadoes in History of South

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21 — Assistance from the outside world is urgently needed for the relief of tornado sufferers in a dozen Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee counties. With a death list of 166, already reported, and a property loss which will run into many millions, the tornado has taken rank as one of the most disastrous, as well as one of the most widespread in the annals of the South.

Outlaw Strikers Ask to Be Taken Back

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

MONTREAL, April 21—The outlaw strike of the typographical staff of the Daily Star has collapsed. Last night the men decided to ask the manager of the paper to take them back at the wages in force before the strike but without discriminating against any of them.

Tubercular Soldiers Present Their Case

OTTAWA, April 21.—Representations of tubercular soldiers were placed before the special committee on pensions this morning. It was urged that the present scale of pensions is inadequate to provide for tubercular men and their dependents. Other requests were for changes in the regulations governing pay and allowances to patients in sanatoria, the free issue of clothing to pensioners taking S.C.R. training, extension of the training period, reservation of civil service positions for tuberculous men fit to hold them, extension of free medical treatment to dependents of tubercular patients while such patients are in sanatoria or while in receipt of full disability pension and several other amendments to the act.

U.S. Ambassador Attends as Observer

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Ambassador Johnson Atrome was instructed today by the State Department to attend the Allied conference at San Remo as an official observer for the American government. He will not participate in deliberations.

Lest We Forget

Editor Ontario,—

It is to be regretted that Canada and Canadians generally should have allowed the third anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge to pass unnoted on April 9th. In the Mother Country they were not so forgetful or inconsiderate but found time to commemorate and express appreciation of the valour of the Canadian Corps in capturing what the enemy considered impregnable, the Ridge, in one of the most carefully conceived and brilliantly executed enterprises of the war. The cost of that great fight was large and many of our own citizens, soldiers from Belleville and Hastings County, paid the price of victory on that occasion and what they took they held.

Tomorrow, Thursday, April 22nd, is the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the second battle of Ypres or St. Julien, which lasted to May 5th. Are we, as Canadians, going to allow this day to pass unnoticed and forgetful of those strenuous days that the 1st Canadian Division went through, the result of which the British War Office announced in their official statement "The Canadians saved the day for the Empire?"

I think the citizens will expect the flags to be raised on all the public buildings in the city, and I trust that private individuals will co-operate in this connection also. And would it not be appropriate and advisable for the Board of Education to instruct the principals of the schools in our city to read to the scholars in the assembly halls of the schools the official account of the 2nd battle of Ypres. A great many of the present scholars were not able 5 years ago to appreciate the importance of that great event in Canadian history, on which day Canada became of age and was received by the great nations of the world into full nationhood, after her representatives in France had not only withstood and overcome the enemy against great odds, but successfully vanquished the enemy despite the infamous poisonous gas used by the enemy for the first time in civilized warfare.

The parliaments of the Dominion and the Province will commemorate this event tomorrow by two minutes silence and by appropriate invocation. Let us locally do the same in honour of those who have "gone west" and who made it possible for us to "carry on."

R. D. PONTON

Belleville, April 21, 1920.

SPORTS

INDUSTRIAL BASE BALL

Five industries were represented at the Y.M.C.A. Base Ball League last night. Steel Co., Marsh Engineering Works, G.T.R., Elliott Woodworking Co. and the Belleville Hardware.

The officers elected were as follows, President, W. A. Elliott, of the Elliott Woodworking Co, Vice Pres., H. Saunders, Belleville Hardware; Sec.-Treas., F. H. Henry, Marsh Engineering Works.

The first question up for discussion was the name to be given the league, whether it was to be a city league, which would allow each team to secure players in any plant in the city or to have an industrial league which would allow only bona fied employees of the plant playing on the team representing the plant in the league. The latter was decided on and the league will be known as the Belleville Industrial Base Ball League.

The question of allowing the men of the Central Ontario League to play in the industrial league was the next question up for discussion. This question was discussed at some length, and it wsa decided that Goyer, Keeler, Whalen be barred as pitchers from the industrial league. These men are allowed to play on the team that represents their plant but not as pitchers. Any man who is a bonafide employee of a plant is allowed to take part in a game provided he is employed by that plant two weeks previous to the game. All players taking part in the last four games of the league must be members of the team and have played at least one game previous.

An entrance fee of $1.00 will be charged each team entering the league. Each team entering the league is asked to put up a bond of $25. This bond to be forfeited if they drop out of the league without finishing the schedule. Providing they finish the bond will be returned.

The question of a trophy was next taken up and discussed. Mr. Elliott, president of the league very kindly donated the trophy to the league which would become the property of the team winning it for three years. Mr. Elliott is to be congratulated on this splendid donation to local sport and we are sure that the boys of the industrial league will show their appreciation by making this one of the best base ball leagues we have had in the city for a number of years. The meeting then adjourned until next Tuesday, the 27th, when each team entering the league will be asked to bring in their registration fee and also the bond of $25.

Track Men Urge Delay in Tax

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

TORONTO, April 21—Hon. Peter Smith was urged this morning by an influential and representative body of race track men to defer the imposition of any provincial tax on race tracks until the Federal Government's decision with regard to the tax on par-mutual machines would be determined the Provincial Treasurer together with Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture and the Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney General heard the deputation.

Children Of All Ages

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A fast young man is seldom able to keep up with his running expenses.

Some people believe that divorces are made in heaven and marriages in the other place.

You may have noticed that few business men feel at ease at a polite social function.

Would Brand All Who Sell German Goods

OTTAWA, April 20—Shall Canada buy German-made goods in future because hundreds of thousands of Canadians have the feeling that they want never again to purchase an article made in Germany?

Senator Lynch-Staunton has introduced a bill which proposes to amend the Criminal Code so that "every person who knowingly deals in goods, wares or merchandise which are in whole or part the growth, production or manufacture of Germany or Austria-Hungary, shall keep posted in letters easily legible over every outside entrance to his premises the words 'Dealer in German Goods,' and shall print the said words prominently in all his advertisements and stationery." Second reading was given the bill this afternoon.

The penalties proposed are six months' imprisonment or $500 fine, or both. The law is not to apply to goods in stock at the time of the passing of the act. Senator Lynch-Staunton said he had introduced, and the Senate had adopted, a similar bill at a previous session, but it had not reached the Commons in time to be dealt with with by that House. He proposed now to press the bill to the final stage so that thousands of Canadians, who like himself, object to purchasing German-made goods might be on guard, on entering a shop, against having such goods passed upon them. This was the sentimental reason, but there were other and broader reasons for the bill and he proposed to discuss them.

15 M. P. P's Renege on Overall Promise

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

TORONTO, April 21—All of the fifteen members of the Legislature, who yesterday agreed to don overalls, "reneged" when the time came for them to live up to their agreement today and appeared at Queen's Park attired as usual in business suits of serge or tweed. Questioned what had caused them to change their minds rather than the clothes the members concerned for the most part were inclined to pass over the compact as a joke.

On Monday evening an enjoyable event took place at the home of Miss Hilda Barrett, 295 John street, when a kitchen shower was given Miss Rita Hughes by Miss Barrett and the members of the sewing circle of which Miss Hughes is a member. A large number of most useful gifts were presented Miss Hughes in honor of her approaching marriage.

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