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SENTENCES WILLIAMS TO 7-YEAR TERM

Purge Advertiser Columns of Illegal Betting "News"

GAMBLING BAN VITAL NEED OF SPORT OF KINGS

touts and Poolroom "Bookmakers" Undermine Youth and Peril Racing.

SELECTIONS MYTHICAL

Legitimate Prices Absurd At Tracks Where Anti-Betting Law Is Enforced.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 13.—A hayloft opposite the fair grounds racetrack, a pair of field glasses and a telephone said to be conected with New York, played the leading role in the arrest of two men here yesterday, when a lone policemen raided a barn.

The men, according to the police, said they were using the hay loft and telephone to make "sure thing" bets in New York. As soon as a horse won a race, the police said, the winner would be given over the telephone to New York and a bet on the horse made at a pool room in that city.

For what specific purpose do certain newspapers publish the so-called friend- racing "tips" or "selections"? This pertinent question is quite easily swered. The practice abandoned in gust by all Toronto papers many nths ago, and by The London Adver- r weeks ago, is but another instance the "power of suggestion," and, dless to say, the victims are many, recruited from all walks of life. here is today, as there has been from e immemorial, and will be through countless ages to come, per- s who, with a little casual per- sion, will hearken to the alluring spect of "easy money" on short ce, with the least possible effort. here are a hundred and one methods which one so inclined or influenced obtain his money's worth of nce. So it is that as one man will chase hair restorer from a bald bar- or invest in silver mines yet to be covered, another will consult the rning horse race "selection" as foided before an unsuspecting public an obliging "tout," and forthwith ermine to risk all or part of his ekly stipend on "Opportunity," the y entry that can possibly win the urth race at New Orleans.

Such, therefore, is one of the results the timely "tip" column.

Procedure Quite Simple.

Once having determined to plunge on portunity or Diamond Dick, or what- er worthy or unworthy steed you, or ther the sporting expert "at the rrier," has chosen for you, the pro- dure is then simple.

If you are in a strange city you rape up an acquaintance with one of se "men around town," to be en- ntered in every community, how- r small, and after the preliminaries disposed of he will direct or even ssibly lead you to one of the alleged bookmakers" of the town.

Here, after one of those quick but netrating "once-overs," the "bookie" his aggressive aides conclude that u are not the long-expected visitor m headquarters or a special agent n the attorney-general's head- rters in Toronto, you are provided a slip upon which you write your ection," state definitely the name our "pony," pay your money, and rt hopefully.

concludes the noon performance far as you are concerned.

hould the bookmaker refrain from ping his establishment open even- s, you must depend upon the "extra" ort edition of a Toronto evening paper ascertain whether your "nag" won in walk or fell and twisted an ankle.

The so-called bookmaker may amass ofits that will enable him to retire m active business endeavor and live ppily ever afterwards, or on the her hand you may possibly, but very probably, accrue sufficient profits t will render it possible for you to ewise retire and let the rest of the rld go by.

Are Purely Mythical.

To say the least, however, the ques- n of your ultimate profit is somewhat a debatable nature, as scores of ung men, and not a few of their eld- s, will testify confidentially, if not for blication.

t so develops today, however, that cing "odds," also published with the cing "tips," and purported to be the tual prices offered in the race track

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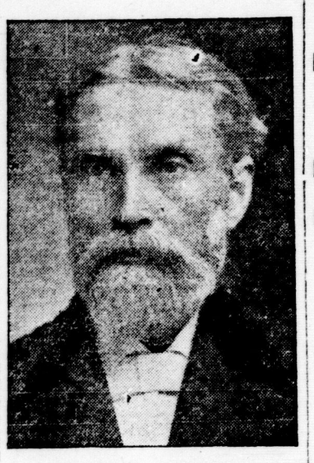
Installs Officer

Former Grand Sire of I. O. O. F. Places St. Joseph, Mo., Man in High Office.



DR. CL. T. CAMPBELL.

INSURANCE MEN TO MEET IN LONDON

300 Salesmen Will Attend the Western Ontario Congress in February.

It is expected that fully 300 life insurance salesmen, representing every community and district of Western Ontario, will attend the big Western Ontario Salesmanship Congress, to be held in London on Tuesday, February 14. The gathering is being arranged by the Life Underwriters' of the city.

Men prominent in life insurance endeavor throughout the United States and Canada will attend and address the delegates. A tentative program for the convention includes the following features: City's welcome, by Mayor J. Cameron Wilson; "What the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada Is Doing" by the president, J. G. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, and the general secretary, Castle Graham. "Business Insurance," by William May, of Toronto, president of the Toronto Life Underwriters' Association.

From the United States will come W. E. Bilheimer, of St. Louis, Missouri, representing the Franklin Insurance Company, who will speak on "Agency Problems," and Charles M. Biscay, of New York City, editor of "The Insurance Press" who will speak on "Holding What We've Got."

The Canada Life Insurance Company will be represented by R. G. Ramsay, of Montreal, while T. H. Purdom, K. C., of London, president of the Northern Life Insurance Company will deliver an address during the evening session.

Other local insurance managers who will speak include C. E. German, Edward Reid and R. C. MacKnight.

KNOLLWOOD PARK MOTHERS MEET

Club Discusses Plans For Program During Coming Year.

A promise has been received by the Knollwood Park Mothers' Club, from the board of education, that the playgrounds adjoining the school will receive attention in the spring. The letter was read at the monthly meeting held Thursday evening in the school. Regret was expressed, due to the fact that Mrs. Tanner, who was to have been the speaker, was unable to attend. Fifty dollars, raised by a bazaar and concert, is to be donated to the Sick Children's Hospital. The refreshment committee, with Mrs. Robbins as the convener, assisted by Mrs. Mould, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Beresford, was re-elected.

The officers of the club are holding a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Short next week, to discuss plans for the coming year. Following the business part of the meeting, Mrs. W. Taylor gave several delightful readings, and dainty refreshments were served.

POINCARE WILL FORM CABINET WITHOUT DELAY

Former President To Submit Selections For New Ministry To Millerand.

BRIAND'S EXIT SURPRISES

French Political Circles Hear Premier's Resignation "Absolutely Final."

BULLETIN.

Cannes, Jan. 13. — The Allied reparations commission, at a conference held here today, decided to grant a provisional delay to Germany on her reparations account.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Raymond Poincare was this morning endeavoring to form a cabinet to succeed that under M. Briand, which resigned yesterday. The prevailing impression in political circles was that he would be successful and would submit his list of ministers to President Millerand for approval early this afternoon.

On the other hand it was recognized that he would find many difficulties in his path and that these might prove formidable enough to force him to relinquish the task. The matter of M. Briand's dramatic exit while on the apparent verge of an overwhelming vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies has caused a certain revulsion of feeling in his favor, and besides M. Poincare has a strong opposition in parliament. Neither is the former president overly popular with a large section of the general public.

Added to this, many members of parliament hold that President Millerand, according to constitutional practice, should invite M. Briand to resume power with another combination of ministers, inasmuch as he was not beaten by a vote in parliament. M. Briand, however, stated to newspapermen last night, that his resignation was "absolutely final."

M. Millerand and Poincare, in the course of a conversation last night, decided that, if the latter were successful in forming a ministry, the conference broken off at Cannes would be resumed by the new premier after understanding had been reached between the heads of the governments of the allied powers.

M. Poincare also discussed finance with the president, according to the Petit Parisien, announcing that he intended to intrust the finance portfolio to Charles de Lesteyrie, a former high official in the ministry of finance.

Premier Lloyd George, when he passes through Paris on his homeward trip from Cannes, probably on Sunday, will be asked to confer with M. Poincare and President Milerand, according to the Echo de Paris, so that the two governments may keep in close touch.

Germans Interested In French Situation

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—News of the Briand ministry's retirement reached official quarters from Paris at the conclusion of yesterday's cabinet session. Cabinet members declined to discuss eventualities likely to result from the altered situation but official opinions concur in the belief that the reparations issue for the moment has again been thrown into confusion through the obliteration of the new line of political and economic orientation which the Cannes conference promised to develop. Official speculation appeared to center around the predicament into which Lloyd George was suddenly placed through "the loss of his dancing partner," as Briand has been designated since the Cannes pourparlers were opened.

The Reichstag, which had been summoned for January 19, may meet at an earlier date as the result of the new international situation.

ABOUT FIFTY MEN, who are employed at present at the Grand Trunk car shops, will be laid off Saturday These men do not belong to the regular staff, but are extra men, taken on to help out the rush situation which had arisen lately in connection with preparing the grain cars. There will be no reduction in the regular staff as far as is known.

Resigns Office

French Premier Declines to Continue as Head of Ministry.

ARISTIDE BRIAND.

CITY CARMEN DISPUTE RIGHT OF WAGE CUT

Manager of Street Railway Receives Communication From Union Secretary.

REQUIRE 30 DAYS' NOTICE

In Case of Deadlock Question Must Be Referred To Board.

It is quite evident that the employees of the London Street Railway system intend to combat the recent proposal by the executive of the latter corporation to cut wages on March 1.

The following communication to C. B. King, manager of the company, from the secretary of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Employees of America, Division 741, explains the viewpoint of the men at this moment:

Mr. C. B. King, manager the London Street Railway Company, city:

Dear Sir,—We are in receipt of your letter of Dec. 30, 1921, in which you state the wages of motormen and conductors shall be reduced.

We wish to inform you that we dispute your right to change the wage clause of our agreement, and draw your attention to that part of section 57 of the industrial disputes act, which reads as follows:

"Employers and employees shall give at least 30 days' notice of an intended change affecting conditions of employment with respect to wages or hours; and in the event of such intended change resulting in a dispute, until the dispute has been finally dealt with by a board, and a copy of its report has been delivered through the registrar to both the parties affected, neither of those parties shall alter the conditions of employment with respect to wages or hours, or on account of the dispute do, or be concerned in doing, directly or indirectly, anything in the nature of a lockout, or strike, or a suspension, or discontinuance of employment or work.

"Yours truly,

"(Signed) L. PARKER,

"Fin. Sec. Div. 741."

FINES SIGHTSEERS IN CHICAGO COURT

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Forty spectators in Judge Asa G. Adams' court of domestic relations left the courtroom penniless yesterday after Judge Adams summoned them before him, assessed each person what money he had on his person and told each to leave.

The proceeds, amounting to $6.60, went into the "junior cheer fund" for needy families, brought into court. Many of the spectators were penniless and were allowed to depart with a warning.

The morals court also declared war on sightseers and curious spectators a few days ago when it was announced that a picture of those who congregated to hear cases in the morals court would be printed in a newspaper each day.

MAY SEPARATE SIAMESE TWINS

Chicago, Jan. 13. — The advisability of surgically separating Josefia and Rosa Blazek, Siamese twins, will be determined today by Chicago surgeons. Dr. Max Thorek, who will be in charge of the examination, explained that the sisters fear that the death of one would bring the immediate death of the other. The examination will be by X-ray. The women are 34 years old. They recently came to Chicago to live in the foreign colony after tiring of exhibition work. Rosa is the mother of an 11-year-old boy. Josefia is unmarried.

RELEASE IRISH PRISONERS IN LONDON JAILS

The British Authorities Issue Amnesty Proclamation Granting Freedom to 370.

PASS "ACT OF OBLIVION"

Months May Be Required To Return All Troops To England.

London, England, Jan. 13.—The Irish political prisoners in the London jails, Brixton, Pentonville and Wormwood Scrubs, were released this morning, under the amnesty proclamation issued by King George yesterday. Instructions were sent to the provincial jails for similar releases. The first prisoner to be released under the amnesty proclamation, Dr. McConville of Monaghan, left Mountjoy yesterday. Dublin Castle has issued a list of 370 prisoners for release today. Five persons were liberated from Mountjoy and 38 from Limerick Prison yesterday.

Amnesty Declaration Elicits Enthusiasm

Dublin, Jan. 13.—Materialization of the earnestly desired amnesty of political prisoners in Ireland has elicited more outward enthusiasm here than any other development in the peace activities. It may be remarked in passing that the choice of the phrase, "act of oblivion," rather than "act of clemency," in the official announcement, was recognized as a happy diplomatic stroke, the significance of which was not missed.

Indulge in Demonstrations.

Dublin citizens indulged in lively demonstrations last night, a large crowd outside Mountjoy Prison welcoming the successive batches of liberated prisoners with loud cheers, while a happy atmosphere generally pervaded the streets. Similar scenes were enacted in Cork and Limerick, where others were released. It is understood that a number of men freed from prisons in England will arrive today.

An editorial in today's Irish Independent says:

"Hundreds of Irishmen have been sent to prison for political activities in England—activities which resulted from the same motives as those which inspired their countrymen at home. These men must be released immediately."

Collins To Arrange Details.

Meanwhile preparations for the transfer of administrative authority to the new Irish government under Arthur Griffith continue. Sir Ernest Clark, undersecretary for Ireland in the British government, arrived here last night, it is believed, in connection with the transfer.

It is beginning to be realized that, even with the greatest good will the complete evacuation of the British cannot be effected instantly, either as regards the civil or military administrations. It is understood Michael Collins will go to England shortly to arrange details which are as yet unsettled, and until he returns the work can continue only partially. The new government is reported to have protested against the removal of the documents from Dublin Castle to England, with the result that the movement has been temporarily suspended.

With regard to the military withdrawal, it is not anticipated that the work will be completed for some time, perhaps for months. Shipment of the troops, estimated to number from 30,000 to 50,000, is the least part of the undertaking, as after they have gone it will be necessary to dispose of immense quantities of stores and foodstuffs, besides military buildings, including hospitals and barracks, and lands occupied for military purposes.

Irish Church Heads Appeal For Order

BELFAST, January 13. — Bishop Grierson, Moderator Lowe and President Smyth, of the Methodist Church, in a joint letter to the people of Belfast, asks the citizens "to use all the influence they can command to bring an end to the outbursts of crime which are a disgrace to any civilized community."

Irish Tradesmen Ask Retention of Troops

London, England, Jan. 13.—Districts in Ireland, which benefited financially from the presence of British troops are expressing something like consternation at their withdrawal, according to the Morning Post's Dublin correspondent.

The inhabitants of the military centers have sent beseeching letters to Dublin, and even to the British government, asking retention of the troops, whose expenditure of their entire pay in Ireland meant important trade and employment of a number of the natives.

CALLS FOR REDUCTION IN FREIGHT CHARGES

Regina, Sask., Jan. 13.—A feature of yesterday's proceedings in the provincial legislature was the introduction of a resolution by Hon. C. A. Dunning, calling for a reduction of freight rates. The resolution states that present rates are a burden greater than agricultural products can bear, and "in many parts of the province the result of this condition is that grain is standing in the fields until threshed because at the present prices, threshing costs and freight charges would absorb the whole of the price realized."

Heads Commission

Popular London Barrister Elected Chairman of Public-Utilities Body.

JARED VINING.

Commissioner Jared Vining is chairman of the Public Utilities Commission for 1922. Moved by Philip Pocock, at the inaugeral meeting of that body on Thursday afternoon he was the unanimous selection for another year.

Commissioner T. W. McFarland was appointed chairman of the Parks' Board for another year. Moved by Commissioner McFarland, it was decided that Philip Pocock again heads the playgrounds department. "We have had a wonderful year" commented Commissioner McFarland, "the playgrounds department has been most successful."

"Anything that Commissioner Pocock undertakes is liable to be successful," pointed out Commissioner Vining.

"Well, we want to see to even a better year in 1922," replied Commissioner Pocock.

Commissioners McFarland and Mitchell were selected as representatives to the Western Fair Board.

Present on Thursday, for the first time, Mayor J. Cameron Wilson was tendered the usual formal welcome by the chairman, while an expression of regret was registered in the absence of Commissioner Frederick Mitchell, who is still ill.

FIND ARCHBISHOP GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED SCHISM

Athens, Jan. 13.—An ecclesiastical court, presided over by the metropolitan officer, yesterday found the Most Rev. Metaxakis, recently appointed patriarch of Constantinople, guilty of attempting to bring about schism in the church. It ordered that he be deprived of every rank and secluded as a monk in the monastery at Zante.

Archbishop Metaxakis was not present at the trial.

Archbishop Metaxakis was elected patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Constantinople Dec. 8 by an overwhelming majority, following which relations were broken off between the Constantinople patriarchite and the Athens government. In the debate preceding his election the Athens government was sharply criticized for alleged failure in its duty towards the unredeemed Greeks.

THREE MEN DIE IN CHAIR AT SING SING PRISON

Ossining, N.Y., Jan. 13.—Edward Persons, William Marweg and Raymond F. Mulford, convicted murderers, were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison last night, following Gov. Miler's refusal to interfere with the execution of the sentences.

Persons was convicted of the murder of George Klinger, a taxicab driver, in Jamestown.

Marweg was found guilty of participating in the killing of George Weitz, a Buffalo jeweler.

Mulford, whose confederate, Floyd Sliver, is awaiting death here, was convicted of killing Abraham Yelles, a Buffali clothier, on Thanksgiving Day, 1920.

A stir was caused in the death house late yestetrday, when guards found an iron bar concealed under bedclothes in Marweg's cell, and discovered that the cell lock had been jammed. The condemned man would not say whether he planned to cheat the electric chair by committing suicide, or reserved the bar to fight off his keepers when they came to lead him to the death chair.

INSTITUTES 75 CENT MINIMUM HYDRO CHARGE

London Public Utilities Commission Makes New Ruling.

FOLLOW RECENT REQUEST

Few Local Consumers Likely To Be Affected by the Change.

Hydro consumers in London from now on must reconcile themselves to a 75-cent minimum current charge. Following the emphatic request of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Toronto, the local officials have decided to institute this change. The charge, it is emphasized, will include all service and space rate costs, and the usual ten per cent discount will be allowed.

While it is pointed out that the department's revenue will be slightly increased, it is explained that but few of the local consumers will be affected. The Toronto authorities laid stress on their contention that although warned consistently for six months past, the London commissioners have apparently ignored all notices.

Commissioner McFarland expressed the fear that possibly the new ruling would tend to hit the consumer who may be endeavoring to economize during these uncertain times. The other commissioners assured him, however, that there are but few persons today who do not use 75 cents' worth or nearly so.

General Manager Buchanan was instructed to nominate all the members of the commission as directors of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association.

YOUTH GIVEN 15-MONTH SENTENCE

Leader of Juvenile Gang Receives Severe Lecture From Magistrate.

When local detectives arrested Homer Frezell, Versey Proctor, Albert Munro and three juveniles, on a charge of stealing skates from the Agnew Shoe Company on the nights of Dec. 23 and 24 last, they broke up a gang of youths who had started out on a trail of crime. All the boys, who are under 17 years of age, pleaded guilty to the offence, and with the consent of Crown Attorney McKillop, Munro and Proctor were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Mr. McKillop characterized Frezell as the leader of the gang, and as he pleaded guilty to, not only stealing the skates, but to stealing an automobile from the garage of Mr. Agranove, 642 Dundas street, two weeks ago, with another youth, Clarence Patterson, Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett sentenced him to prison for 15 months. The boys drove the car as far as Hensall, where it broke down, and was abandoned.

Representations were made on behalf of Patterson, who had never been in court before, but Mr. Bartlett explained what the law was, and he had no alternative but to sentence the boy to one year in jail, the minimum sentence.

Mr. Bartlett delivered a sound lecture to the lads, and told them that it was a serious matter for them to act as they had on the threshold of their lives.

Gordon White, another youth, was sentenced to one month in jail for stealing a pair of shoes belonging to Ernest Bogue from the Coves on Tuesday night. White stated that he had been given the shoes by a friend named Bryan. He knew that they were stolen.

HARRY DOWN, JUN., son of the well-known detective, has been promoted to the post of chief clerk in the long room at the custom house. Prior to his appointment he was computing clerk. The senior clerkship is a post created under the reclassification of the customs offices ,but was never filled until now.

MURRELLS' PAL GOES TO PRISON FOR ROBBERY

Pleaded Guilty to Attack On Chinese Laundry On April 9 Last.

ACCEPTED TERM CALMLY

Youthful Prisoner May Be Compelled To Face Murder Charge.

Henry Jack ("Slim") Williams, companion of the notorious Murrells, who are being hunted by the police on the charge of murder, was sentenced today to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary for implication in the robbery of the Chinese laundry on the corner of the Wharncliffe road and Beaconsfield avenue, on the evening of April 9, 1921, by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon who, although in ill-health made a special trip to the court in order to pass sentence on the youthful bandit. Williams has yet to be tried on the charge of murder.

The Murrell boys, Sidney and William, appeared in police court with Williams shortly after they had been arrested for the murder of Russell Campbell at Melbourne on April 12, 1921, in the course of an attempted bank robbery there, and pleaded guilty to robbing the Chinamen of $30. The Murrells gave the two Chinamen, Fred and John Lee, a terrific beating at the time, one of the laundrymen being taken to the hospital.

Moves for Sentence.

Williams was brought to the police station from the county jail just before the close of the regular court. Few of the "regulars" who make a practice of attending court every day, recognized the slim, mild-looking individual as the notorious "Slim," and did not wait to hear sentence passed.

Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop, K. C., moved that the sentence of the court be passed on Williams for his connection with the laundry robbery.

"I would like to point out to your worship certain circumstances which might be taken into consideration," said J. M. Donahue, counsel for Williams. "The accused was only a boy of 14 when he came to this country from Australia. He enlisted here with the 34th Battalion in 1915, and went to France in November of the same year, coming back to Canada in April, 1919. He has had an extensive and honorable military record.

"Without friends or relatives, he easily fell prey to bad companions. He met his comrades, who pleaded guilty to the assault and robbery, about a block from the laundry, and waited outside while they went in. He did not know that they contemplated any wrongdoing until he heard the noise, and I admit that he is technically guilty.

Asks Reasonable Sentence.

"This man was charged and is still charged with the most serious offence on the statutes, and I think the present case can be left in the hands of the crown. I ask that a reasonable sentence be passed."

"The difficulty I see, is his continued association with these men," said Mr. Graydon.

"It was his false sense of loyalty," interrupted Mr. Donahue.

"The next night he goes to Byron, and then on to Melbourne," continued Mr. Graydon, "with these two bad companions, with results we all know."

Asked by the court if he had anything to say, Williams started to tell of meeting Bill Murrell a block from the laundry.

"Your counsel has told us about that," said Mr. Graydon. "Is there any reason why I should not impose sentence on you?"

"Having regard for what Mr. McKillop and Mr. Donahue have said, and particularly in regard to the serious charge you have yet to face, I do not feel that anything I might say would have any effect on you," declared the court, addressing the prisoner. "You don't seem to have shown any desire to atone for your crimes. The crime you will be sentenced on is in itself a serious one, and you could be sentenced for life and flogged. I am willing to give you the benefit of the fact that you did not administer punishment on the

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light snow.

Saturday—Fair; not much change in temperature.

The Atlantic coast disturbance has moved out to the Atlantic, and the weather is fair in nearly all parts of the Dominion. It is cold from Northern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and mild in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.
Victoria	46	32
Calgary	38	32
Port Arthur	10	—2
Parry Sound	6	—12
Toronto	22	10
Kingston	18	—4
Ottawa	12	—12
Montreal	10	—2
Quebec	12	—2
St. John	38	6
Halifax	40	18

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 24; lowest, 7 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 15; lowest, 8 above.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.04.

Today—8 a.m., 28.97.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.—2 Chronicles 31: 21.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the palaces that wealth has grown,
Where ease is worshipped, duty dimly known,
And pleasure leads her dance the flowery way;
But for the quiet homes where love is queen,
And life is more than baubles, touched and seen,
And old folks thank us, and our children play:
Lord, our thanks!
—Robert Bridges.

New York Lawsuit Involves $1,500,000 Pearl Necklace

New York, Jan. 13.—A dispute involving a third of a million dollars over a pearl necklace found its way into the supreme court yesterday in a suit alleging that the gems were sold for $1,500,000 instead of the $825,000 claimed by the defendant. Cartier, Inc., wealthy New York and Paris jewelers, are the defendants, and Y. & L. Benguiat, widely known European jewelers, are the plaintiffs in the suit, which is for $387,000 and interest.

Attorneys for both concerns refused to divulge the name of the purchaser of the luxurious ornament. According to the Benguiats, Cartier, Inc., purchased the necklace—a five-row throat adornment of 289 pearls, weighing 4,305 grains, with two diamond clasps—in May, 1920. The purchase price, both sides agree, was to be $500,0000, plus one-half of the amount over and above this for which Cartier, Inc., might dispose of the necklace.

In November of the same year, the complaint reiterates, the Cartier firm reported the sale of the pearls for $825,000. This left one-half of $325,000 to be paid the original owners, less expenses, taxes, insurance and other charges. One item taken out alone totalled $41,250. This was said by Cartier, Inc., to have been the government's luxury tax. A $5,000 item was for insurance. One for $4,600 was put in for commission and traveling expenses connected with the sale.

At a later date, the Benguiat firm now charges, it was learned that the necklace was sold for $1,500,000, and that most of the sums put in by Cartier, Inc., as expenses were fraudulent, including the purported luxury tax. Hence the suit filed.

Deplore Misrepresentation of Buchanan's Views on Skating

As would be naturally expected, the inaugural meeting of the Public Utilities Commission did not pass without mention being made of the proposal from a "certain" quarter to permit skating at the municipal rinks on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

"I rise to move that such be not done," declared Commissioner Philip Pocock, apparently in all seriousness, but it subsequently developed that he was merely "making sport" of General Manager Buchanan, who recently became the innocent target of all and sundry because he was erroneously reported by a London evening newspaper as having been ready to "toss his hat into the ring" and test the validity of the Lord's Day Act.

Received Cheap Notoriety.

None of the commissioners considered the proposal worth discussion.

"We've certainly been rewarded by a lot of cheap notoriety, at any rate," concluded Commissioner McFarland, as the members of the board seemed willing to drop the discussion.

It was suggested by Commissioner McFarland that a City of London Band organization be instituted for 1922. The proposal, made also in 1921 by the same commissioner, was referred to the playgrounds committee for action, and it is believed that provision will be made for the same in the estimates.

Commissioner McFarland submitted his opinion that concerts should be held two nights a week in Victoria Park during the good weather and reiterated his belief that only in rare instances should persons or organizations be allowed to take collections. "Yes, people are getting tired of that sort of thing," commented Manager Buchanan. "Yes, this has been going

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