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LOCAL NEWS

DID NOT PLAY Indoor baseball games to have been played in the armory last evening were postponed on account of the 6th Signal Corps examination.

SOLDIER GUESTS Members of the executive of Garrison Sergeants' Mess were the guests of the Dumbells at the performance of "Biff King Hang" at the Imperial last evening.

IN BROTHERS HONOR. Alfred L. Belyea, of West St. John, has received from the militia department a handsome bronze plaque in memory of his brother, Glendon Belyea, a member of the 1st Depot Battalion, C. E. F., who died on active service in November 1918.

DIED TODAY. Friends will be glad to learn that the death of Mary Eugenia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coyle, occurred at her parents' residence, 28 Barkers street, today. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from her parents' residence.

BOY ADMITS STEALING

Five juveniles were before the police magistrate this morning on charges of theft. One was charged with theft of a mouth organ from J. M. Roche's, two watches from Harry Green's and with stealing together with three colored boys in stealing a can of milk from Brian's stable and an assortment of goods from the store of J. Markham.

ST. JOHN HOCKEY RINK CO. FORMED

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A Meeting Here Today re Western Section Organization—U. N. B. Basketball Team to Upper Canada—Late News of Sport.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 14.—In the Royal Gazette today there is notice that letters patent have been issued incorporating The St. John Hockey Rink Company, Limited. The authorized capitalisation is \$24,900, and the company is given all the necessary powers for obtaining a site for erecting and operating a rink for hockey and other purposes in St. John.

Representatives of the Fredericton and Marysville hockey clubs left here this morning for St. John for a meeting of the organization of the western section of the N. B. and P. E. I. Amateur Hockey Association.

The U. N. B. basketball team is arranging for a trip to Upper Canada for the latter part of January and early in February. Games with the Y. M. C. A. in Montreal and Toronto and with McGill and Toronto University are on the schedule.

New York, Dec. 14.—Club owners of the two big leagues indicated today, before going into annual session, that they would approve a suggestion made yesterday before the National League by Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn Club, prohibiting purchase of players from minor leagues opposed to the draft.

Mr. Ebbets' proposal virtually was a boycott of Class A and Class A. of minor league leagues. The plan would be to sever the major leagues as a source of income from these minor bodies that refused to submit to the drafting agreement created last January, which still has six years to run.

Mr. Sexton, president of the National Association that governs all minor league baseball, favored the return of universal draft throughout organized baseball. He said the draft would be a boon to Class A leagues, declaring that in the last season only five of eighty players sold commanded greater returns than could have been realized through the draft.

TRIED TO GET TIMES TO BACK UP HER ALIBI

Many are the ways in which youth will attempt to evade the responsibility of school attendance, but it is not very often that an alibi for absence from a session will be attempted in such a cunning manner as that resorted to by a dusky little maiden of some twelve years yesterday.

The little girl came to the office of the Evening Times about noon with a slip of paper on which was written: "Miss (name and address) fell off the roof of a three story house. She hurt her head very much. She was rushed at once to the Hospital. The many friends will sympathize with family."

The Times staff was unable to verify the fact that any little girl had arrived at the hospital with her head hurt very much, nor could any of the doctors in the vicinity of her home recall having attended anyone for such injuries.

Yesterday afternoon it developed that the little girl referred to in the news paragraph had not been at school in the morning, and a description of her features tallied almost exactly with those of the youngster who had brought the startling news to the Times.

This morning she was back at her desk and informed the teacher that she had three stitches taken in her wounded head; the teacher, however, was unable to find any trace of the doctor's attentions.

DECIDES PERCY W. HAND GUILTY

Magistrate's Judgment in the Matter of Sale of Liquor to Pope D. McKinnon.

The case against Percy W. Hand, as assistant manager of the Canadian Distributing Company, charged with selling liquor illegally to Pope D. McKinnon, was finished in the police court this afternoon. Magistrate Ritchie gave judgment as follows:

This is a case against Percy Hand, charged with the contravention of sections of the Prohibition Act of 1916, to wit: That he did unlawfully sell liquor in the City of St. John.

Since adjournment I have carefully gone over the testimony of the several witnesses who were sworn on behalf of the prosecution, and I have referred to the provisions contained in the aforementioned act bearing on the matter, and I have no doubt whatever but that the prosecution has made out a prima facie case, such being my opinion regarding the evidence adduced on the part of the prosecution touching the contravention of the act.

How has the defendant met it? The only witness called on the part of the defence is Pope D. McKinnon. I have seen the witness, have heard the testimony, and since the adjournment I have had the testimony read over to me by the clerk, and I do not believe that the case for the prosecution has been answered.

It is well to remember that the law under consideration is Cap. 20, 6th Geo. V., 1916, and is entitled "An Act for the Suppression of Traffic in Intoxicating Liquor."

It is admitted that many of the provisions of the act are said to be drastic; but the laudable object sought to be attained by the legislation may have called for—may indeed justify—the far-reaching phraseology of the enactment.

Amid such legislation as an act under consideration, I have for years been impressed with the remarks of Sir Jas. A. Stewart, in delivering a judgment some thirty-five years ago in the Queen's Bench Division, Mr. Justice Stewart said:

Our answer to the question put to us turns upon this, whether the words of the section under which the conviction took place, taken in connection with the general scheme of the act, should be read as constituting an offence only where the licensed person knows, or has the means of knowing that the person served with intoxicating liquor is drunk, or whether the offence is complete where no such knowledge is shown.

I am of opinion that the words of the section amount to an absolute prohibition of the sale of a drunken person, and that the existence of a bona fide mistake as to the condition of the person served is not an answer to the charge, but is a matter only for mitigation of the penalties that may be imposed. I am led to this conclusion both by the general scope of the act, which is for the suppression of drinking, and by a comparison of the various sections under the head "Offences Against Public Order."

Here, as I have already pointed out, the object of this part of the act is to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor to a drunken person, and it is perfectly natural to carry that out. Throwing on the publican the responsibility of determining whether the person supplied comes within that category, the head-note is, "A publican sold intoxicating liquor to a drunken person, who had given no indication of intoxication and without being aware that the person so served was drunk." Held—That the prohibition was absolute and that knowledge of the condition of the person served with liquor was not necessary to constitute the offence.

Mens rea did not apply in the English case, neither does it apply in the case of accused. I find Percy Hand guilty under the evidence adduced and the law cited.

He is adjudged guilty, and for his said offence I order and adjudge that he pay the sum of \$200, to be paid and applied according to law, and in default of payment forthwith that he be imprisoned in the common goal of the City and County of St. John for the space of six months.

ALL ENJOYED IT

Peerless Lodge Host at Pleasant Social Evening.

A pleasant and social evening was spent last night when Peerless Lodge No. 19 was at home to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the city in their lodge room in Simons street, which was crowded to capacity. J. Gorrie, N. G. of Peerless, presided. The programme consisted of musical selections on mandolin by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sibson and son, solo, J. McEachern, reading, Miss Vera Roberts, solo, Miss J. Magee; Eccentric dancing, Miss Angeline Gregory. Speeches were made by A. E. Jenner, District Deputy, Messrs. Poole, M. D. Brown, J. H. Robinson and F. Brydon. The McEachern quartette sang. There were instrumental selections on piano and cornet by Mr. and Mrs. R. Green and Jack Simpson gave Scotch readings and songs. Clarence Cain and Clifford Jamieson, mandolin and piano selections and W. McEachern a solo. The accompanists were Miss J. Magee and F. W. Stanton. Refreshments were served and Messrs. Sibson, Cain and Jamieson furnished music for dancing. It was a very happy time.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS

Several C. P. R. officials held a conference today with General Superintendent J. M. Woodman. Among those present were J. H. Boyle, superintendent at Brunswick Junction; and J. R. Gilliland, superintendent at Woodstock.

William Webber, general agent for the C. P. R. Ltd. at Atlantic ports, returned to the city this morning from Montreal. J. McMillan of Montreal, manager of the C. P. R. there, left for this system in the city on an inspection trip. He is accompanied by J. B. Mitchell, traffic superintendent of the eastern line.

W. H. McLeod of the general agent's staff in Montreal, is in the city. Yesterday he assisted the local staff in the handling of passengers leaving on the Empress of France.

E. C. Byrnes, late of the staff of the C. P. O. S., left yesterday on the Empress of France for Ireland, where he will spend the winter visiting his mother.

FOR THE SEASON. The secretary of the Navy League has received from Fort Cumberland Chapter, I. O. O. F., Moncton, \$25, and from The Sir Howard Douglas Chapter, I. O. O. F., Fredericton, \$10, for the season's Christmas treat.

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