

EFFORT IS MADE TO TRACE THEFT

Interest at Police Investigation Centres Around Taking of Cigars.

OFFICER'S EVIDENCE

Tried to Reason With Crowd, But Was Struck Over Head.

Efforts to connect certain cigar thefts with police officers were made by a committee yesterday afternoon at the police investigation centre. Several efforts were made to prove that policemen who had been seen early on the scene at Bonanza and Queen had accepted cigars from the rioters.

Members of the force were called to the stand and all seemed to show a disposition to lay their inaction during the outbreak to the danger of bloodshed and the lack of orders. According to the evidence submitted, it was up to Inspector Mulhall to issue orders and to lead the men.

When the noon adjournment was taken, six police witnesses remained to be called. Police Officer John May (717) told R. S. Robertson for the police that on the night he followed a number of motor cars passing west on Queen street that contained soldiers and civilians. "I saw some women, but all in the cars, during the disturbance at Bonanza Cafe," he said. "I was the only policeman, four or five hundred people were in the crowd, and it was hardly safe to go inside."

He told Col. Denison that he did not see the cash register rifled. The witness' testimony began while he was at a distance. He asked the crowd to move on, but was disregarded. In answer to a question from Col. Denison, he stated that he did not see Inspector Mulhall at all.

Handed Out Cigars. Mr. Miller, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, was recalled to the stand, and when telling of what he saw at the corner of Queen and Bonanza, said: "I saw a man go up to a policeman and say, 'You seem to be a good fellow, and with that hand several cigars.'"

Col. Denison: "I don't see what reason this man would have for inventing such a story. It is more or less likely that some officer has accepted cigars and then then perjured himself while on the stand."

"This must be an isolated case," remarked the mayor. "I am sure that the police force is free from that sort of thing."

Mr. Robertson: "I understand, Mr. Miller, that the car you were driving was one of those taken into custody by the police?"

"And that when it was searched some cigars were found in it?"

"Where did they come from?"

"They belonged to a soldier who was driving around with me in my car. I got them, I believe, when several packages were thrown from a cafe."

"Did you accept any cigars?"

"No, I had several given to me by owners of safes whom I requested to close."

Major G. G. Mitchell, general staff officer, was then called.

Mr. Robertson: "Did anyone ask you to take a hand to prevent the riots?"

"No."

Mayor Church: "Were any of your men picketing the streets?"

Mr. Robertson: "I don't know as to the number of men out."

"It is the duty of the provost-marshal to look after these men?"

Col. Denison: "As long as they are on the strength of the G.E.P."

Men to "Stand To." "You were requested to send more men?"

Mr. Robertson: "I telephoned the O.C. of the Canadian Garrison Regiment to have their men 'stand to' in case they were needed."

"Our men say that they did not see any military pickets," remarked the mayor.

"How many men were stationed at the exhibition about this time?"

Mr. Robertson: "The unit varies. I would judge there would be about two or three hundred men."

Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have control of the streets as far as the police were concerned.

Mr. Robertson: "You are quite clear that you did not take charge of the soldiers on the street?"

Major Mitchell stated that he had tried to reason with the crowd on

Clip the Dollar's Wings

Is your money flighty? Does it leap out of your pocket and get away? If so, you had better clip its wings. It may be that other money comes flying along to take its place just now, for there is money in the air. But these good times will not always be.

The Canadian wage-earner, and the man with things to sell, is getting money in sums he never dreamed of. He is a fool, then, if he thinks this sort of thing will last forever. He has sense and patriotism, he will cling to some of it now. That is the only way to make his own and Canada's future secure. Money now is light and liable to be blown away. Hold it down by putting one dollar on top of another. That is thrift.

Yonge street and that he had been struck over the head.

"Is it right that Lieut. Miller had charge of the men on the street that arrived from the Exhibition?"

Mr. Robertson: "I believe so."

Did Not Warrant It. Mr. Robertson: "Why did you not suggest that the military authorities take their men into custody?"

"I did not believe that the situation warranted it."

Mr. Robertson: "Were you of the opinion that more harm than good would have been done had you ordered the soldiers to arrest the soldier rioters?"

"There might have been bloodshed."

"Who gave the men orders to disperse early Saturday morning?"

Mr. Robertson: "After being assured by the police headquarters that the disturbance was over, with my concurrence the men returned to barracks," said Major Mitchell.

"Did you give orders for demobilization?"

"I would not say that," he replied.

"Before the military would take drastic steps it would be necessary to read the Riot Act, I take it," stated Major Mitchell, in answer to a question as to whether the military did not act as they should.

Judge Winchester: "Were you personally asked to command the troops on the streets?"

Mr. Robertson: "The deputy chief states that he was talking to you over the phone regarding the situation. Is this right?"

"If the deputy chief states that is the case, it must be. I understand that Major Osler was handling the situation without much trouble."

No Trouble Brewing. Mr. Robertson: "Did you hear of any discontent or dissatisfaction among the men that might have led up to the outbreak?"

"None whatever."

Were you asked to keep the police in order?"

Mr. Robertson: "I don't know. The G. W. V. A. certainly not," replied Major Mitchell.

At this point the mayor adjourned the inquiry until today at 11 o'clock. Major Osler, A. P. M., Military District No. 2, will be the first witness this morning.

"Fair play for Toronto," was the motto again adopted by the management committee of the board of education at their meeting at the administration building yesterday afternoon.

When the request from the Ontario Department of Education for two additional inspectors was placed before the committee, Dr. G. J. Steele, chairman of the board, protested against any more appointments of public school inspectors in Toronto until the situation in respect to the basis of government grants was cleared up.

Dr. Steele said that it was unfair for the government to pay the whole of the salary of the Toronto separate school inspector and only grant \$5 for each teacher in the public school districts, an amount totalling less than half the inspectors' salaries.

In consequence of this protest the committee decided to hold over the appointment of the two additional inspectors until an application to the government for a satisfactory financial arrangement.

Y.M.C.A. OFFICERS FOR THE FORCE TO SIBERIA

Captain E. N. Smith, Hamilton, and Captain J. W. Graves have been appointed Y.M.C.A. officers for the Canadian Siberian Expedition, according to an announcement made by the national council at Toronto.

Other appointments are pending, and the staff will be under Captain Smith. This officer is well known in Hamilton and in the surrounding districts, having been a member of the "Tiger" football team in that city. While in France Captain Smith acted as Y.M.C.A. secretary for all the corps sports, and in co-operation with the military authorities he organized what was probably the greatest athletic meet ever known.

This gathering was held in France on Dominion Day, and was attended by over 75,000 Canadian troops. The entire athletic equipment used at the meet was supplied by the Canadian Y.M.C.A.

Capt. "Joe" Graves entered the Y.M.C.A. work in France from the ranks. He is one of the "Originals" having enlisted in 1914 from Saskatchewan, and joining the 6th Field Ambulance. He was wounded at Loos in 1915, and after his convalescence was put in charge of detail work in the Y.M.C.A. His duties with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in Siberia will be those of business manager.

FILLING STOCKINGS. Sherbourne House Chapter, I. O. D. E. is filling 100 Christmas stockings for the Red Cross.

WILL MAKE APPEAL TO RAILWAY BOARD

Say Street Car Service Getting Worse Instead of Better.

BAR CONDUCTOIRETTES

Their Employment on Civic Lines Not Approved by Controllers.

Claiming that the Toronto Railway Company's service is being starved and that 400 of its cars should be on the streets instead of in the barns, the board of control yesterday issued instructions to the city solicitor's department to make summary application to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to force the company to operate the cars alleged to be standing idle.

The matter came up when Controller McBride proposed engaging women conductors for the civic car lines. He wanted the works commissioner to report on the advisability of employing them. "It is unfair," he said, "to ask the Toronto Railway Company to employ female labor before we have tried it out."

But the city's policy is to employ only returned men on the civic railways," said Controller Robbins.

Controller McBride: "Well, then, I'll move we ask the Toronto Railway Company to put on women to operate their cars."

But Controller Robbins would not agree to this either, because conditions would be intolerable for them. The mayor also did not favor the idea. "Not only are there not enough employees," he said, "but there is also a shortage of cars. Mr. Fleming is not going to the car yards to get help. I fear a breach of the peace because of the overcrowding. According to Mr. Fairly's figures 3287 people were carried on the Broadview cars the other night between 5 and 5:30, and there was seating capacity for only 1868."

Controller McBride withdrew his motion regarding female conductors, and an appeal for an improved service to the railway board will be made.

Increased Pay for Police. To date the salary scale for the police from October 1 would cost \$20,000. F. Bradshaw, finance commissioner, reported to the board. The increase would be \$2000 for each man, he was concerned, said Controller McBride, providing the police did not join a union.

The board approved increases of salaries to the amount of \$200 each to Assistant City Clerks Sanderson, Somers and Smart, and Secretary McQueen of the board of control.

The following recommendations for increases from the city architect were laid over: W. P. Holden, draftsman, who has returned from the front from \$515 to \$538; W. Bisset, elevator inspector, from \$1,368 to \$1,513; Miss Pearl Tice, to take the place of stenographer who resigned, at \$240; S. L. Edwards, secretary, from \$394 to \$1,200; V. E. Byfield, junior filing clerk, from \$656 to \$800; W. P. Tice, draftsman student, from \$458 to \$480; S. Gillies, assistant chief draftsman, to be promoted to chief clerk, salary to be increased from \$1,548 to \$1,550; N. Smith, concrete inspector, to be promoted to first-class clerk, salary from \$1,134 to \$1,300; J. H. Self, concrete inspector, promoter, to first-class clerk, salary to be increased from \$1,094 to \$1,300; G. F. W. Price, assistant architect, from \$2,776 to \$3,025; J. J. Woolnough, chief draftsman, at \$2,254 to \$2,604; F. H. Bykes, chief plan examiner, from \$1,935 to \$2,135.

Think Military Should Pay. Fire Chief Smith was instructed to interview the military authorities with a view to having them, and not the city, pay for the fire protection at the Exhibition grounds. There are no appropriations in the estimates for the purpose.

The cost to the city of the royal commission was, according to a report from the finance commissioner, \$85,000.

Mr. Bradshaw, in another report to the controllers, urged that efforts be made to have the Local Improvement Act amended so that it would be possible to assess properties owned by the provincial and Dominion governments, universities and other institutions and hospitals for local improvement rates. The civic legislation committee will consider it.

The Belgian Relief Fund, asked the board for \$5000, and the request was sent to the finance commissioner for a report.

Ald. Risk and Beamish asked the controllers to stop the erection of a garage on Lancaster avenue, but were informed the city had not the power to do this. However, negotiations looking to a settlement will be instituted.

The adoption of the two-platoon system on the fire brigade will be reported upon by the chief.

Horseflesh will be fed to the animals at the zoo in future. The Wm. Harris Co. have agreed to supply it for 4 cents a pound, guaranteed free from disease. The lowest price at which beef can be bought is 8 1/2 cents, liver 10 cents and scrap 5 cents.

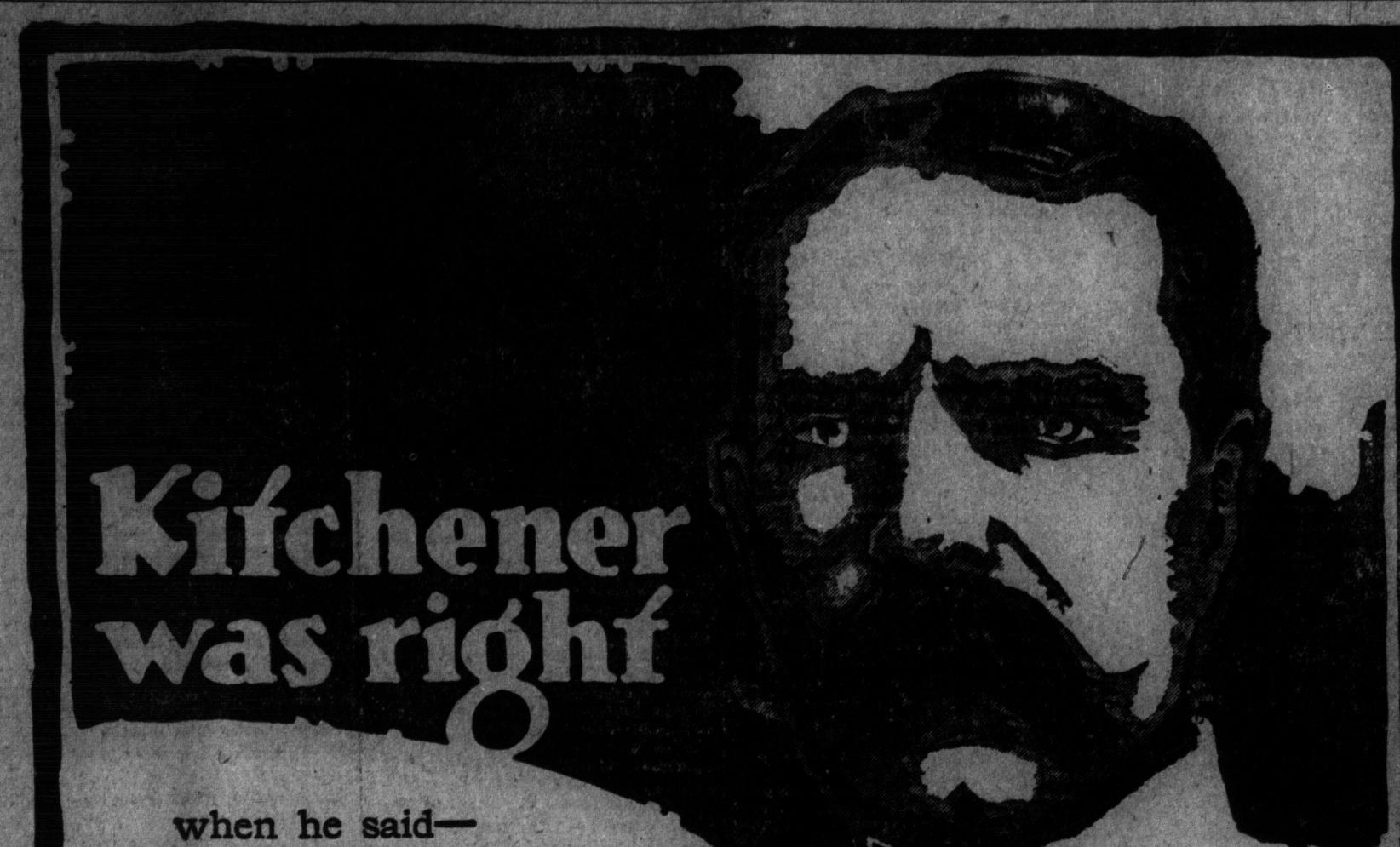
A permit has been granted to the Galena Signal Oil Company for a two-storey brick oil filling station, north side of Royce avenue, near Campbell avenue.

\$3000. C. Gardner and Company will build a one-storey brick factory on the west side of Van Horne street, near Dufferin, to cost \$12,000.

Up to date 8000 applications from people who claim to have no coal whatever have been received at the office of the fuel controller at the city hall. These will be sent to the various coal dealers throughout the city, and if the coal is available, it will be sent out in one-on lots. No further applications for relief will be received for the present.

NO CASES HERE. Tho the disease known as Spanish influenza is very prevalent in Niagara Camp, no cases in Toronto have yet been reported to the M.O.H.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY. For some months the United States currency has been very scarce and in great demand in Toronto. Parties having American money can get a premium by taking it to Messrs. A. F. Webster & Son, 53 Yonge street.



Kitchener was right

when he said—

"Either the civilian population must go short of many things to which it is accustomed in times of peace or our armies must go short of munitions and other things indispensable to them."

NOW, the only way we can possibly live up to that obligation is by going without in order that our soldiers may have. For the money we waste is not money at all—it is equipment, clothing, shot and shell that are urgently needed in France.

By denying ourselves, therefore, we enable Canada to procure to the fullest extent the materials and labor which she and our Allies need for the successful prosecution of the war.

What happens when we fail to save? A pull on labor by the Government in one direction and a pull on labor by the people

in the opposite direction. Hundreds of millions of dollars are of no use to the country if goods and services can be secured only to the extent of eighty millions of dollars. So we must do everything in our power to release both goods and labor for the purposes for which Canada needs them.

WHETHER it be food, coal, wool, steel, leather, labor or transportation, the result in all cases is the same. Whoever competes with the nation by freely satisfying his own desires, selfishly appropriates to his own use that which is so urgently required for our fighting men in France.

For the sake of your country and the boys "over there," spend cautiously. Think of what Lord Kitchener has said, and ask yourself first, "Is this something I really need or can I do without it?"

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NOT MANY TRACTORS USELESS IN ONTARIO

Minister of Agriculture Replies to Statement That They Were Held Up for Repairs.

"The lack of first-class men for the job and also the lack of proper parts for repairs is undoubtedly one of the problems that the government is up against in the matter of supplying tractors for mechanical farming," said Hon. Geo. S. Henry, minister of agriculture, yesterday afternoon, replying to a query from a reporter.

But it is not so much a matter of getting help as it is one of getting proper parts of tractors for repair work that hinders our operations," continued the minister of agriculture.

"Most of the machine parts can be found only in the United States. The trouble is that we have had to have recourse to so many types of machinery, some of which have not come up to scratch. The general shortage of labor is, of course, a contributing factor to any fault which may be noted in the system to date. However, I would not say by any means that it is true that tractors can be found beside farm fences in great numbers unused indefinitely for lack of repair."

A speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of Parkdale G.W.V.A. stated that government tractors had failed to meet requirements and that tractors were lying unused beside fences in the country for lack of repairs.

DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS.

St. Glenholme Falconbridge presided at a meeting of the executive of the Secours National held at the King street headquarters yesterday morning. The question of the evening present need for funds for the many calls among the hospitals and for the refugees in France was under discussion and arrangements were furthered for the tea dance to be held next week to augment the funds of the organization.

FOR CHRISTIAN REUNION. The house of bishops of the Church of England in Canada has appointed a committee to enter into communication with representative men from among other religious bodies on the subjects dealt with in the interim reports of the sub-committee appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's committee and by representatives of the English Free Church commissions in connection with proposed world conference on faith and order.

CONVICTED FOR THE CITY. Daniel Chisholm, property commissioner, was yesterday convicted but not fined by Magistrate Kingsford for having insufficient fire protection at the city hall, according to law. The commissioner thanked the magistrate and stated that he was thankful that it would not be necessary for him to spend any length of time below.

WILLS PROBATED

John Jones, formerly street commissioner, who died on Aug. 25, left an estate of \$9400, consisting of \$4900 in Anglo-French war bonds, two \$1000 lots in Bradford and other property. He left his lodge regalia, jewels and medals to a son John, a set of silverware and a marble clock to David, another son; a gold watch and chain to Harry, and oil paintings of his wife and himself to his youngest son Arthur. The residue of the estate is to be equally divided between Mrs. John Oliver, Mrs. Bertha Pearson, Mrs. Collina Oldham, John Jones of Toronto and David Arthur and Harry in France. John C. Pearson, a son-in-law, is to have an option on the \$3000 Carthew property.

Henry O'Hara, broker, who died on Aug. 15, left an estate valued at \$10,000. He bequeathed his personal and household goods to his wife, who has since died; \$1000 each to his children, Mrs. Edith Cope, Lillian E. Marion L. William J. and Seymour B. \$500 to his grandchildren, Kathleen and Helen, and \$500 to his niece, Lillian O'Hara, of San Francisco, also \$500 each to his grandchildren, Laurence and Elsie O'Hara and Margaret, John and Douglas Cope.

Pte. Harry Wilson, who was killed in France, left his \$2000 estate to his widow, Ida M. S. Wilson, of 177 College street.

Mrs. Sarah Cooper, a widow, who died on Aug. 13, left her household effects to her daughter, Ethel Mary, who is to receive the property on

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS CONVENTION

Mrs. Willoughby Cunningham was attending the triennial convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the missionary society of the Church of England in Canada, in her report of the committee of policy, recommended that a new office be created to be known as girls' and candidates secretary, and located in western Canada.

Total funds raised for the year amounted to \$107,739. Of the contributors to this fund Toronto diocese was heaviest with \$22,238; Niagara third with \$6,998.

Expenditures for the year amounted to \$94,000, leaving a cash balance in the bank of \$13,739. Besides the cash balance there are investments valued at \$15,008, making total assets \$28,747.

SIX GIVEN DEGREES. Lady Alexandra Lodge Meets in Senes of England Hall.

Lady Alexandra Lodge of the Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F., held its regular meeting in the Senes of England Hall last night. Sister E. Armstrong presided, and one candidate was initiated while six other members received degrees. The meeting was addressed by District F.F.G.M. T. Hastings on the advisability of introducing juvenile lodges in the organization.

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