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Three Men are Charged With Robbing Station

WAS ONCE MORE ADJOURNED THIS MORNING TO ALLOW WITNESSES TO BE PRODUCED

The three men, Rinder, McGlade and Dunnevan, who are accused of holding up and robbing Tony Concordia at a pumping house on Carleton street on the night of December 5th, appeared in court this morning on adjournment, and were again remanded for a second morning on request of Terence McCarron, counsel for Rinder, Crown Attorney Brennan appeared for the Crown and E. H. Lancaster for Dunnevan. McGlade had no lawyer.

Tony Concordia stated that on the 5th of December, in the evening, he was working at McLaughlin's pump house on Carleton street, when three men appeared. One was Rinder, he claimed, presented a revolver and invited him to "rough up his money."

McGlade searched his pockets and got \$55. The third man stood off on the road and he could not identify him as the third prisoner, Dunnevan.

Terence McCarron acting for Rinder, asked the magistrate for an adjournment, as he had witnesses from Stamford who would testify that Rinder had never been in St. Catharines before December 15th.

A remand until Wednesday was granted.

DRURY MAY GO WEST

Saskatchewan Grain Growers Want Him For Annual Convention.

SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 28.—With the approach of the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, the first since the organized farmers of the West decided to enter the political field, interest is centering in the program which the 3,000 delegates will consider. While it has not been fully completed, one outside speaker, at least, has been decided on in the person of the Hon. F. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario. The dates for the annual convention are February 10-13.

On January 6 the Canadian Council of Agriculture will meet in Winnipeg as an inter-Provincial conference of the farmers of Canada, at which the relationship of the various farmers' organizations in the different Provinces in connection with political activity will be considered.

The annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held at Calgary, January 20 to 23, and the Manitoba Grain Growers will meet at Brandon about the same time.

HALIFAX AFTER THE 1924 OLYMPIAD

Will Hold International Exposition to Bring Back Old Nova Scotians

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 29.—The bid made by Halifax for the Olympic games in 1924 follows the decision reached at a great Provincial convention in this city early in the month at which it was decided to hold an international exposition here four years hence as the central feature of a world wide repatriation movement, calculated to bring about the return to their former homes of thousands of Nova Scotians domiciled elsewhere.

RUSSELL GETS TWO YEARS

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 29.—R. B. Russell, strike leader, was sentenced to two years on each of the six sedition conspiracy counts and one year on the count of committing common nuisance, the sentences to run concurrently, making two years in all.

French business firms have opened branches in Prague, Budapest and Bucharest.

TO THE ELECTORS

After having served seven years on the Public School Board and two years on the Collegiate Institute Board, I have been nominated for the Board of Education. Should you desire a continuance of my services, the same are at your disposal

Your's

A. H. TRAPNELL,

25 Queen Street

FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN TORONTO

Friends in St. Catharines will regret to hear of the death of the late William Charles Macdonald at his home, 399 Dundas street west, Toronto, on Saturday, following an illness which had kept him confined to his home for two months. Born in Thorold on February 14, 1854, the late Mr. Macdonald was a son of the late John Macdonald, tailor, of Thorold and St. Catharines, and Isabella Macleod Macdonald.

Deceased was educated in the public schools of St. Catharines and later entered the tailoring establishment of the late William Boies, St. Paul street, where he learned his trade. Thirty years ago he removed to Toronto, where he established a merchant tailoring business, which he successfully conducted until his last illness.

He was prominent in fraternal circles, being Past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Chief Veteran of the Ontario Veteran Odd-fellows' Association, and a member of the A. F. and A. M.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Macdonald, two sons, John A. of Winnipeg, and Gordon M., of Toronto, and one daughter, Flora Macdonald, at home. One brother, John A. Macdonald of Toronto, and one sister, Mrs. Helen Donaldson of Turner Street Merrittton, also survive.

The funeral is being held in Toronto this afternoon, interment being at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

CLAIMS IRELAND MOST PROSPEROUS NATION IN WORLD AT THIS TIME

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—S. S. McClure, the publisher, arrived on the Mauretania here after having travelled through seventeen countries, studying industrial conditions. He said that Ireland is the most prosperous country abroad today. That he had investigated the financial status of Irish farmers and finds they have more than \$5,000,000 in banks, and Ireland really is overflowing with prosperity. He would not comment on the internal strike in Ireland.

In 1918 Great Britain imported 5,000,000 head of cattle from the United States and Argentina," said McClure, "and half of that went to Ireland. The prosperity of Ireland is phenomenal."

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—A depression is situated near Lake Superior and there are indications that a cold wave will now be experienced in the western provinces. Fair weather prevails generally with zero temperature from east Ontario to northern New Brunswick.

FORECASTS—Fresh to strong south to south west winds, mostly fair and moderately cold, a few light snowfalls tonight. Tuesday—Comparatively mild at first with some light snow, colder by night.

WELLAND IS PRESENTED WITH FINE CITY CLOCK

WELLAND, Dec. 29.—The Standard Electric Time Company has received the award for the contract of an electric City Hall clock to be placed on the new fire hall now in the course of erection here.

The clock was presented to the city of Welland by J. F. Gross. It was the intention to put the fire hall in the tower of the new fire hall, but now it is doubtful whether the tower will be changed for that purpose, and it is said that the City Hall would be more convenient.

The dials will be six feet in diameter and will strike the hour and half hour. This present to the city will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

WHAT CORNELIA SEES

That to outline the armholes in fur is fashion's latest way to use up peltry.

That New York says jade and amber are now the smartest thing in beads.

That Mary Miles Minter is the exponent of "Anne of Green Gables" in the screen version which was seen in New York this week.

That Lew Fields is preparing a revue to be called "Wild Women of 1920," and he plans to renew it each year.

That black velvet trimmed with fur has this winter only one rival and that is brown velvet trimmed with fur.

That Isadora Duncan announces she is considering moving her studio from France to Russia, as she hears the Bolsheviks are dealing kindly with artists.

Pyburn's Case to Militia Minister

SOLDIER ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTED SHOP BREAKING WAS GIVEN ANOTHER REMAND

When Daniel Pyburn, the soldier who lost a leg in battle and is charged with trying to break into Bradley's grocery, appeared in police court again today on remand, Magistrate Campbell questioned him as to when he enlisted, what date he was wounded, his regimental number, etc., and then remanded him to jail for another week until he could bring his case to the attention of the Minister of Militia.

Pyburn said he was twenty-two years old and was born in England, but came to Canada when a baby. He said he had a wife, but didn't say where.

SUITS CASE BAR—A LA CARTE—TOO POPULAR!

Chicago, Dec. 29.—James Leesch has discovered that there is such a thing as being too popular. It was all right as long as he was the most popular waiter with passengers on the Seminoles limited of the Illinois Central Railroad, but when the word of his popularity spread to the Chicago revenue office it went a little too far.

There was good cause for James being popular in the dining car of the fast Florida train. Passengers in a hurry to get to Cuba learned that by going into the dining car, sitting at the second table on the right hand side and winking they could enter into negotiations with James that would bring forth cups containing the stuff that is destined to make Havana famous.

Those who received the benefit of James' hospitality passed the good word along until in time it came to the ear of John McFarland of the other day when James alighted, suitcase in hand. At the revenue office they opened the suitcase. It must have turned out to be a portable bar for James is held in bonds of \$1500 for violation of the war time prohibition act.

WINE WOMEN AND WALTZES NET FORCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Wine, women and waltz tunes that used to make up the popular New Year's eve celebrations were blamed for the wreck of the Reynolds matrimonial bark in the divorce court today. Mrs. Reynolds was granted a decree after she told her story to Judge Sullivan.

In the good old days of almost a year ago, Mrs. Reynolds said, she went with her husband to see the New Year come in at a cafe. There was no overbearing waltz, but she was not so overcome but what, when looking back at the table where she left her husband, she saw him with his arms about two women. She looked again, after a few bars more of dreamy dance melody and saw him drinking out of the same glass with one of the women. Later he went out with them, she said.

The judge asked her if her husband ever was cruel.

She said he was—the next day when she rebuked him for his actions he struck her. Then he commanded her to tell her mother that the bruise was where a spider bit her. They parted February 17.

This coming New Year's eve is expected to be different.

HOW C. P. R. ENGINEER WON VICTORIA CROSS

It fell to the lot of a C.P.R. engineer Pte. John Peter Robertson to win the much coveted Victoria Cross at Passchendaele. Robertson enlisted at Leithbridge with the 17th and was an engineer on that division. He was better known as "Pete" to his left-bridge friends; He was born in Picton, Nova Scotia, but lived most of his life in Medicine Hat with his mother, Mrs. Alex. Robertson.

Robertson was aged thirty-four, won his distinction in connection with operations at Passchendaele, November 6, 1917. Details came through authoritative channels that during his battalion's attack Robertson's platoon was held up by uncut wire two hundred yards from the final objective. Our guns were still busy cutting a way through the wire when a German machine gun opened fire and inflicted very heavy losses on the Canadians. Robertson, without waiting for orders, rushed towards the German gun, drenching the machine gun's wifery. He was shot in the chest, but he did not stop. He crawled under the wire, got through, and crawled until the end of the

SCIENTISTS INTERESTED IN FORMATION OF ROCK UNCOVERED AT THOROLD

THOROLD, Ont., Dec. 29.—The discovery of the rock formation at Thorold while excavating for the construction of the new Welland Ship canal is causing no limited amount of comment among the scientists of Canada and the United States. It was first thought to have been a second Niagara Falls which was lost ages ago.

Further evidence of the study that a continental glacier once covered the Niagara peninsula—in fact all of Canada—and destroyed the great Niagara range of mountains, discloses that the main ice current moved in a north and south direction. Scratches of a small section of harder limestone about the opposite end of Vine street ran in the same direction as those above the Niagara St. Catharines and Toronto railway bridge. The rock above the so-called cascade is very hard and durable while that below consists of a softer limestone overlying a layer of the cement rock. These rocks weather badly, and the scratches and grooves soon are obliterated. This soft rock wore away rapidly leaving the higher rock projecting above. The ice current striking this harder rock at an angle was deflected to the southwest. This is proved by the scratches on the rounded face of the cascade, steps running crosswise. It was this combined and sideways motion of the ice current which cut the rounded steps and rounded projecting parts underneath.

SWARMING INTO PALESTINE

Hope That Great Britain Will Accept Mandate For That Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A great tide of emigration is sweeping into Palestine, influenced by the conviction that Great Britain will shortly accept a mandate for the Holy Land and that the dream of a national home for the Jews is about to be realized, according to cable news received by the Zionists, which was supposed to be held at Basle in January 18, has been postponed in view of the "assured possibility of immediate negotiation for the mandate over Palestine."

At the same time a London cable message received by the Jewish Morning Journal of this city stated that peace negotiations with Turkey would open shortly after the New Year and that the British delegates would be Premier Lloyd George, Lord Curzon and Arthur J. Balfour, all three of whom have publicly declared their sympathy with the Zionist movement. In view of this possibility, the Greater Actions Committee of the Zionist organization has been summoned to meet as soon as possible in London to cope with what is termed the acute problem of restraining wholesale emigration to Palestine.

In a message sent to Judge Julian W. Mack, president of the American Zionist body, S. Levin, Zionist executive at London, says the situation in South Russia and Constantinople "is so strained that the leaders of the organization have no longer any power to hold back the stream of emigration. Mr. Levin reported that the crowds of fugitives are swarming into Constantinople from the surrounding countries on their way to Palestine and are disregarding all barriers.

Charles Perry is Again Remanded

ARSON CASE WILL BE TRIED ON FRIDAY MORNING NEXT

Charles Perry, the young farmer from near Niagara-on-the-Lake, who is accused of burning the farmhouse and furniture which he had insured, appeared before Judge Campbell in the county court this morning and a further adjournment was taken until Friday at ten o'clock. E. H. Lancaster is acting for Perry.

Perry's bail of \$2,000 was renewed this morning.

SMALLPOX ON WANE

Figures Show Decrease in Number of Cases Reported.

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—"Things look very promising," said Dr. Hastings when consulted regarding smallpox Saturday, "and it is quite possible that the epidemic is on the wane." In view of the fact that only 35 cases had been reported within the last 24 hours, many of which would have been reported earlier had it not been for the holiday, it is apparent that a great improvement has occurred. The average number of cases daily for the last three days is but 18.

COURT MARTIAL WAS NOT FAIR!

Soldier Sentenced to Serve 20 Years in Prison For Treason Released—Not Convicted on Direct Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A review of the court martial case of Pte. Lawrence Perimutter, New York, sentenced by a court in France to twenty years' imprisonment under a charge of giving military information to the enemy, has resulted in a suspension of the unserved part of the sentence.

Secretary Baker said today that the case had been reviewed in the judge advocate general's department on the representation of Congressman Isaac S. Brown, New York. The Governor recommended that the unserved part of the sentence be remitted upon evidence which tended to show that the accused had been the victim of circumstantial evidence in the court martial and it had been apparent that there was a prejudice against the accused at the trial.

The evidence showed that, upon being taken prisoner by the Germans in France, Perimutter spoke to his captor in German and conversed with German soldiers in their native tongue. The direct evidence as the trial was given by an American officer who testified that he overheard a conversation between an American soldier and a German officer in an adjoining room while the officer was a prisoner of the Germans. The officer claimed that he recognized the voice of Perimutter.

WILLIE ALSO APPEALS INCOME ASSESSMENT

THE HAGUE, Dec. 29.—The Adjutant of former Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany has lodged a protest with the Wieringencouncil against its assessment of Frederick William's annual income for income tax levy at 800,000 florins, according to The Handelsblad. The officer declares that Frederick William's income is only 5 per cent. of that amount.

A FILIPINO WONDER AFTER BENNY LEONARD'S CROWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A report from the Philippine Islands says that "Kid" Denicio a native Filipino, will soon come to the United States to try to take Benny Leonard's crown from him. They say he has beaten up everybody he has met except Lew Edwards, the Australian lightweight champion.

The man who brings this news declares that the Filipino holds the bantamweight, featherweight, and lightweight titles in the Orient. That's all right, but does he know anything of the "welterweight" light weights we have here?

Or has he heard of that other foreigner, Jimmy Wilde, who was such a wonder beating all the Britishers he met with ten pounds or more of his weight? Jimmy came over here, signed to fight at the new International Sporting Club in the late winter under a nice contract. But he took himself to the middle west and made such an unfavorable impression in a bout with young Jack Sharkey, who weighed under 116 pounds at 7 o'clock, that he will probably lose his bout at the big New York club. These American boys know how to fight. Look out, Mr. Filipino.

HOW GERMANS MISSED CHAMPAGNE AT RHEIMS

In a Hurry to Attack in 1914, and Pressed For Time on Their Retreat.

RHEIMS, Dec. 29.—Labyrinths with wine cellars beneath the cities of Rheims and Epernay are being rapidly put in order by the big champagne firms of the two cities. These cellars, which would form a subterranean gallery sixty miles in length hold hundreds of millions of bottles of precious vintages, and, notwithstanding the fact that this region was for four years under fire from German or allied guns, they suffered comparatively little damage. Losses incurred by the wine usually, while they will place a heavy burden on firms, will not be recuperated in a short time, according to statements made to the Associated Press correspondent, who is visiting the former battle zone under special permission from the French Government.

Germans Too Confident.

German soldiers took very little wine from the cellars when they swept southward over this district in 1914. Probably their confidence that their advance meant permanent occupation of Champagne saved the cellars from pillage, at that time, and when the reaction came, they were forced to retreat so rapidly they had little opportunity to invade the underground stores of wines. Four years of bombardment destroyed the greater part of the handsome buildings erected by the wine companies, but the most of the damage done to the stocks is attributed to French and allied soldiers. Fighting men made unofficial requisitions termed "ransoms," and these cost the cellars about 325,000 bottles, including many "reserved vintages." Frequently irresponsible soldiers would bore holes in huge casks of unbottled wine, and after filling a bucket, would leave and permit the remainder in the cask to run away and be wasted. It is believed 1,000,000 bottles were lost in this way.

A PRISONER BY AIRPLANE

Man Carried Across Frisco Bay—Sets Police Speculating

The practice of conveying prisoners to jail by airplane was begun in San Francisco recently when Ivan Gates, police aviator of the San Francisco department, flew across the bay to Alameda and returned with James M. Kelley, who had been sentenced to six months in jail. Kelley, who was brought across with his handcuffs on, says he enjoyed the trip across the bay, though it was rather short—less than five minutes. The airplane went up 5,000 feet. Chief of Police White says: "Think what a saving it will be if we can send a plane to Reno or Los Angeles for a man and have him back here in a few hours. Now there must be a long, expensive trip by train, with a stop over night at a hotel."—Indianapolis News.

TRYING TO BEAT KAISER BILL'S TIME

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 29.—Prisoners of the county jail who recently declared a strike, against saving old railroad ties have compromised on condition that the wood which they will cut, will be furnished free to local charitable institutions. Already several leads have been sent from the jail. The men receive extra tobacco as a bonus, and they are now working like trojans to beat old Kaiser Bill's record as a woodcutter.

KNOW WHAT HE COOKED

Soldier Prisoner Does, Not at Once Accept Amnesty.

QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—A soldier from Hamilton, named Piard, imprisoned here on a charge of desertion and entitled to be freed under the amnesty, preferred to stay over Christmas in jail in order to partake of the Christmas dinner which, as a professional cook, he had prepared for his fellow prisoners.

Ft. Erie Track Improvements

NIAGARA RACING ASSOCIATION TO SPEND ABOUT \$10,000 IN REPAIRS.

BRIDGEBURG, Ont., Dec. 29.—With the ban lifted on horse racing it is planned to re-open the Fort Erie race track in the spring along with the Windsor, Woodbine and other Canadian tracks, it was learned today.

The pari-mutual system of betting will be in vogue at the local track, according to the existing legislation. This covers betting by machines and is believed to be the favorite system yet evolved, and at the same time a system that prevents any unlawful operations by unscrupulous "bookies." It is estimated that about ten thousand dollars will have to be spent in repairing the Fort Erie race track, so run down is its condition generally. The splendid track, said to be one of the best in Canada, is partly over-run with weeds, and the barns and other buildings are also badly in need of instant repairs.

It is not anticipated that any further legislation will be brought down by the government to regulate the existing legislation under which the Canadian tracks are allowed to operate, although a full report on racing in general is being prepared now by Dr. J.G. Underford, who was recently named to investigate conditions at Fort Erie and other race tracks. The commission investigated the local track, as it existed before the war, but would not make an announcement as to what recommendations would be embodied in his report to the House of Commons.

It is expected however that the 1920 meets will be held on a planned schedule.

Board Will Make Enquiry Customs Tariff

The following statement was handed out by the Board of Commerce this morning:

A recent announcement by this board of its intention to investigate and discover whether or not the customs tariff was being taken advantage of to unfairly enhance prices of necessities a fluff seems to have been so misunderstood as to cause some wonder, and express their wonder whether this board's investigation of the tariff by a Government appointed tariff commission.

Investigate Any Abuse. This board is not concerned with the excellence or propriety of any form of customs tariff, whether one for protection, for revenue, or other wise. It will take the tariff as it finds it, presuming neither to criticize nor to commend the political wisdom of those who framed it. So taking it, the board will endeavor to discover whether any are abusing it or perverting it to a non intended end—the exaction under its cover of greater profits than without it, if the competing parties were on even terms, the abusing or perverting party would have been enabled to exact. The object of section 24 of the Combines and Fair Prices Act, 1919, is, in the judgment of this board, to provide a machinery whereby the governor in Council may be apprised by and through this board whether "the making or taking of unfair profits on any necessary of life is facilitated by the duties of customs imposed on such necessary of life," whereupon "the governor in Council may direct either that such necessary of life be admitted into Canada free of duty, or that the duty thereon be reduced to such amount or rate as will, in the opinion of the governor in Council, give the public the benefit of reasonable competition."

THEATRE MANAGER AND CRITIC CLASH

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Alphonse Franck, manager of the Gymnaz Theatre, made a personal attack on Ernest Charles, a dramatic critic, Christmas night at the Varietes Theatre. The two men have for some time been bitter enemies and when the theatre manager saw the critic he went up to him and knocked off his hat, saying: "Perhaps you will fight at last." Charles though taken by surprise, made a rush at Franck, but friends intervened.

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Pte. Peter Robertson who won the Victoria Cross

The bullets whistled around him. But as it cruel fate were awaiting until the last possible moment to overtake him, he was killed on the very parapet of the trench, his mission almost accomplished. His splendidly heroic end, like his dashing work done earlier in the day, had a most inspiring effect.

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