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SOUTH AFRICA STANDS FIRMLY IN THE EMPIRE

J. H. Burnham Following Defeat Alleges Scandal in Peterborough Vote

BOY ADMITS FIRING SHOT; HE GETS OFF

"I Had No Expectation of Hitting," pleads Cedric Powell, 17.

GIVEN SEVERE LECTURE "Too Many Youths Here Who Annoy People and Waste Policed Time."

Cedric Powell, seventeen, pleaded guilty in police court this morning before Magistrate Masson to the charge of having on Sunday, Feb. 6, in a manner likely to cause damage to valuable property, fired a catapult.

The prosecution arose out of the incident which took place at Frank street crossing when a small piece of brass came crashing through the window of the caboose of a C.T.R. freight, narrowly missing Conductor P. Doyle's face.

That there were many boys doing such tricks, was the comment of Magistrate Masson. The misdeed might have put out the conductor's eye, he said, or for that matter might have killed him.

The youth said he did not realize the seriousness of the offense. "I had no expectation of hitting it," he declared. He fired it just as he would at a bird, and he had no idea it would go so far.

Shows Attorney Carnow said he was sick and tired of cases of suspended sentences. Boys, many of them as toxy as can be found anywhere were causing great loss of time to police officers and special officers and when caught would come to court and have sentence suspended.

Magistrate Masson stated that he felt the same, but in this case the boy had thoughtlessly hurled the missile.

The costs amounting to about \$14. were paid and the boy was allowed to go with a warning.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier Is Dead In Quebec

QUEBEC, Feb. 9.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, judge of the Quebec court of appeals, died here last night after a brief illness.

He was for many years an outstanding figure in political and legal circles.

He was provincial secretary from 1891 to 1896 in the De Boucherville and Taillon governments and became attorney-general in the Flynn government in 1896. In 1904 he retired from provincial politics. He was elected to the house of commons for Quebec county in 1911 and was post-master-general until 1914, when he was made judge of the court of review in Montreal and later judge of the court of appeals.

Y.M.C.A. Need More So Will Start Drive

A clean-up campaign is shortly to be launched by the Y.M.C.A. to clean the slats for the work ending April 30th of this year. In January, 1920, the objective of a campaign for two years' funds was not realized so that approximately \$4,000 is needed to "carry on" for the year ending April 30th. The drive starts on the evening of Feb. 28th and continues for the next three days.

AT THE ARENA
This afternoon at three o'clock the Barbers and the Druggists staged a city league hockey fixture at the Arena, as playing outdoors is impossible these days.

Large crowds are being attracted to the Tabernacle Methodist Church by Evangelist Millson who is in charge of the revival this week. His appeal is earnest and direct and he carefully avoids side issues. His challenge is to sacrifice and service.

SWORDS ARE NOW WORN FOR PROTECTION

VIENNA, Feb. 9.—Swords now are worn by court officers for protection at the order of the president of the Vienna criminal court because of the many attacks upon judges and witnesses recently in court-rooms.

WATCHES REDS AS A COMRADE

Herbert Booth Reveals the Methods Employed by Him During War

WINS ACTION FOR LIBEL
Fraternalized with Revolutionaries in Guise of Conscientious Objector

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A series of curious revelations showing how the British secret service kept watch over revolutionaries in this country during the war came out today in a libel action brought by Herbert Booth against the printers and proprietors of The Daily Herald.

Mr. Booth was employed as a secret service agent, and used on account of an article comparing his activities with those of Oliver, the notorious agent of provocation in the pay of the British Government during the Napoleonic war.

Known as "Comrade," Mr. Booth, a Quaker's clerk, was assigned to the department with the mysterious title "P.M.S.-2" (Parliamentary Military Secretary, second section), and was sent out to track down reasons why a number of shells from certain factories had defective fuses and consequently backfired, and why certain accidents, such as the Silvertown explosion, occurred.

He conceived the idea of going about the country as a conscientious objector and a representative of feelings and tendencies such as pro-Bolshevik, anti-English and many other things.

Under the name of "Brother Bert" he got into revolutionary clubs and mixed with their members. He went in company with a man named George, who was also employed by the department. It was the plaintiff who gave information about the plot in which the Wheldon family were engaged to poison Lloyd George by means of poison darts, which were to be fired at him while playing golf on Walton Heath.

Known as "Comrade Bert," Booth stated in his evidence that he was known among the revolutionaries as "Comrade Bert of the Revolution." He was warmly welcomed at meetings of the revolutionaries and was given local information whether the people were clever or foolish and the places he should not go to because military or police frequented them. If he should find himself in sore need through the police or military, offers of asylum were made to him in clubs and meeting places. He stood his footing, and stood it well. Admission to revolutionary meetings was jealously guarded, and he got admission by going with someone or by showing a card or by bluffing. At one meeting he had the satisfaction of seeing someone else turned out as "Booth the spy."

He had strict instructions that in no circumstances was he to do anything otherwise than play the game.

Asked in cross-examination whether he sometimes gave revolutionaries a drink, Booth replied: "Bought The Drinks."

"Yes, I posed as a conscientious objector with money, and no sooner did I get into a place where there was a bar than I said, 'Come along, comrades.' If they could stand three or four they had them."

The witness said his cue was to pose as an affable, jolly fellow. Beer was a very good weapon for him.

The jury gave Booth £500 damages. Three of the jurors were women. One during the afternoon session, knitted serenely, but neither counsel nor Judge made any remark.

WOMEN NOT GIVEN VOTE HE ASSERTS

Burnham, Defeated Candidate in Peterboro, Makes Serious Charge.

CANVASSERS BLAMED
Had "Lists" of Women Voters to Show Them Before Election Day.

PETERBORO, Feb. 9.—J. H. Burnham, defeated independent candidate in the West Peterboro election today reported to the chief electoral officer at Ottawa that hundreds of names had been left off the voters' list by apparent design on the part of some of the house to house canvassers.

He declares that some of the canvassers made it a point to find out how women intended to vote and by a production of a typewritten piece of paper bearing their names, assured them they were on the lists.

When the time came for them to vote their names were not on the regular lists.

Mrs. Foster Is Dead at Frankford Home

Had Many Friends and Relatives in Belleville Who Mour Her Demise.

Her many friends in Belleville will learn with regret of the death at noon today of Mrs. Mary Foster, widow of the late Thomas Foster, of Frankford. The late Mrs. Foster who lived all her life in Frankford, was very highly respected and was greatly missed in the community.

Deceased was a daughter of the late D. B. Stevens of Frankford. Since the death of her husband, the late Mrs. Foster had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Latta. She had been ill for some time but only in bed about a month, diabetes being the cause of her death. Deceased was about 76 years of age.

Left to mourn her loss are two daughters and one son, Mrs. (Rev.) Higgs, of Madoo, Mrs. Wm. Latta and Mr. Herb Foster of Frankford, one brother, Mr. D. B. Stevens, of Rossland, B.C. and four sisters, Mrs. Olive Chapman, Frankford, Mrs. Crowe, Stockdale, Mrs. W. S. Maybee, Massasauga and Mrs. Chappell, Centreton.

Mrs. Foster was a faithful attendant at the Methodist Church of which she was for many years a member. The funeral will be on Friday.

SINN FEINERS CAPTURE DUBLIN STATION; HOLD IT FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—One hundred Sinn Feiners gained control of the Great Northern Railway Station in this city last night and held it more than an hour.

A train going from Burtonport to Londonderry was derailed by unknown persons who placed boulders on the track, but there were no casualties.

During the evening armed men entered a jewelry store on Wellington Quay, and carried off goods valued at three thousand pounds.

Form Civil Guard.
London, Feb. 9.—Advices from Cork state that the military today ordered that all males of the towns and villages of Western County Cork between the ages of 17 and 50 must form platoons of 18 members each and organize a civil guard. The guard is to be held responsible for all disturbances and must prevent or give immediate notice of ambushes or intended ambushes in their areas.

In the event of successful attacks against the Crown forces the guards will be held strictly accountable.

Sinn Feiners are reported to have raided a farm house in Duzannon, in County Tyrone. Although the raiders were armed, the farmer's wife routed them, smashing a chair over their heads.

National Debt Over Two Billions

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The January statement of the Finance Department just issued shows that during the ten months closing with the end of January ordinary revenue was \$338,835,567, in comparison with an ordinary revenue of \$238,230,911 during the corresponding period of 1919-20. Ordinary expenditure during the same periods was: 1920-21, \$313,809,273; 1919-20, \$271,352,176. Capital expenditure during the month was \$20,507,950 as compared with \$2,179,734, the capital expenditure for January, 1920. The decrease is, of course, due to reduction in war expenditure. The net national debt now stands at \$2,302,728,021.

FARMER CAUCUS DEBATES O. T. A.

Tolmie Minority Report Has Thrown Wrench into the Machinery.

RANEY WAS THERE
Farmer Members of Dry Districts Will Stand Behind Attorney General.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Supporters of the Drury Govt. today held a caucus at Queen's Park to consider the Tolmie minority report of the Ontario Temperance Act committee, which recommended that defendants in breaches of O.T.A. cases shall have the right to appeal to the County Judge who shall hear evidence for himself.

Hon. W. E. Raney was present at the caucus, vigorously to protest against the suggestion of the County Judge rehearing evidence in these cases. Labor men will nearly all support Major Tolmie's suggestion.

Farmer members protesting "dry" districts are likely to endorse the stand taken by the Attorney General.

Builders See Role.
Hon. Walter Rollo this morning told a deputation from the Ontario Builders Exchange that there would not be any attempt during the present session of the legislature to increase the allowance of 86 2-3 per cent now made to injured workmen under provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Minister of Labor said that was the attitude of the Government on the matter but he could not be responsible for what a private member might suggest.

The deputation asked the Hon. F. C. Biggs to proceed with all construction work possible to assist in tidying over the present depression in the building trade.

Make Change Here In Customs Staff

Mr. D. J. Huestis, customs examiner at Belleville, has been promoted to the position of collector of customs at Picton and reports for duty there tomorrow morning. The vacancy here has been filled by Mr. Frederick B. Liberty, who has been assistant manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Belleville. Mr. Liberty assumed his duties today.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay Talk to the Lions

Belleville Lions' Club adopted their constitution at their weekly luncheon at noon today, about thirty members being present. Mr. A. G. Davie was good fellowship chairman. Rev. D. C. Ramsay delivered the address of the day on "Success." The program also comprised a vocal solo by Mr. F. R. Wotter.

Next week the Lions will have their nomination meeting and a week hence the election of officers according to the constitution.

Special Services In St. Michael's Church

Today being Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent, special services were held in St. Michael's church today. The annual distribution of ashes took place at eight o'clock mass and ashes will be distributed this evening after benediction.

ANY THING TO END CHAOS IN IRELAND

Great Weight of General Opinion in Favor of a Settlement

BISHOPS' FIRM STAND

Carson Has Accepted for Ulster But Sinn Fein Refuses Compromise

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—There is a great weight of general sentiment throughout the country in favor of any settlement which will end the present chaos. Irish Catholic bishops are foremost among those who are encouraging this sentiment.

Between the most moderate and the most extreme Nationalists there is this one point of agreement, that the decision of the Irish people themselves must be supreme. Submission of their attitude to the electors and the endorsement of that attitude by the country's voters is the basis on which Sinn Feiners rest their case. They say that endorsement must stand.

There is a considerable section of the populace, however, who believe the time has arrived for a fresh consultation of the people—that a new opportunity should be given for expression of the popular will. The suggestion is made that a formal referendum should be taken as to whether the people still adhere to the uncompromising Republican policy, or are willing to give the new Home Rule act a trial.

Sir Edward Carson, for Ulster, accepted before he resigned the leadership, but Sinn Fein has refused the Act. In neither case have the people themselves been consulted as to what they think of it.

There is even among Sinn Feiners a number who believe that it would be good tactics to accept the act as far as it goes, secure the election of Sinn Feiners to the Southern parliament and obtain as much control of the Irish government as possible in the same way as they have obtained control of most of the local authorities. They would then use their new position as the basis for a fresh advance.

The argument is heard that de Valera and Arthur Griffith could do more for the cause in executive office than in jail, but that is not the dominant Sinn Fein view—at any rate among the "responsible" leaders of the movement. Hence the suggestion to consult the rank and file.

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MR. STATTEN MAKES CHANGE.
Taylor Statten has been since 1912 Boys' Work Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. On January 10 he was appointed Executive Secretary of the National Boys' Work Board to give full time to the promotion of the work of the Board.

SMUTS GAINS VICTORY, LABOR GETS BAD BLOW IN S. AFRICAN VOTING

Enormous Majorities Piled Up in Durban and Capetown in Favor of Keeping British Connection—Labor Leader is Beaten—Rand Incident a Gain for Smuts.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 9.—Enormous majorities were given the South African party in Durban and Capetown yesterday, while the Labor party suffered a severe reverse in the Rand district.

In Capetown the South African party gained two seats, in Durban three, in the Rand eight, and in East London one.

The victory of the party headed by Premier Smuts is attributed to the fact that the working men voted against the secession issue, raised by General Herzog, and did not pay much attention to the sectional issues raised by Labor leaders.

Col. Crosswell Beaten.
London, Feb. 9.—The issue of adhesion to the British Empire has won in the elections in South Africa, according to reports received in London early this morning.

The results as so far declared point to Premier Jan Smuts winning the contest, which was waged on the direct issue of adhesion to separation from the Empire.

Two of the most prominent Laborites are declared to have been defeated, one of them being the leader of the Laborite wing, Col. Crosswell, leading Laborite candidate, together with another Labor candidate, Kenridge, were the first whose defeat was announced. The elections occurred in 184 constituencies.

BREAD SHOOTS BACK TO 22 CENTS; REBOUND OF 10 CENTS OVER NIGHT

Majority of Local Bakers Understood Today That 20 Cents Was to be Wholesale Price—Smaller Bakers Considered in Price War.

Bread shot up in the air this morning with a suddenness that has left the public almost choking. Yesterday's quivering in the balance was an indication that the bakers realized that cutting was leading nowhere, except to financial loss. Today the staff of life rebounded upwards from 12c to 22c per loaf of three pounds in the case of the majority of the bakers, one of them, however, raising his price only to twenty cents, the figure to which he reduced bread a week ago Monday when others were selling at 24 c. Most of them understood this morning that 20 cents was to be the wholesale price.

Some stunting in prices may still be witnessed, as today's advance of eight and ten cents may be too sharp to be maintained, but any fluctuation is likely to be small.

At one of the bake shops it was stated today that if it were not for the smaller bakers, who would be the main sufferers through slashing, the public would have witnessed "war" to the bitter end, but that for the sake of the others, the cutting was stopped.

Blast of Dynamite Kills Two, Hurts One

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 9.—Two lives were lost here through the premature explosion of a blast of dynamite on provincial highway construction operations now being carried on in the vicinity of Yonges Mills by the firm of Scott & Nicholson, contractors. Both were employees of the contracting firm. Another employee was seriously injured.

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