

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PELLETIER OF MASSACHUSETTS COURTS ON TRIAL FOR EXTORTION

**Alleged to Have Received Money from a Hotel Owner to
Shut Off Indictment That Was to Have Been Returned
Against the Property by the Grand Jury.**

Dartmouth, Dec. 27.—(Twelve) Pelletier, concealing the name of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, of Suffolk County, with the alleged extortion of money in 1918 from Mayor Bertram, partner of a hotel in the West End, was given in the Supreme Court today. The entire first day of the trial of Pelletier, on charges of misconduct in office upon which Attorney General J. Weston Allen seeks his removal, was given up to the Bertram case.

Bertram testified that he paid \$25,000 to Daniel H. Coakley, a Boston attorney, on one occasion to avoid indictment, which, Coakley said, was threatened against him and his sons, and later paid the attorney \$15,000 under similar circumstances. He said Coakley assured him the payment of money was the best way to settle complaints made against him after the District Attorney had examined the hotel register.

Subsequently, he had visited another attorney who directed him to James J. McCarthy, a lawyer, who at that time was investigating Pelletier's office as a member of the Grievance Committee of the Boston Bar Association. He said he told McCarthy the details of both transactions.

Bertram testified that Coakley, in his presence, had telephoned one whom the witness believed to be the District Attorney: "Don't indict him until you hear from me."

FRENCH REJECT U. S. PROPOSAL ON SUB CRAFT

**Gov't Will Not Accept Sug-
gestion to Maintain "Status
Quo" on Submersibles.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—The instructions of the French Government to the submarine question, reached at a meeting of the cabinet today, were received tonight by the French delegation to the Washington conference and, while their nature was not announced, it was said in responsible circles, after M. Sarraute, head of the delegation, Admiral de Bon had conferred with Secretary Hughes at the State Department that France would not accept the United States suggestion for her to maintain the status quo in submersibles.

French spokesmen declined to say whether instructions authorized the delegates to make any compromise on the original French request for a total submarine tonnage of at least 10,000 tons. The French position in this regard, it was added, would be outlined in detail at tomorrow's meeting of the naval committee of the conference.

It is understood, however, that the French position is based in a general way on the non-acceptance of the existing strength as it applies to what is regarded by them as strictly defensive craft. The French naval experts are described as holding that each country is entitled to say for itself how many "defensive craft" are needed, taking into consideration the extent of coast line of both the home and colonial possessions. So far as submarines are concerned, their view appears to parallel that of the Japanese in one respect—that neither cares how many such craft the other has.

"CASCARETS" FOR HEADACHE, COLDS, COSTIVE BOWELS

Get a 10-cent box now.
You men and women who can't get going right—who have headache, constipated bowels, colds, flu, nervousness, indigestion, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach of food, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from liver and carry out of the system all the constipated poison in the bowels. A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your bowels clean, your stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

ONE ARREST
One drunk was arrested by the police last night, and one protectionist was indicted from the elements.

SON DISCOVERS AT FUNERAL THAT DEAD MAN IS NOT HIS FATHER

New York, Dec. 27.—An attendant in a Brooklyn hospital picked up a number-plate that had fallen to the floor, and placed it in the wrong bed. The occupant of the bed died, and James Crowder, a painter, was informed his father had passed away.

Crowder bought floral pieces and a casket and rented a carriage for a funeral. Surely it was a sad Christmas week. His sister was first of them to pass by the bier at the funeral service. She faintly, and a cousin, Crowder discovered the dead man was not his father. A telephone call quickly brought the news that the father was still alive. Today he was recovered and back home with his children.

United States Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, senior counsel for Pelletier, said his client did not question the fact that \$25,000 had been paid to Coakley.

Bank Clerk Testify

McCarthy, who is assisting the Attorney General in the prosecution, then introduced witnesses from the Old Colony Trust Company where Coakley and Pelletier had accounts. Emerson W. Howarth, assistant cashier, testified that Coakley had deposited \$22,500 on November 6, 1918, and had withdrawn \$5,000 the next day and that on November 8, Pelletier had deposited \$5,000 in bills.

On cross-examination Senator Reed brought out that on the day Coakley made his deposits he drew a check for the full amount. No mention was made on its disposition. The witness also said, in response to his questioning, that Pelletier had made other deposits in November, 1918, some in checks and others in currency, including \$9,000 in bills on November 30.

Attorney General Allen said he expected the Bertram charge to occupy the whole of tomorrow's session, and that he would take up on Thursday charges in connection with the Emerson Motors Company.

Crerar Maintains Sphinx Silence On Cabinet Conference

**Consults Drury and Others as
to Best Means of Carrying
On At Ottawa.**

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, back in Toronto from his unsuccessful mission to Ottawa, met Premier Drury, J. J. Morrison and a number of other prominent United Farmers of Ontario leaders at an informal conference in the King Edward Hotel tonight. The head of the Progressive movement in Canada was as uncommunicative to the press tonight as he was when he passed through Toronto a few days ago, on the way to see Premier-elect King to discuss a possible basis for coalition, and a what took place at the gathering can only be broadly surmised.

Now that the fusion plan has been discarded, it is understood that Hon. Mr. Crerar is willing to receive suggestions from Premier Drury and others of his Ontario following as to the best means of carrying on at Ottawa to the effect that the Progressive may receive the maximum amount of concessions from the new government in the matter of the tariff, without undue sacrifice of the new party's independence in supporting government legislation.

Hon. Mr. Crerar left for the west tonight.

Missing North Carolina Girl Found In Hospital

**Her Disappearance from Bal-
timore Y. W. C. A. Home
Caused Something of Sen-
sation.**

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—Miss Lila Dale Russell, twenty-three years old, of Albemarle, N. C., who disappeared from the South Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association was found this afternoon at a local hospital, where she was admitted shortly after her disappearance on Christmas night. The girl's condition is not thought to be serious. Hospital officials were puzzled over the girl's identity until today when she revealed her name.

Shipbuilding On Clyde Takes Slump

**Aggregate Tonnage Launched
This Year 514,000, Against
669,000 Tons in 1920.**

London, Dec. 27.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Clyde shipbuilding returns for this year show that 514 vessels were launched, with an aggregate tonnage of 514,000 tons. This is a big drop from last year's tonnage, 669,000. The tonnage of the Clyde in 1921 was the Windsor Castle, of 19,000 tons.

Annual Xmas Treat For Sailors

**About Four Hundred Seamen
Were Made Happy at Sea-
men's Institute Last Even-
ing.**

Joyousness and the spirit of Christmas prevailed at the annual treat given to the sailors in port last evening at the Seamen's Mission. The affair was given under the auspices of the Seamen's Institute and the N. B. division of the Navy League of Canada, ably assisted by the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Mission. About 400 sailors were present and they were treated to an excellent musical programme, after which refreshments were served and comfort bags distributed by the Ladies' Guild.

BRITAIN READY TO OPEN TRADE WITH RUSSIA

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The report showed the gross receipts from the fair to be \$20,945.01 and the total expenditure \$6,424.36, leaving a balance of \$14,520.65. The meeting voted \$200 to the secretary for his services and he is going to hand that amount over to the fair to be added to their fund. The sum of \$110.57 was also voted to meet unforeseen expenses.

A total sum of \$14,520.65 will be handed over to the Board for distribution among the four orphanages as follows:—British street Orphanage for 45 children, \$3,740.85; Martello Orphanage, which has 68 children, \$5,625.84; Memorial Home for 34 children, \$2,826.45; the Wesleyan Orphanage for 24 children \$1,955.12. This makes a total amount of \$14,520.65, which amount will be deposited in a savings account and paid in five semi-monthly payments, beginning on January 8, interest to be added to the last payment on May 1.

D. G. Lingard, city chamberlain will be asked to audit the report of the finance committee.

Clan Feud Breaks Forth Again In Kentucky Mountains

**Three Men Killed and Two
Wounded in Battle at
Christmas Celebration.**

London, Kentucky, Dec. 27.—Three men were killed instantly and two others were seriously wounded in a pistol battle at Fortersburg Monday night, according to friends of the victims who arrived here tonight from the scene of the shooting.

The dead are Hughie Hammonds, sixty years old; a son, Samuel Hammonds, and George York, both York and his nephew, King York, were wounded in the shooting.

The battle according to witnesses, occurred in the home of Thomas Martin, where a number of men, reputed to be members of the Klan-Philips and the Bangs clans, were holding Christmas celebrations.

A dispute is said to have arisen between members of the Hammonds and York families and one of the Yorks shot, Hughie Hammonds and fatally wounded his son. As Sam Hammonds fell to the floor he drew his pistol, according to witnesses, killing George York and wounding the other two. No arrests have been made.

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Your Old Overcoat is Worth \$5.00 At Gilmour's All This Week

A Week's Event to Serve the Community

No matter what price coat you select—\$25 to \$60, Ready-to-wear—we allow you \$5 for your old coat—bring it with you, no matter how old. There are many men that need them.

The situation is this—charitable institutions have many requests for overcoats. Few to be had. The coldest, longest part of the winter is to come. What greater service can we perform to the community than to make it worth while for men who can afford to buy new coats and give their old ones to those who are in dire need of them. Bring in that old coat—buy a new one—and we'll see that the old one goes where it is needed.

As the originator of this idea says, "The idea is not copyrighted every clothes ought to adopt it at once." We do not hesitate to do so.

PREMIER BRIAND SOOTHES FEARS OF MR. KLOTZ

**No Suggestion That France
Should Surrender Versailles
Guarantees.**

Paris, Dec. 27.—There was no question at the London discussions of France abandoning the guarantees given by the Versailles treaty for the payment of reparations by Germany," Premier Briand declared in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday afternoon, replying to an interpellation by Louis Klotz, the former Minister of Finance.

"Mr. Lloyd George at no moment suggested that in the forthcoming conference France should be asked to make the slightest sacrifice. The intention between France and Great Britain is as complete and as strong as in 1917."

M. Klotz had expressed the fear that the London Conversations had compromised the rights of France, that the result would of necessity further increase the tax burden of the French people, while the Reichstag was decreasing the taxes of the Germans, which were already less than half the tax paid by the French.

"I cannot think of decreasing our taxes," M. Briand said, "but we must avoid further increasing them, and that is one of the things we are going to do at Caen."

The financial situation was the outcome of deplorable economic conditions, according to the Premier, and it was impossible for Europe to re-establish equilibrium under such circumstances.

"We exchanged ideas," he continued, "as to the best plan for consideration of the question, not only with our allies, but with other peoples, including the United States."

Referring to allusions made to the Washington conference, the Premier declared:

"It is a great thing; it is a great guarantee—an event that associates four nations to assure accord in the Pacific and to discuss in common the difficulties that may arise there."

New York Cotton Exchange to Have \$3,000,000 Home

New York, Dec. 27.—Contracts for the erection of the new home of the Cotton Exchange, which will cost approximately \$3,000,000 were signed today. Preliminary plans call for a structure 25 stories in height with the trading rooms located on the 17th floor. The new structure will be erected on the site of the present building and the adjoining lot on Beaver St.

D. Smith extended a hearty vote of thanks to Wm. M. Campbell, chairman of the general committee, for the good work done.

Former Leader Of Canadian Bar Dies in Toronto

**George Tate Blackstock, K. C.
Was Years Ago, Associated
With Many a Cause Celebre**

Toronto, Dec. 27.—George Tate Blackstock, K. C., some years ago one of the foremost members of the Canadian Bar, whose name is associated with many a cause celebre, including the famous Birchall trial of more than a generation ago, died tonight at his home here. He had been in ill health a long time and was unable to go on active practice in recent years.

When at the height of his fame as a lawyer, he was one of the most effective political campaigners in the Conservative cause and his services on the platform were eagerly sought. The late Mr. Blackstock was a son of the late Rev. W. S. B. Blackstock, D. D., and was born in Newcastle, Ont. in 1857.

Mr. Blackstock unsuccessfully contested Lennox for the Ontario Legislature in 1884 and the Federal seat of West Durham in 1887 and again in 1897.

Mr. Blackstock was a member of the Ontario Legislative Council from 1904 to 1917, and was a member of the House of Commons from 1917 to 1921.

He was a member of the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association. He was also a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Law Society of the Province of Ontario.

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Death Blow Given Junkers

Berlin, Dec. 26.—In condemning Traugott Von Jagow to five years imprisonment in a fortress, the German Supreme Court at Leipzig, gave the Junkers a death blow.

The Minister of the Interior of 1920, the minimum sentence for high treason.

The Supreme Court ruled that two of his comrades in the dock, Von Wangenheim and Schiele, were abundantly convicted of high treason by the evidence but, under the amnesty which followed the revolution, could not be sentenced. Von Wangenheim, who got cold feet and abandoned his associates before the collapse of the revolt, nevertheless accepted office, while Schiele remained a Junker busybody without the slightest official responsibilities.

Von Jagow, on the contrary, accepted a portfolio and performed official duties consisting mainly of sending telegrams and hounding the liberal under-secretaries and provincial high officials placed in office under the Republic. Even in his case, the court found mitigating circumstances and pronounced the minimum sentence of five years.

The trial may be regarded as a death blow to what faint chances might remain of the military overthrow of the existing regime and the re-establishment of a monarchy based on bayonets. General Ludendorff, who was the most prominent figure, was mentioned repeatedly as having been initiated enough to have been on hand for the troops at dawn to participate in the sessions of the so-called cabinet but there was no evidence of leadership on his part.

All other indicted Kappists, including Dr. Kapp himself, General Von

Busy Scene In The Police Court

**Chas. Fullerton Charged With
Assault and Theft—Sixty-
Drunks Also Faced the
Magistrate.**

The police magistrate was a busy man yesterday afternoon when the court went into session for the first time since early Saturday morning. Most of the offenders were gathered in by the police on Christmas eve after having celebrated the festive season according to their various methods.

Charles Fullerton was before the court charged by William Mullin with assaulting and beating him on Long wharf bridge and stealing from him the sum of \$42. He was also charged with the theft of two mugs belonging to \$5 from the store of Charles Macgibbon & Son, Dock street. To both these charges Fullerton pleaded not guilty.

The first witness called was Michael O'Connor, who said that he left the Seamen's Mission on Saturday evening about 9 o'clock in company with Mullin. They proceeded toward the North End, stopping at a shoe shop where Mullin bought some mugs. They set out for the steamer Canadian Navigator, which is docked at Long wharf and where Mullin was employed as donkeyman on the vessel. At some time between 9.45 and 10.15 they reached the spot where the alleged assault occurred. The witness said that the accused and two companions had followed Mullin and his self all the way from the Mission. When they arrived at the bridge, Fullerton attacked Mullin with a knife, and getting his hand between his legs, reached into his hip pocket and took something from it, and passed it to one of his comrades. Mullin shouted: "He's robbing me, and, at this juncture, the police arrived on the scene. The defendant's associates ran away and Fullerton was placed under arrest. The witness said that he was not in court yesterday.

Policeman Lewis then gave evidence regarding the arrest and subsequent happenings in regard to the matter. He said that about 10.15 he saw a man running up from the dock toward the North End, and that he followed a man who was being killed down there. The witness and Officer McInnis then ran down to No. 13 where a man was running up from the dock, getting up a man named Mullin, who then laid the assault and robbing charge against Fullerton and, at the time of the arrest, the accused denied the robbery charge and said that the reason for attacking Mullin was that the latter had insulted him. When searched at the police station, the accused had \$3.45 in his pockets but no scarfs. The latter were found when he was in the prison and when asked why he had left them there, Fullerton said that he did not wish to bring trouble on the man from whom he had purchased them on the street. The witness testified that the police then took Mullin to the dock street, in company with O'Connor, and, as the result of information received there laid the second charge against the prisoner.

Policeman McInnis corroborated the evidence of the last witness and the case was postponed until this morning at 10.30.

The case against Ralph Tower and May Ogier, charged with wandering about and not being able to give satisfactory account of themselves, was taken up yesterday. The defendant said that they had been out to a party on Saturday night and on their way home, went into a restaurant where another man. The latter took them and the defendants took him to a room in the Dufferin Hotel and stayed with him for some time. They were on their way home, after wards, when arrested. Policeman Chisholm, who made the arrest, testified that he saw the defendants coming along Charlotte street at 5.30 on Sunday morning. He stopped them near the market and they told him they were on their way home from a party at the night in a pool room restaurant and other places, but did not give a satisfactory account of themselves.

Both men were remanded. No less than sixteen drunks were gathered in over the weekend. Three who were out on deposit, failed to put in an appearance yesterday. The other thirteen were all remanded.

The Christmas long was added to yesterday's proceedings when one man, having been asked the statutory question as to where he obtained the liquor, replied that he had met Santa Claus on the street and had been presented with it.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Henry Ford's attempt to reduce freight rates on coal 20 per cent along the line of his railroad, the Toledo, Toledo & Ironton, was disallowed yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission based its action on the ground that the reduction would constitute discrimination against other mining territory, the coal product of which is sold in Toledo, Detroit and other cities along the Ford railroad.

The Detroit, Toledo & Ironton is financially able to make the reduction, the commission said, but "a proper rate relationship between competitive groups, particularly on such a commodity as coal, is in many respects of greater importance to the shipping public than the measure of the rate itself. We would not be warranted in permitting the establishment of rates which would disrupt the rate relationship fixed by us and which has existed for many years."

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It's flavored with the most luscious sultana raisins and with large broken pieces of rich brown walnut kernels.

It makes a delicious dessert for any table, so rich in food values and so palatable. You can count on it as the best part of your dinner as well as the least expensive.

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