

JAIL AND LASH FOR HIGHWAYMAN

Man Who Held Up John Oliver Pleads Guilty at New Westminster

New Westminster, Dec. 9.—Five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at New Westminster with 24 lashes; 12 on entering and 12 one month before leaving the pen was the sentence imposed upon Paul Reuter by Judge Howay in the county court. Reuter was charged with holding up John Oliver at the point of a revolver on the morning of November 29 and robbing his watch and some jewelry. Reuter pleaded guilty to the charge in the district court and was committed to the county jail.

At the preliminary hearing evidence was given by Mr. Oliver regarding the hold-up. He stated that Reuter was the man who held the gun at Mr. Oliver's head and that he had taken the silver watch and about \$50 in cash, his companion taking the balance. Reuter's companion has not yet been apprehended.

Less than 30 minutes after he was sent up for trial the accused appeared in the county court before Judge Howay and formally pleaded guilty to the charge. He said it was the first time he had ever done such a thing, and the reason he gave was that he was hungry and did not have a cent.

"You are liable to life imprisonment with flogging for this offence," remarked Judge Howay in passing sentence. "I must say that I do not believe your story. I do not believe that in this country, with all the work there is available, a man need quit work on the 15th and be starving on the 29th. Even if you were hungry there are ten thousand opportunities to secure food without committing a crime like this. Everywhere there are humane people ready to give one the necessities of life."

"This is the first time for many years that a crime of this kind has been committed in this country and I suppose that it shall be the last. You had your chance when you were going out with a gun and hold up people. You are making the greatest mistake of your life. We must take care of the people of this country just such as you, and I propose to take care of you in a manner that you will regret and as a warning to others. I sentence you to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary and 24 lashes; 12 on entering the penitentiary and 12 thirty days before you leave."

CHINAMAN'S DEATH

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—A coroner's jury decided that the unknown driver of the auto which struck Chew Jim Ling near the corner of Main and Harris streets, on November 29, was criminally responsible for the fatality in connection with the accident. As no evidence was submitted at the inquest as to the identity of the auto driver a more specific verdict could not be rendered.

In his brief summary of the evidence Coroner Jeffs said that complaints as to the incompetence or indifference of drivers of automobiles were becoming altogether too common. In the case under consideration the evidence presented seemed to indicate a condition even worse than indifference, the driver of the machine being apparently lacking in lowest form of humane feeling, as he had disregarded two warnings as to the injury he had done and had deliberately attempted to run down one of the parties who shouted to him. During the week since the accident the man has remained in hiding, making all these facts together more than ever believed the case was one called for a verdict which would possibly pave the way for action of the company characterizing the driver by the courts did not appear to prevent the continuance of reckless and careless driving by men in charge of autos, and it was time that more drastic action was taken, coupled with parties connected with such a case as had been placed before the jury before.

INDEMNITY PIE CUT AT CHILLIWACK

Mayor Receives \$200 and Each Alderman \$100 for Services During Year

Chilliwack, Dec. 9.—The present city council will sit at only two more regular meetings, and in order to leave a clean slate for the succeeding body several special meetings will be held so that certain pending by-laws can be run through their several readings before the expiration of the year. Nothing further will be done with the new city hall except that the bonds will be advertised at once.

The work crushing plant will not be started, but the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for the straining of the necessary wires, so that the motor will be ready to connect with the motor when it arrives. When once installed it is estimated that the cost of the power required to run the plant will be \$1 per day.

One of the principal features of the last session was the cutting of an indemnity pie, the first performance of its kind witnessed in a Chilliwack council chamber, the by-law providing for an indemnity for the mayor and aldermen having been placed on the books by the present council. The by-law provides that the mayor shall receive \$200 and each of the councillors \$100, for his year's services; but when Alderman Rowat opened his pay envelope he found he had been docked \$16.66. Upon inquiry he was informed that the reduction was made for the reason that he had absented himself from the city for a period of six weeks without having first obtained a formal leave of absence. Mr. Rowat thought of overcoming the dignity of a grown-up alderman to be expected to punch a time clock every time he entered or retired from the council chamber, but that if his fellow councillors considered that they had rendered services to the city to the value of \$16.66 in excess of his own, then he would be willing to accept the reduced pay cheque. The mayor and all the councillors pleaded ignorance of the entire matter and agreed that Mr. Rowat's indemnity should be increased to \$100.

SEEKS TO CHANGE TREATY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The arrest of Juan Sanchez Azcona, a Mexican, said to have incurred the displeasure of President Diaz of Mexico and sought refuge in this country, has caused a charge of having "obtained money through false pretenses," will be made the subject of a light in congress, whereby Washington shall cease to be a policeman for Diaz.

Congressman Wilson of Pennsylvania, who has taken up an investigation of the Azcona case, said to-day that he would seek a change in the treaty between the United States and Mexico.

"I will present Azcona as a personal, living example of the evil system that Mexico is trying to force upon us," said Wilson. "I think there is little chance of getting action from the committee on rules, and I probably will take up the matter on the floor of the House."

STILL BREAK UP BAND OF SMUGGLERS

Shake Up Probable in Bureau of Immigration at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Pending the early return of Daniel J. Keefe, chief immigration commissioner, from Hawaii, rumors of the biggest shake up in the history of the immigration bureau in San Francisco are rife. Those who possess advance information declare that the changes will be startling and will effectually break up the slave smuggling band of Chinese and white men.

It is reported that Commissioner Keefe is investigating charges that Chinese are smuggled into the United States via Honolulu sailing vessels. Occasionally the Pacific Mail liners carry the harbor at Honolulu over night and at these times, it is claimed, Chinese stowaways are landed at Honolulu. That experienced customs officials from the United States have been working for six months eliminating suspected employees from the customs service here, was authoritatively stated to-day. The suspects were during the past few days consulted with leaders of the Insurgents and Regulars and with some of the leading Democrats, and is now ready to make final selections.

It was authoritatively learned yesterday that the full list of men from which the selection is to be made includes Justice Swazey of the New Jersey Supreme court, Judge Lamar, Georgia, United States Judge Russell, Texas; Judges Hook and Vandevanter of the United States circuit court, eighth circuit; United States District Judge Pollock, Kansas; Chief Justice Winslow, of the Wisconsin Supreme court; Senator Sutherland of Utah, and W. D. McHugh of Nebraska. Those closely in touch with the situation assert that the men who are being placed on duty under conditions that would reveal their delinquencies. It is said that this method resulted in the elimination from suspicion of all but two men in the service.

In the meantime government agents have been working to trace the agents of the smugglers in various coast cities to whom were assigned the Oriental, United States Judge Russell, Texas; Judges Hook and Vandevanter of the United States circuit court, eighth circuit; United States District Judge Pollock, Kansas; Chief Justice Winslow, of the Wisconsin Supreme court; Senator Sutherland of Utah, and W. D. McHugh of Nebraska. Those closely in touch with the situation assert that the men who are being placed on duty under conditions that would reveal their delinquencies. It is said that this method resulted in the elimination from suspicion of all but two men in the service.

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While the Insurgents have not officially given their approval to any candidate, it is understood that they favor the selection of either Hook or Vandevanter for one of the places. Two reasons are advanced for the selection of one of these men. One is that their record in the legislative graft trials, cases shown them, as the Insurgents believe, in accord with Progressive ideas. Another reason is that Justice Brewer, whose death caused one of the resignations, was the brother-in-law of the eighth district, and they believe it as fitting that one of the judges from this district be elevated to the Supreme bench.

THIRTY-FOUR KILLED IN ALBERTA MINE

Desire to see Child Caused a Man to Surrender to New York Police

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Frank says seven bodies were brought out of Bellevue mine at 2:05. The total death toll officially is set at thirty-four. There are none alive in the mine now. It is believed there are three to eight dead bodies still in the workings.

APPOINTMENTS TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The question of appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States will be settled next week, according to information given out yesterday. President Taft has decided that he will send his appointments to the senate during the week ending December 14.

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JUROR SAYS HE SOLD VOTE FOR \$1,000

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Having heard the charges of the first presidential election, Beckmeier and Representative Link sold their votes for the election of Wm. Lorimer to the United States senate for \$1,000 each, Grant McCutcheon, a juror in the trial, testified that he concluded that he was worth as much as they, and when impelled as a juror in the trial of Lee O'Brien, New York, he voted to acquit the defendant for that price.

This statement was made by McCutcheon yesterday on the witness stand, who was called by the state to testify against Charles Erbstein, attorney for Brown, charged with jury bribing. McCutcheon declared that while awaiting his turn for examination as a juror, in the senate trial of O'Brien, he saw the defendant's attorney for Brown, charged with jury bribing. McCutcheon declared that while awaiting his turn for examination as a juror, in the senate trial of O'Brien, he saw the defendant's attorney for Brown, charged with jury bribing.

When the crowd reached the jail a demand was made for the prisoners, but no violence was attempted. The men were finally persuaded to disperse after one or two short speeches had been made to them.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 9.—Enrique Creel, Jr., son of the Mexican minister of foreign affairs, and former ambassador to the United States, is reported to have been captured by the revolutionists. A messenger who arrived here to-day states that Creel is a prisoner in the mountains near Chihuahua.

Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, will be observed as government holidays in British Columbia, and all provincial government offices will be closed.

CONFESSES HE STOLE FROM BANK

Desire to see Child Caused a Man to Surrender to New York Police

New York, Dec. 9.—Possessed with a desire for revenge, even at risk of losing his reputation and liberty, Walter A. Hall, according to his confession in court yesterday, stole \$44,800 from the Herald Square branch of the Greenwich bank because his salary had been reduced as a result of the bank's efforts to make up an amount Hall accidentally had lost the institution.

"I was unable to support a wife and family on \$300 a year," continued Hall, "and I thought an injustice had been done me. I brooded over it for a time until I desired nothing so much as revenge. Finally I decided to take it. I could get my hands on and deposit \$28,000. One day I heard of \$4,800 in the bank. I took it and fled to Canada. I hung around the race tracks at Windsor and Erie for awhile, dropping \$28,000. One day I heard that my wife had given birth to a son. A wild desire to see my child overcome my revengefulness and I have come back to take my medicine."

The judge was so overcome by the pathos of Hall's story that he remanded the defendant to prison for sentence later. It was intimated that should the facts be proved it will mitigate his punishment.

NEW WESTMINSTER ANXIOUS

Hope Adequate Transportation Facilities to Victoria Come Soon.

New Westminster, Dec. 10.—There appears to be a probability that the question of adequate transportation facilities between New Westminster and Victoria will be settled in the near future, according to Secretary Wade, of the board of trade.

No particulars, however, are available at present. It is believed that if the transportation difficulties between the two cities will be solved, and a paying freight business worked up. Several other matters affecting both cities were discussed at a private meeting of the board of trade.

In view of the negotiations for better steamboat service to New Westminster it is interesting to note that the transportation difficulties between the two cities will be solved, and a paying freight business worked up.

BEATEN BY MOB

Industrial Workers of World Driven From Street in Fresno.

SEWERAGE FOR THE ESTIMATED DISTRICT

W. H. Ellis Authorized to Circulate Petitions to Organize Municipality

An exhaustive report presented to the residents of the district lying between the western city limits and the Beaumont post office, on the Esquimalt road, at a meeting held last night, showed that the cost of the proposed sewerage system for that district, as contemplated and estimated at a previous meeting, would be approximately \$100,000. The figure is based on the plans outlined by Edward Molun, the provincial public works department.

Under an act passed during the last session of the legislature the district can be declared a sewerage district, and the residents of the district interested in the plans will be asked to sign a petition to the government to name the district as a sewerage district, which will have the machinery to install sewers on the local improvement system. The meeting also took the first steps towards organizing a municipality within the limits given, and a petition to have this effected is to accompany the sewerage petition for presentation to provincial officers.

"I was appointed to circulate the petitions for the district," said W. H. Ellis, who was chairman at last night's meeting.

WINNIPEG INQUIRY

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—At the opening of the Shearer commission to-day, Comptroller Deniston, representing the police commission, produced a pamphlet being issued broadcast by the supporters of E. D. Martin, who is running as mayor on the social reform ticket. Mr. Deniston emphatically protested against such campaign methods, and stated he is applying for an injunction in the King's bench.

The pamphlet contains verbatim evidence of Mrs. Morfain before the commission.

Inspector Newton was called to prove that the district was well patrolled, stating four beats covered on two short streets, and that it was three times as well patrolled as any other part of the city, there being two plain clothes, moral police, always on duty, besides uniformed patrolmen. He stated that most complaints of indecent exposure came from the south, or the best residential part of the city, rather than this district, and he attributed it to a form of insanity.

Mr. Justice Robson here interferred, asking if such evidence was necessary, pointing out this was necessary the jury as Mr. Shearer had never seen the witness.

DISCUSS DALLAS ROAD SEA WALL

The mayor and Aid. Bannerman, chairman of the committee, admitted they had no evidence, and then a motion was proposed by Aid. Sargison that the city engineer be instructed to disburse with the services of Mr. Foreman.

FORMAL OPENING OF GEORGE JAY SCHOOL

Chairman of Board Proud of Honor Done Him—Fina Building

With an address by George Jay, chairman of the school board, a reply from Principal H. E. MacLean, and speeches by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Patterson, Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, and some of the trustees, and with a program of songs and recitations by the school, the George Jay school was on Friday afternoon formally opened by the chairman of the board, who handed the key to Principal MacLean amid loud applause.

Mr. Jay said he felt proud of the distinction and honor done him by naming the school after him, and he felt his duty in declaring the school open a pleasant and responsible one. His name is on the front of the building, declared Mr. Jay, but his associates, and he referred to the programme of the afternoon, and drew attention to number 8, which was a salariness by the scholars entitled "Thou poor bird."

He felt that the children would look back on the day with much pleasure, and he advised them to play all their games with credit to the school, and to make the name of the school a standard of honor. Mr. Jay praised the architect and the contractor for their work on the building, saying the board had received value for the money spent.

The necessity for the construction of the school has been proved by the present attendance. It has been said that its opening would relieve the attendance at the North Ward school, but this was not so. He announced that the school would be open next year for the purpose of further appropriations for school purposes. Mr. Jay then handed over the key to the principal and declared the school open.

Principal H. E. MacLean then replied by expressing thanks to the school board for the splendid school, and said that many interested builders had visited the building, and it was generally admitted to be the finest in Western Canada. He praised the class of children that made up the attendance at the school and said that as a whole they were better children in many respects than those of the east, from whence he came.

Mr. MacLean said the scholars now comprised 39 English born, 13 Scotch, 15 Irish, 5 Chinese, 10 American, 1 Nova Scotia, 1 from New Brunswick, 15 from Quebec, 25 from Manitoba, 4 from Alberta, 23 from British Columbia, and 143 Victoria born.

He wished to thank the school board for such excellent teachers appointed to the school, and for the high standard of training and domestic science rooms fitted next year and to establish a school garden in the spring.

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PROGRESS OF THE ELECTION

LIBERALS CAPTURE ANOTHER SE

Six Hundred and Eleven Members Now Elected to Commons

(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 15.—Following is present standing of parties: Unionists Liberals Nationalists Independent Nationalists To-day. Kircubrightshire and Bedford division of Kent. These partially offset by the Unionist gain in Tavistock division of Devonshire. Gains to date—Liberals, 49; Unionists, 28.

Corrected returns show that the division of Lincolnshire remains in Liberal column, being credited to Liberal defeat in South Monmouthshire more decisive than at first supposed. Following are the corrected figures: Monmouthshire, South—Liberal, 6,654; Walker, Unionist, 1,501. Lincolnshire, Briggs-Gelder, Liberal, 6,996; Bennett, Unionist, 5,637; changed.

Wednesday's Elections. Following are results of Wednesday's elections declared to-day: Cambridgeshire, Wisbech—Liberal, 5,491; Cecil, Unionist, Unchanged. Sussex, Eastbourne—Morrison, Liberal, 4,920; Gwynne, Unionist, Unchanged. Somerset, North—King, Liberal, 2,897; Beauchamp, Unionist, 2,870; changed. Edinburghshire, Midlothian—Liberal, 5,837; Hope, Unionist, 5,680; Unchanged. Suffolk, Eye—Pearson, Liberal, 827; Bowrick, Unionist, 4,157; changed.

Winnipeg, North—MacAfee, Liberal, 2,374; Smilt, Unionist, 3,557; changed. Atrium, North—MacAfee, Liberal, 2,817; McNeil, Unionist, Liberal gain. (Continued on page 4.)

FATAL STRIKE RIOT IN CHICAGO

Mob Attacks Police—One Killed and Another Fatally Wounded

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—One of the most serious work was killed in another fatally wounded to-day by a mob, fired by his revolver. Weinkel was by a shower of stones before the dead striker was identified. The injured man, Mark Lungyszch, was in a comatose condition, and a detail of police, was escorting the strikers to the streets. The strikers and sympathizers surrounded the police and made a concerted Weinkel bore the brunt of the attack and was swept off his feet from the ground.

The police declared that the strike had developed into one of the most serious Chicago has ever known. Men and women, worn with hunger and cold, were being driven from their homes. The strikers charged directly in the hands of the police. The strikers, who were armed with clubs, stones, and hand-to-hand encounters occurred, were onslaught of the rioters and their clubs.

"This is the fiercest strike Chicago has ever known," said Assistant Chief of Police. After witnessing the riot, no one could doubt that it was a serious one. The strikers were being driven from their homes, and the police were being attacked. The strikers were being driven from their homes, and the police were being attacked.