

DR. PHELAN WAS ON THE STAND AT INQUIRY

Penitentiary Surgeon Alleged to Have Used Offensive Language.

KINGSTON, Dec. 19.—Dr. Daniel Phelan, the penitentiary surgeon, was questioned by Whiting when the prison reform commission resumed its sitting yesterday. Mr. Whiting asked witness about some offensive remarks he was alleged to have used toward Robert Aikens, a guard. Witness said he did not remember just what he said, but he was sure that anything he said was in a jocular way. Mr. Whiting stated that witnesses had stated that they understood that Dr. Phelan had only been joking.

Asked about "tubbing" witness said he did not know of any convict in the insane ward being "tubbed." He thought that it was in 1902 he gave an order that there should be no more "tubbing" of convicts.

"What caused you to issue that order," asked Mr. Downey. "It was intimated to me that there was a system of 'tubbing' being practiced."

Witness added that he had reason to believe that the practice had been stopped. As a medical man he would not approve of tubbing. He would not say it was dangerous but he did not think it would be advisable to employ it unless under the charge of a careful, competent person.

Mr. Stewart went over the names of four or five guards and questioned the witness as to whether or not they were relatives. Witness thought they were. Mr. Stewart called the attention of the commission to the fact that it was against the rules to have so many relatives in the institution.

Dr. Phelan questioned by the commission said he had collected fees for the examination of men making application for position as guards. He admitted having collected fees and stated that he did so as it had been the custom of men in the position before him. Asked when he started to collect fees he answered that it was in 1908.

"Did you not consider that you were acting as surgeon of the prison?" "I thought nothing of it in that way."

Questioned further witness said he had stopped collecting fees. He did not know just when. He stopped because he did not think it was worth while.

Mr. Downey: "Was there not some talk about it?" "Perhaps there was."

More Sad News

Price of Shoes About to Go Up, Declare Dealers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—The price of shoes is about to soar, declare leading Montreal retailers of footwear. The lack of cattle in the United States and Canada which is being blamed for the high cost of living is also being made to bear the blame for the high cost of walking. Those who have up to the present been content to pay \$5 and \$5.50 for footwear will now, it is said, find it necessary to pay \$6 and over or be satisfied with an inferior pair.

Leading shoe retailers when interviewed state that they are now paying from ten per cent. to 20 per cent more for shoes than a year ago.

"You say you occasionally smoke one of your wife's birthday cigars?" "Yes, I dug 'em up the other day and they are a great help in my present situation."

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STRANGE CASE IN THE COURTS

An Englishman Wants to Look After His Own Estate.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, Dec. 18.—An interim injunction was granted to-day by Justice Sir Mathew I. Joyce of the Chancery court to prevent H. H. McPike, an attorney from San Francisco disposing of the furniture and effects in England of Walter E. McCreery, a wealthy man and formerly a polo player said to have been declared legally incompetent in the United States. Mr. McPike was McCreery's legal guardian at Los Muecos ranch, San Benito, county, whence McCreery escaped on Oct. 26 last, and proceeded to England. Counsel for McCreery described the allegations as to his insanity as a "conspiracy." He said that since McCreery's escape from California, and return to England, he had been under the observation of Sir Thomas Barlow and other specialists who had declared there "never had been a shadow of foundation for allegations."

The judge in granting the interim injunction characterized the story as "curious and interesting." The plaintiff is a freeborn Englishman. I fail to see what authority Mr. McPike can have over him in this country. Mr. McCreery was born in Switzerland and married an English woman.

"NO HARDENING"

Lord Haldane Says Door is Still Open for Settlement.

Viscount Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, speaking at Birmingham, England, recently, said: "I hold that it is desirable that everybody should contribute to the utmost to bring to the Irish controversy a little more of the mood in which a settlement becomes possible."

He regretted, he went on, the unfortunate line taken by Mr. A. Chamberlain at Greet when he attacked Mr. Asquith's speech at Leeds and he complained of a hardening of tone.

"What I say is this, that there is no hardening in the tone of the Prime Minister's utterances. His attitude is exactly the same as it was at Ladybank. He lays stress on a principle, the principle of a parliament and Executive for Ireland; and why? Because without that principle it is impossible for us to hope for any real pacification of Ireland. That may involve sacrifice on the part of individuals or minorities, but we believe it will be better under that principle, and without that principle no progress can be made."

"Therefore Mr. Asquith has put forward his principle, and he has said within that principle there is room for a great deal, such as additional provision which shall give to the people in the North of Ireland guarantees that they won't be interfered with to their prejudices."

The Lord Chancellor pleaded for man-to-man talks with a view to a permanent settlement.

Toothache, eh? Why don't you get the nerve killed? I haven't the nerve.

TWO ENGLISH GIRLS MASQUERADE AT OTTAWA

They Had Been Boys Since October 29 Last and Were Working.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Elsie Whitman and Margaret Johnson, known until arrested last night as "Jack Whitman" and "Roy Johnson," respectively, who had for about a month masqueraded as C. P. R. telegraph boys and who for some weeks prior to that had worked in J. R. Booth's mills; to-day told the story of their escapades. One of the girls was detected by a Dominion policeman while delivering a message and confessed the scheme. The arrest of the other followed at the C. P. R. telegraph office later. Their case is one of the strangest ever experienced in Canadian police circles, the remarkable fact being that they have passed as boys in the business centre of Ottawa since October 29 when they came from Montreal.

Col. Sherwood learned to-day that Margaret or "Roy" is married and has a child in England and it was to earn enough money to bring her mother and little girl to Canada that made her do it.

Elsie or "Jack" is a tall blonde, blue eyed, rosy checked girl, rather slender and masculine in appearance. Margaret or "Roy" is a short, dark, black haired, chubby checked girl, rather more masculine faced than her companion, but with unmistakable feminine hands and figure. They are both English girls aged respectively 27 and 24.

She told me I was one man in a thousand.

Yes.

And I think she's right, judging by the number of fellows she has!

BITTER ATTACK ON PREMIER

Mr. A. Chamberlain Accuses Him of Bad Faith—Ulster Problem.

London, Dec. 19.—Amid cries of resentment and protest, Mr. Austen Chamberlain made a vehement attack upon the Prime Minister in a speech at Greet, in his own constituency on Monday.

The member for East Worcestershire, first referring to Mr. Lloyd George's Holloway speech, said it came ill from the lips of a man who only a few months ago had to apologize very reluctantly and very inadequately to the House of Commons for accepting a tip from a government contractor—(loud cries of "No, no")—and for speculating upon the Stock Exchange while he held the

high position of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Hisses and cheers)

"The Leeds speech of the Prime Minister was of a different kind, but it was not less a menace and not less dangerous to the welfare of the state. We thought the offer at Ladybank was in good faith, and that there might be a national solution of a great and grave national question. But as we advance the Prime Minister retreats. When we stretch out a hand to meet the hand which he had extended to us, he clenches his fist and shakes it in our face."

"It is difficult now to believe that he spoke in good faith, and it is almost impossible to believe that he meant business. There is no possibility of compromise if the spirit of that speech is to prevail. We shall defend the Union to the last. We shall give to Ulster all the support in her righteous battle it is in our power to give. As far as power lies with us we will not see a new Alsace-Lorraine created within the United Kingdom."

"I will never assent in any circumstances that Ireland should be organized on the flank of England as a hostile power and endanger her in war. That is a bar to any settlement by consent of the difficult question which we have to face."

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