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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

The action of the chief of police in Toronto in rounding up the gunmen of the city, and also the "dope artists," is one which, if followed in all the larger centres of population, may save a good deal of trouble later. Just at this time, when all kinds of tough characters are being chased out of the large American cities, in clean ups resulting from crime waves, it is reasonably certain that a number of undesirables will make their way across the border. There have been evidences already that daring and absolutely unscrupulous criminals are at work in this district. In the larger cities the situation is naturally expected to be more acute.

The carrying of firearms is one of the things that seems to be increasing despite the efforts of the authorities to check it. Figures show that approximately six thousand revolvers were imported into the country this year. What were they for? The records show that only a very small percentage were bought for police officers, bank officials and others who require protection of this kind. The majority of the weapons brought in were not such as are used for military target practice. There are police officials who believe, in view of the facts available regarding revolver imports and the increase in crimes of various kinds, that the time has arrived not only for more stringent enforcement of the regulations in reference to the unauthorized carrying of weapons, but also for the passage of more stringent laws. There is nothing particularly new in this. As a result of occurrences in England it was found necessary to very materially restrict the carrying of weapons. The police there were given the fullest powers under the amendments to existing laws, and, what is even more important, were held responsible for carrying out the new legislation. The results were rather surprising, but they were also very satisfactory, as there was an immediate and very noticeable decrease in crimes of violence. There are certain people who, working under certain conditions, find it absolutely necessary to carry a gun. This is provided for by law. But there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others who are carrying weapons when they have no business to, and for no good purpose. A general clean-up of "gunmen" of this type would do no harm, and would very likely, as far as the general public is concerned, do a great deal of good.

SPARGO VS. WELLS

The article by H. G. Wells on Russia after his recent visit there of a few weeks' duration, have been severely criticized both in England and on this side of the water for the alleged obviously superficial quality of the knowledge he gained of actual conditions there, but no one so completely riddles his conclusions and so-called facts as John Spargo.

Mr. Spargo is a Socialist, as everybody knows, though no longer a member of that party which he left because of its un-American attitude. He wished to believe in Sovietism, and even in Bolshevism, thinking it possible that they were an expression of true democracy. He wrote favorably of the possibilities of the new government in the beginning, but when he investigated the operations under Lenin and Trotsky, he realized his mistake and declared their government to be the greatest failure of the age. He takes up Mr. Wells' articles and shows that the latter has accepted Lenin's word without further inquiry, and that the Russian has deceived him.

Mr. Wells recognizes the fact that the greatest need of Russia now is the class of men who can organize and direct industries, and not the least of Mr. Spargo's quarrels with Wells is that the latter suppressed the notorious fact which he ought to have known if he did not and which he had no right to suppress if he knew it, that the Bolsheviks dispersed this element of the population and set its members to digging ditches and cleaning streets. Ignorance of the fact and the suppression of it by a distinguished and responsible writer like Mr. Wells are equal-

ly criminal, Spargo asserts. In his first book on the subject of Bolshevism, Mr. Spargo pointed out that with all Lenin's professions in favor of the proletariat, the workingmen, he did not trust the peasantry and it was Spargo's contention then that Bolshevism could not rule with the consent of the people except through violence. Wells quotes Lenin as saying to him confidentially that while the Russian peasants may not be defeated en masse, yet step by step they are to be subjugated. This supports Spargo's prediction, but Wells does not appear to understand the bearing of Lenin's assertion.

Mr. Spargo thinks the most amazing feature of Wells' articles is the fact that he ignores the biggest fact in the economic life of Russia, the one of greatest political importance, namely, the destruction by the Bolsheviks of the great network of local co-operative societies, more than 35,000 in number and embracing over 12,000,000 members. As most of these members were undoubtedly heads of families these societies must have represented 60,000,000 persons—more than one-third of the total population. This network formed a basis upon which a communistic government, such as the Bolsheviks profess to want, could have been built up with ease. In breaking up this organization it is Spargo's opinion that the Bolsheviks have committed their greatest crime against the Russian people.

Mr. Spargo is no respecter of literary prominence and declares his astonishment that Mr. Wells allowed himself to become a mere human phonograph for the repetition of Bolshevik arguments and excuses. The American at this stage seems to have the better of his opponent.

WHAT IS WRONG?

It is depressing enough to learn that there is a material increase in the prison population of Eastern Canada, but the facts become even more discouraging when we are told that the increase is largely due to the spread of crime among young men and boys. Where does the responsibility belong? It has been the custom of late to blame the war for almost everything that goes wrong, and no doubt the war has much to answer for in its after-effects; but there is a growing feeling that the war is not all to blame. If we are to believe some of those who profess to speak with authority, a good deal of the trouble may be traced right back to the home. Some Ontario magistrates do not hesitate to say that lack of parental control is one of the chief causes of the evils complained of.

Is there less parental control today than formerly, and if so, why? Those who trace the trouble to the home emphasize two or three factors. There is a growing spirit of freedom. There is less desire on the part of parents to impose restraint and less disposition on the part of children to submit. Then, both fathers and mothers have so many attractions outside of the home these days, whether in the way of work or amusement, that they have less time to devote to the children. Finally, modern machinery and the factory system made it possible for young people to become self-supporting early in life, and so encourage the development of a spirit of independence.

The problem is a complicated one; but it ought to be frankly faced. Perhaps there may be something in the wave theory of crime. Present conditions all over this continent would seem to give support to the theory.

EDUCATION PAW

Johnny's strapped his books and slate and started off to school. He's enjoined to study well and mind the teacher's rule.

He's advised to con his books and every lesson learn, So that he may thrill the land when it comes his turn.

That is why his father has a most important task—

He must find the answers to the questions John will ask.

"Why don't water run up hill? Why don't scarecrows fly?"

When was Julius Caesar born? How did he come to die?

Give a list of Presidents? Where is Reik javik? How is it that seven days only make a week?

How do you spell Pthisis, paw? Who was in the ark?

Where does all the daylight stay while we're in the dark?

"Why do pickles make boys sick? When was Moses born?"

Paw, how many kernels is in a grain of corn? Paw, what does the oysters eat? Do they live in beds?

Does the little oyster ma's have to comb their heads...."

Then his Paw will drop his book and in accents deep,

Say: "It's quite time that little boys were in bed asleep."

COUNCIL OF 1920 SAYS FAREWELL

Words of Commendation Fall From Lips of Retiring Members.

MAYOR NEVER LATE.

Mr. Riggs Would "Like to be There Again" But Lets Some One Else Rule.

With the best good fellowship and words of commendation for one another, Mayor Riggs and the Aldermen of 1920 Council bade farewell to office on Monday afternoon.

Ald. Bone moved the resolution of thanks to Mayor Riggs for his courtesy to the aldermen and his faithful, tireless, efforts in the interest of the city.

Chief Magistrate and Citizens.

"We like to think of you," said Ald. Ostrom, addressing the Mayor, "as not only Mayor but a citizen, whom we all respect and admire."

The Aldermen carried the resolution by a standing vote, the basses, baritone and tenors of the 1920, nine being heard in the musical number—"He's a jolly good fellow."

As if their singing were not sufficient, the aldermen cheered the Mayor to the echo. City Clerk Holmes tendered the vote to Mayor Riggs.

Mayor Never Late.

The retiring Chief Magistrate thanked the Aldermen for their confidence and expression of thanks. He has, he said, missed only one committee meeting, and was never known to be late. The council had been kind enough to overlook his faults.

"I would not have missed the experience for anything. I would like it again but I believe I should drop out and give some one else a chance."

Mayor Riggs thanked the city officials for their faithfulness to their tasks and also the press.

A vote of thanks, to the city officials who have performed the biggest year's work" was moved by Ald. Bone, seconded by Ald. DeMarsh and carried with a standing vote, musical honors and cheers.

City Clerk Holmes and Fire Chief Brown made reply. This was followed by a vote of thanks to the scribes of the local press.

Finance Chairmanship Important.

In bidding the Council a temporary farewell, Ald. Ponton said he had found it an educational experience to serve with such men as composed the 1920 Council. "We have made mistakes but when our work is put opposite that of other Councils it will compare very favorably. I am sorry the Council is losing men of the calibre of Mayor Riggs, Ald. Bone and Ald. DeMarsh. Ald. Ponton referred to the executive chairman's ability in finance. The finance chairmanship will be more important next year than the public works chairmanship.

Ald. DeMarsh lauded Ald. Ponton's work in the industrial chairmanship.

"Each has served to the best of his ability," was the way Ald. Ostrom put it. "We have got along well."

Ald. Woodley and others paid a few parting tributes and the curtain ran down on the activities of 1920, to rise for the next session, the municipal battlefield for 1921 honors.

Public Meeting for Orators.

Very little new business was transacted yesterday afternoon. The reports of the Committees were adopted.

Ald. Hanna's resolution to have a public meeting on Friday evening carried. At this meeting the Aldermen and aspirants will have an opportunity to face one another in the presence of the electorate.

Ald. Ostrom asked—"Where have we got astray on our one thousand dollars overdraft in the fire department?"

The City Clerk said that the estimates had been made as closely as possible.

Free Site and Low Assessment.

A recommendation that the city will secure and grant to every suitable industry locating in Belleville a free site and the lowest possible assessment for a period of ten years, was carried. The step was taken on recommendation of Ald. Ponton.

Ald. Ponton reported that he had as representative of the City Council appeared at a meeting of the Tariff Commission at Kingston.

He hoped the next Council would not lose the opportunity of sending deputations when necessary. "It

PUBLIC WORKS COST \$38,600

Statement Issued by Treasurer Frederick Gives Figures in Detail.

ESTIMATE WAS \$30,000.

Revenue From Police Up to Dec 20th was \$4,500—\$3000 Last Year.

Public works expenditures to Dec. 20, according to an approximate statement issued by Treasurer Frederick, total \$38,611.31, made up as follows:

Public works (property), \$34,026.33; ice-cutting, \$380.50; snow shovelling, \$426.75; city auto, \$872.60; Engineer's auto, \$406.75; Chatham street sewer, \$2,229.20; West Bridge street light, \$386.74; Great St. James street drain, \$3,045.37—a total of \$42,204.74, with the following cash refunds—\$2,254.26 for public works and \$1,329.17 for walks, leaving \$38,611.31. The estimate was \$30,000.

How estimates and actual expenditures compare, may be gleaned from the following figures:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Estimate Expenditure. Items include Printing, Market & City, Property, Fire, Parks, Salaries, Police, Charity, Hospital Social, Worker, Indigent and Hospital, Lighting, Public and High School, Separate Schl., General Inter-est, Scavenger, Garbage, Election Expenses, Insurance, Accident & Fire, Industries, Board Health, Contingent, Administration, Justice, Clean Front St., Street Sprinkling, Street Oiling.

The gas department's withdrawals total \$65,400.29, and receipts \$50,325.76.

Capital expenditures were made up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Items include Sewers 1919-1920, Pavements 1919-1920, Sidewalks 1919-1920, Murney Hill Pavement.

Total \$256,829.00

There were three paving accounts as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Items include W. Bridge St. Paving, W. Bridge St. Water Main, E. Bridge St. Water Main.

Total \$10141.80

Among the items of revenue are the police department, fines and fees. The revenue to Dec. 20th was \$4,538.17, as against \$3,000.00 estimated.

shows that we are alive. It benefits the city greatly."

Ald. Woodley endorsed the remarks of Ald. Ponton, regarding proper representation at important out of town gatherings.

City Engineer Mills presented an inventory of materials belonging to the bay bridge.

More Special Accounts.

Ald. Ponton said there were several accounts in regard to which the city treasurer did not know where they should go. These related to West Bridge Street paving account, \$4,440.00, West Bridge Street water main, \$2,002.00 and East Bridge St. water main, \$3,699.60.

Ald. Ostrom did not think all the cutting on Murney's Hill should be charged to the pavement.

Ald. Woodley said the water main covering could be charged to the pavement.

Ald. Adams believed the cost of cutting down of trees would have to be charged to public works.

The matter was referred to the solicitor.

IN MEMORIAM.

MILLIGAN—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Mr. Alfred Milligan, who passed away Dec. 27, 1918.

FAMILY.

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F. Adams, a bookkeeper, died suddenly on an Ottawa street car.

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of Belleville, to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at its next session for an act...

1. To amend and confirm By-law Number 2384 of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville passed on the 15th day of November, 1920, without obtaining the assent of the electors thereof. The said By-law being entitled "A by-law to authorize the issue of Debentures of the Corporation of the City of Belleville to the amount of \$50,000, for the purpose of paying the Corporation's share of the purchase price of the Bridge of the Belleville and Prince Edward Co. which crosses the Bay of Quinte connecting the said City of Belleville and the Township of Ammanburg, in the County of Prince Edward, and its approaches and other property belonging and appurtenant to the said Bridge."

The existing debenture debt of the said City of Belleville is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Items include Consolidated Public School, Water Works and County Line, Wood Chemical, Marah & Henthorn, New Albert College, Local Improvements, Pavement (city's share), Sewers (city's share), Sidewalks (city's share).

Total \$1,181,506.36

2. The reason for requiring the issue of the said Debentures is that the said City of Belleville, the County of Prince Edward and the Honorable Mr. Riggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, on behalf of the Province of Ontario, have agreed to purchase the said Bridge for the sum of \$5,000.00, to be contributed as follows: Province of Ontario, \$25,000.00; City of Belleville, \$2,000.00.

Total \$27,000.00 and said Debentures are required to be issued for the purpose of raising the money to pay the city's share of the purchase of the said Bridge, this 30th day of November, A.D. 1920.

J. WILFRID HOLT, City Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY HAIGHT, late of the village of Foxboro in the County of Hastings, Gentleman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 56, of Chapter 121, R. S. O., 1914, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said John Wesley Haight, deceased, who died on or about the 22nd day of July, 1920, are required to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned solicitors for the Executors, on or before the 4th day of January, 1921, their claims and surmises and addresses, with full particulars in writing of their claims, and statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said 4th day of January, 1921, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they then have notice, and the said executors will not be liable for said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them or their solicitors at the time of such distribution.

DATED this 30th day of November, 1920.

Eleanor Thompson Williams, Gideon S. Way, Executors.

Messrs Porter, Butler & Payne, 212 Front St., Belleville, Ontario, Solicitors for the Executors D2,9,16,23

SALT MINE NEAR REGINA.

Senlac District Has Commenced Promising New Industry.

REGINA, Sask., Dec. 28.—Salt mining in the saline deposits at Senlac, Sask., has been commenced by the Senlac Salt company and the company is now hauling a low grade rock salt a distance of ten miles to the nearest railway by motor trucks. The company has built a shed at the site of the deposits and has installed a number of evaporating pans. They expect shortly to be evaporating salt at the rate of about ten tons a day.

A contract has been made by the company to supply the United Grain Growers of Alberta next year with its entire requirements of salt for cattle purposes.

THIRTEEN A WEEK.

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 28.—Thirteen dollars a week is the minimum wage that is being recommended to the provincial government to apply by order-in-council to all female workers (and to others under eighteen years of age. For apprentices of less than one year's experience the wage is to be \$5.50 per week.

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