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# GREAT BIKE TRADE NOW GOING ON

Did You Lose Your Wheel?—Ask Police For it.

Round-Up Made on Dundas Street is Most Remarkable.

Bicycles of every size and description, old and new, well and ill-assorted were scattered about the official portion of the police court this morning, when Magistrate Livingston took his seat. All the bicycles and accessories had been found upon the premises of Mark Smick who lives at 175 Dundas street, and he along with Harry Braddick were charged with theft. Braddick rents a room from Smick, and although no bikes were found in the room, there were many on the landing outside of his room in which a vice had been fixed and various small accessories had been found. The two men admitted doing a business in these machines and also stated that the trade was carried on quite honestly. They, being mechanics bought old bicycles and parts and renovating them, they were taken to the market, in some instances, and in others to private buyers and sold. From the brand new appearance of some mounts they did not appear to need a great deal of work to make them as good as they ever were. Alterations to the mounts had been carried out in an expert manner. The identification numbers had been scraped and filled with lead and then enamelled over and parts of bicycles substituted until a machine was almost unrecognizable. The wheels were supplied with different wheels, seat, handlebars and tires, thus identification was almost impossible. The first witness, J. Gilman, said he was a grocer at 12 King St. He bought a wheel from C. J. Mitchell, a bicycle dealer on Dec. 16th, for \$45, and it was stolen from the shop three days later. Since then he had seen no trace of the machine. He recognized a frame in the court as his, although the number had been filled in and other alterations made. C. J. Mitchell corroborated, and said he had no doubt that the bike produced was the one he had sold in December to Gilman. Other machines found upon the premises tallied descriptions of missing bikes which had been given to the police by two young fellows named O'Brien and McMinnes. Replying to this Braddick said he had bought the wheel mentioned from a youth for \$4.50, and owing to its new condition he wanted to return it to the police as he had some doubt about its origin. Smick, however, retained the wheel and said he could soon make it look different. He had bought a great deal of bicycle junk from a blacksmith next to Montgomery's store.

# STRIKE AT M. H. CO. IS NOW OVER

Massey-Harris Men Accept Rather Stiff Cut In Wages.

Conciliatory Attitude of Men Shown in Negotiations

The walk-out of the coremakers at the Massey-Harris Works developed into a walk-in this morning. The men went back. They reached some sort of a compromise yesterday, not one that could be considered a satisfactory one from their standpoint, but nevertheless one in which a conciliatory attitude by the strikers was the dominant feature. This is borne out by the admission of the firm and representatives that the coremakers returned to work to-day with a reduction in their piece work of 15 to 20 per cent. In going back to work under these conditions the men asked that a practical representative of the firm which one of their own men go over the piece work in the core room with consideration of the new schedule of pay therefor, and if these men found an adjustment necessary it should be made. The men returned on the stipulation, and promise that this would be done immediately.

When asked to-day if the trouble was over, Mr. Franklin Grobb, general manager, refused to commit himself.

Bar High Heals and Slit Skirts By Law

Bill Before Maryland Legislature Also Prohibits Tango and Similar Dances.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 19.—A bill was introduced in the State Legislature here yesterday by Representative Andrew W. Snowden, which, if carried, will prohibit the wearing by women and girls of high heeled shoes and slits skirts, and also the dancing of the turkey trot, the bunny hug, the tango and similar creations.

The bill prescribes that money collected from fines for violations of its provisions shall be used to educate "girls how to dress decently."

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The uncompromising tenor of the Unionist position was shown in Long's declaration that if the government sought to put its home rule bill into effect it would succeed only by the use of bullets and bayonets. He declared the empire to day is facing the peril of civil war.

He flung into the faces of the Cabinet Ministers the charge that their recent course in South Africa was pusillanimous and the taunt that they dared not risk conflict with the government there.

Long's bitter attack created a sensation, and aroused enthusiastic approval on the part of the Unionist members. Premier Asquith in his reply promised that the government would take the initiative in putting forward suggestions for a settlement by agreement of the Irish difficulty.

COMMITTEE NAMED ON REDISTRIBUTION

Names of Those Who Will Prepare the Schedules of the New Act.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The committee which is to prepare the schedules of the Redistribution Bill was appointed in the House of Commons yesterday on the motion of Right Hon. R. L. Borden. It is to consist of Hon. Messrs. Pelletier, Reid and Rogers and Messrs. Bennett (Carleton Place), Deland, (Beauce), Buchanan (Medicine Hat), Pardee (W. Lambton), Rhodes (Cumberland, N.S.), and Macdonald (Pictou, N.S.).

Mr. Borden adhered to the view that a committee of seven members would be preferable to one of nine. However, he had no objection to the adoption of the latter number.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed that a small committee would carry out its task better than a large one. He thought that with nine members, eight would represent the various groups of provinces and the ninth could "act as umpire."

DUBLIN IS A CITY OF SLUMS SAYS REPORT

Some Conditions Found Which Were Unprintable—One Room Houses.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A London cable to The Tribune says:

The report on the recent inquiry into the housing conditions of Dublin issued last night is sensational in character. Unprintable details are given of horrible and degraded conditions of life in many tenements and they are supplemented by pictures of some of the wretched homes of the poor in Dublin. Serious charges are made against members of the corporation who are owners of slum property, and also against Sir Charles Cameron, chief medical officer of health for the city. It is stated that 14,000 new buildings are required at a cost of \$17,500,000. Of 25,822 families living in tenements, 20,108 live in one room. Among 12,000 families, the average number of occupants per room is six.

The fifth met with is indescribable, and the conditions disclosed are manifestly responsible for much immorality. Children scarcely realize the meaning of the word home and acquire a precocious knowledge of evil from early childhood.

ASK APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION

To Investigate Unemployment Throughout the Dominion.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a deputation was appointed to wait on the City Council next Monday evening to request that body to officially suggest to the Dominion government the desirability of appointing a Dominion commission on the question of unemployment throughout the country. Addresses were delivered by J. W. Bruce of Toronto, organizer of Plumbers and F. W. Bush of Toronto, international vice-president of the Garment Workers. The last named urged a stronger demand among labor men for the union label on clothing and other goods purchased by them.

Temperance Hotel Will Is Too Vague and Fails

Justice Latchford So Construes Will of Late Michael Doyle, of Puslinch.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—It seems to me that the promotion of temperance is more truly a charitable public purpose than many which have been so considered by the courts, such as teaching shooting, encouraging good domestic servants, preventing cruelty to animals or promoting vegetarianism, so remarked Justice Latchford in construing the will of the late



MR. ASQUITH MR. WALTER LONG

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Unionist Majority Is Reduced In Bye-election

Radical had 6,713, a Unionist majority of 2,331. The electorate numbered 18,268.

At the general election in 1910 the Unionist majority with an electorate of 16,266 was 2,556.

As admitted by all parties Home Rule was the paramount issue and the deduction is regarded as significant of growing distaste of the moderate Unionist for the policy of Sir Edward Carson.

A MAN WITH ONE \$50 NOTE WOULD STARVE IN MEXICO

—TORONTO MAN WRITES—

Everything Crippled—The Banks Can Refuse to Pay Deposits and Yet Not Go Into Liquidation—What Warfare Means.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—How disturbed are the finances of Mexico is related in the Monetary Times in a letter received in Toronto this week by a gentleman whose son is in business in the troubled republic. The Mexican government he says, is on its last financial legs, and is printing bills by the bale to meet the demands for currency. Metallic currency cannot be had anywhere for any consideration as there is none in the country. According to the writer of this letter, who obtained his information from a high authority the scarcity of the currency in Mexico is due to the exportation to the United States of gold and paper money in millions of dollars with the object of crippling the present administration in Mexico. "They have done that," says the writer, "but have played the dickens with the few who are still trying to hold their business together and do some business."

"Taxes have been raised on all things to a prohibitive point," he continues, "and with this they cannot hope to cover by more than half the daily cost of maintaining the army which they have to pay every day to hold its confidence. The banks have been given (what the government calls) a holiday from the middle of last December up to the 31st of March. That means that the bank's cannot be compelled to meet any obligation unless they see fit to do so, but can push collections as in other

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