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Lawlessness Must be Suppressed

"Where law ends, Tyranny begins."

Recently not a few robberies have occurred in the city. In some cases the perpetrators have been brought to justice, and in others they have succeeded in evading arrest. We have no doubt that the authorities are fully alive to the moral effect in such instances of failure to lay the offenders promptly by the heels and to have them receive their just deserts. By these shady members of the community the law is respected just so long and to such an extent as it is effective and retribution inevitable.

There are those who advance the theory that the criminally inclined are mentally defective. In a measure that may be true, but it is foolish to apply the theory to all cases. Such unfortunate must be placed under control out of consideration for themselves as well as to prevent them from becoming a public danger. With regard to the others, it is no theory that while they often possess marked ability and cunning, they are lacking in courage. Their cowardice makes them less dangerous to the community as a whole, but a greater menace to the individual. Cornered, they may resort to violence in order to escape detection, but fear of the consequences is the greatest deterrent to the boldness of them. On the other hand they are encouraged to further lawlessness by every case which slips through the hands of the police.

Leniency in treating those who are caught and convicted is mistaken kindness, and the shielding of an offender by official or private citizen, whatever the motive which prompts the action, is to confound a felony, to make the individual concerned an accessory, and tends to lower respect for the law.

The police force is the Arm of the Service to which we look for protection of our property and for the safeguarding of our lives. We believe that it is an efficient body, and that individually they are conscientious in the performance of their duties; but in these days in particular we would urge upon them the necessity of being still more vigilant and particular, even though they may give offence to some people or be considered too officious by others.

We are naturally and by inclination law abiding, and we expect those in authority to see to it that our wishes are respected. The taxpayers in this country have to find about \$400,000 a year to maintain the Department of Justice — approximately \$1.50 for every man, woman and child, and in return they expect the law to be rigorously upheld and their property to be protected. It is well for the public to remember that this enormous amount is paid by the law-abiding to keep in subjection the lawless element.

The tone of the service de-

pends upon the attitude adopted by those who are at the head of affairs. If they are lax, it is useless to expect efficiency in their subordinates. If they are conscientious in the performance of their duty, their attitude is reflected in the service rendered by those under their control.

Finally the greatest responsibility rests with the people themselves. Regard for authority, compliance with regulations, and a full realization of the fact that "wise laws and just restraints are to a noble nation not chains, but chain-mail" would soon result in making the community no place for those who have forfeited all claims to citizenship, and consequently in a considerable reduction in the taxes imposed for the suppression of crime.

Schooner Roy Bruce

FOUND OUT IN HALF IN MID-OCEAN—NO TRACE OF CREW.

On Saturday last a message was received at Burin from New York stating that the S.S. Huronia reported having passed the wreckage of the schooner Roy Bruce on Feb. 27th, in Lat. 41.34 N. Long. 48.25 W. The hull was cut in half by collision and there was no sign of the crew. The Roy Bruce, owned and commanded by Capt. R. P. Hollett of Burin, is about 75 days out from Bananza with a cargo of salt. The owner's son is mate. One other member of the crew, Adams, belongs to Burin. Three other members belong to Fortune. It is possible that the shipwrecked men have been picked up by a steamer or vessel not fitted with wireless. Thinking that there may be some connection between the loss of the Roy Bruce with the cutting down of an abandoned schooner by S.S. Canadian Commander, Mr. T. Carter, Ship's broker, yesterday wired the agents of the Canadian Merchant Marine for particulars of the happening. This forenoon he received the following message: "Schr. which collided with our steamer Jan. 15th described by our master as far as he could see it, it being night time, as a light schooner evidently painted a light color, loaded and had her fore-sails set." On the date when this collision occurred the Roy Bruce was 25 days out from Spain, and would be somewhere in the vicinity. The fact that the vessel reported by the master of the Commander had a light colored hull also seems to suggest that the Bruce was the unknown victim. In view of the circumstances an investigation should be made by the authorities.

Sealing Fleet Sails

Held in port three days by ice, the sealing fleet moved out this morning on the annual hunt. At 7.45 a.m. the Terra Nova led the van through the Narrows followed at 9.55 by the Thetis. The Seal, Eagle, Neptune, Ranger and Sagona followed; the latter left port at 10.10. The Neptune passed the heads at 11.06 and the Terra Nova at noon. The Seal and Ranger had not rounded the heads at 12.30. The wind still holds to the eastward and a stiff breeze is blowing outside. Should it become calmer there is no doubt but fair progress will be made down the shore.

Latest from Cabot Tower

A report from Cabot Tower at 2.30 p.m., states the steamers Neptune, Eagle, Sagona, Thetis, Terra Nova and other mentioned, were about two and a half miles from the Narrows heading eastward. The Seal and Ranger were just outside the heads apparently making progress.

Police Court

Five drunks were each fined \$1 and allowed to go.
A drunk and disorderly paid \$2 for his release.
A drunk who did some damage at the King Cafe was fined \$5.
A young girl, charged with disorderly conduct, was sent down on remand. Another girl who has been frequently before court on disorderly conduct charges, was sent down for 30 days.

A 35-year-old laborer named Taylor, charged with giving morphine to a man named Dwyer, was remanded for eight days, pending investigation.

Portia's Repairs Complete

There has been considerable activity at the Dry Dock recently. The Portia, which has been undergoing extensive repairs at the Dock came off to-day. In addition to having the hull below the water line stripped and new plates put on, the ship has been renovated internally and the passenger accommodation much improved. The Clyde has also been overhauled and comes off to-day also. Both ships are now in first class condition. The Melgile and Susu will next be overhauled.

This Morning's Proceedings

Bryant States Contracts Were Made With Union Trading Co. —Mr. Luscombe Recalled.

At the opening of the enquiry this morning, Mr. Luscombe of the Auditors General Department was recalled and examined by Mr. Hunt in reference to his previous evidence, re the payment of \$300 to the Centenary Hall School. A communication from Mr. Milley was put in evidence. The Commissioner pointed out that he could not see from the letter how the amount should have been paid to the pit-prop account. A tabulated statement was also put in evidence showing matters that had been queried by witness when auditing the accounts. Included in this was (1) payment of \$399.92 to Mr. Gillingham; (2) liability of P. G. House on account of steel casks. These, witness said, would be partly paid by the liquidator of the firm; (3) transportation bill \$399.73. Correspondence put in, showed that \$210.00 had been paid for freight on sand for Belvedere Orphanage, and haulage of engineers car—\$65.00 to Placentia on account of his Grace Archbishop Roche. The bill was paid out of pit-prop account on orders of Dr. Campbell.

An item in reference to Model Farm account, witness said, was also queried. In this matter the hay crop that was sold resulted \$137.75. On this the auctioneer was paid \$17.40 commission.

Witness in answer to Mr. Hunt said the Model Farm account audit had been completed but the final audit of pit-props account is still in progress. In reference to the audits made, witness said he never audited the Revenue Account of the Mines Department, this work was done by Mr. Downey. Regarding the overdraw on account of pit-prop, witness said the Auditor General refuses to release the amount until a special Act of the Legislature is passed covering the expenditure. Witness, questioned about a certificate covering prices, said it could be found in Sec. 34 of the Audit Act. Witness said it was under this section that many of the payments such as that made on account of travelling expenses allowances to members of the department, and prices charged by some of the retail grocers who issued supplies.

JERSEY BULL NOT SOLD BY AUCTION.

MR. BAYLY recalled explained the facts in connection with the sale of the Jersey bull. This bull was not advertised in the auction sale because an arrangement had been made with Fr. Coady so that one of his parishioners would keep the animal. The arrangement fell through and the animal was disposed of to Mr. Casey for \$120. Witness said fierceness was not the reason why the animal was sold, but rather it was because no person could be found to keep it.

MR. HOWLEY questioned the witness re the payment on account of Centenary Hall, but Mr. Bayly could not give any information.

MR. RUSSELL recalled and examined by Mr. Winter in connection with the payments to the Union which on previous evidence showed that a total of \$87,000 had been paid out on account of Rossing Contracts, and that \$45,000 plus \$10,000 was all that had been received by the Union Trading Co. The witness said that going further into the matter since his last evidence he found that in addition to the \$45,000 and the \$10,000, the sum of \$12,540.54 had been received for repelling wood at Goose Bay. There was a payment of \$7,445.18 made the Springdale Branch Store for collecting wood and \$11,337.52 for roasting under the 1923 operations. Included in this amount was \$239 which was owing on account of spare parts which were supplied the roasting machines before they were handed over to Mr. Crowe. In addition last year the Trading Co. supplied the Government with some parts for the Government roasting machines to the value of \$17.75. The total payments, said witness, was \$79,175.00 and as some \$88,183 had been received by Mr. Winsor and others in connection with the moving of wood, the total of \$83,000 was accounted for.

MR. BRYANT EXAMINED.
MR. CHARLES BRYANT who undertook the roasting contract called and examined by the Commissioner, said he was returning from Spain by way of New York, where he met Mr. Coaker. He (Bryant) had been in Spain as supercargo. Witness entered into the roasting contract at his own suggestion. The Commissioner asked if he noticed that the first item in the contract stated that the contractor was in possession of the necessary machinery. Witness said he must have read it. He made arrangements for the purchase of the machines and the Trading Company was to pay for them. He gave the Commissioner to understand that the company undertook to back notes for him, with the machines as security. Further questioned, the witness admitted that the contract had been as-

signed before he had signed it, and also that the machines were never his, in fact the whole arrangements were with the Trading Co.

MR. HARRIS was recalled and corrected some points of his previous evidence. One was that the Willis Reid he had mentioned was not the same man who worked at the Model Farm. He also said that he had shown no discrimination in connection with the purchase of splits. He told the Commissioner that Mr. Jennings was correct when he said that all the institutions using the splits had more than they required for a long time. Mr. Jennings finally stopped buying splits and Dr. Campbell then took over.

COMMISSIONER—Why did Jennings give it up?
A—He was disgusted with it, I think. The men he was dealing with could not be trusted. The purchasing was afterwards taken over by a Committee consisting of Mr. Davey, Dr. Campbell, Major Butler and myself.

Q—What individuals did the buying?
A—I did it at the request of Dr. Campbell.

MR. WINTER referred to the purchase of land from J. J. Duff. On June 21st, Duff put in a claim for \$5,250. Mr. Davey, however, thought this claim exorbitant and an arbitration resulted. Mr. Jennings, Mr. S. Churchill and Mr. D. Courtenay were the arbitrators and they made an award of \$448 which was signed by Jennings and Churchill. The Commissioner criticized the bills of these arbitrators whose fees should have been \$2 each, but a great deal more had been paid them. He did not like this method of showing contempt for Acts of Parliament, if they were inconvenient. A letter, signed by the Deputy Colonial Secretary, was put in and ordered the payment of \$2,500 to Mrs. Duff in full settlement of all claims. This payment was decided upon by the Government. A letter from Mr. Jennings was read. It stated that he would make no payment for any amount other than that contained in the award of the Arbitrators. A second letter was sent to Jennings ordering him to pay but he still refused. Later the cheque was paid to J. J. Duff.

COMMISSIONER—Why was he paid \$2,500 when two of the three assessors said \$448 was ample?
A—I do not know.

The payment of \$3,000 to Mr. Cousens was next taken up. Mr. Davey had taken this matter in hand and a compromise—on Cousens' original claim was effected for \$3,000.

MR. WINTER—On what authority did you pay Cousens?
A—On Davey's certificate.

Other matters explained by witness were the check kept in the delivery of drafts from the various rock sheds, and drafts issued by Major Butler which were in connection with the transportation of men to Bermuda. Witness did not know if the Government had been reimbursed for passages advanced.

MR. LEITH, recalled, was examined by Mr. Winter.
Q—You have examined the Relief Accounts?
A—Yes.
A summary of expenditure was put in. It was found that in the spring of 1923 the costs of the rock sheds showed a marked increase.

COMMISSIONER—That is curious. The cash hire rose about the same time. I wonder if the same reason applies. The Commissioner commented upon the extra remunerations to Departmental officials which he termed an imperfect analogy to overtime.

Mr. Winter stated that Mr. Davey's medical adviser did not think it wise to have him called.

The Commissioner said that if Davey had any documents they might be produced. He asked if anyone could be brought to give evidence concerning the origin of the Citizens' Committee.

Mr. Winter promised the opening of the final paragraph on to-morrow and said he thought the whole Enquiry would be completed by the end of the week.

Recess was then taken until 3 p.m.

The Best Dance Music. The Best Brass Band. The Best St. Patrick's night. Tickets: \$2.00, Double; \$1.00, Ladies; \$1.50, Gent's.—mar10.6f

From Cape Race
Special to Evening Telegram
CAPE RACE, to-day.
Wind northeast, blowing strong. Weather fine. Shore blocked everywhere; ice extends about two miles off. No vessels in sight. Bar. 29.56; Ther. 32.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

March 8th.—Up betimes and abroad, the weather continuing mild and the fog hanging over the harbour, such as I have rarely seen it at this time of year. So into Water Street for having my head trimmed, where a strange thing the barber told me of a sealer, he disappearing from his ship a few days ago, and naught heard from him since. It is thought the man did fall overboard and a diver will go down to look for him, when it is fit for him to do so. Meeting Mr. Morales, he tells me he is going to the seal-fishery in the Seal, and will write an account of it for a Porto Rican sheet. But Lord, the number of times the seal-fishery is written about, that methinks there is little that men do not know of it, more almost than those that go to it. The ice in great sheets on the Harbour, and has not been so in this twenty years, so all the sealing ships kept in port and no others can enter it. The reports of seals good, however, and every hope of a good catch. Many sweepstakes abroad, more than ever I saw, and needs must I buy some of them all, but with little hope of winning a prize, being that I have never yet had the winning number in any sweep. To the Club, where Mr. Williams plays at billiards with me, and did beat me, albeit I faked mightily as is my wont. In my evening sheet I see how the Greeks do again change their Caball, their second time of doing it this year and as I think, like South American revolutions, done from force of habit. Comes Cripps, and discourses of my Journal, which he praises mightily, but what did please me beyond all measure. He says that many do buy the Telegram sheet that did never have it before, and the reason of it to read my poor stuff.

March 9th (Lord's Day).—Up and to swim before breakfast in a bath and had the greatest pleasure of it. So to walk along the waterfront and to watch the sealers, they copying on the ice, and is the most dangerous sport. Many did barely escape a ducking, but did not desist because of it. Meeting Povey, he tells me he has heard no news to-day, and is he thinks a hopeful sign of much happening next week.

B. I. S. Programme

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

At the meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society, held yesterday forenoon, President W. J. Higgins addressed the gathering on matters in connection with the annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations. In the morning the entire Society will parade according to time honored custom and after attending mass in a body at St. Patrick's, will proceed to Government House to pay the usual official visit to His Excellency. With regard to the evening's entertainment the chairman announced that already the Ladies' Auxiliary was busily engaged preparing what is to be the biggest event of the Society's year—the "Caidh", when there will be cards for the elders and dancing for the young, with novelties and refreshments galore.

Claims His Liquor Was Doped With Morphine

Charging that his rum had been doped with morphine, a man named Richard Dwyer, has laid a complaint with the police implicating a 35 year old laborer named Charles Taylor, who claims he is a resident of Salmonier.

The latter was arrested under warrant on Saturday and appeared before the Magistrate this forenoon. The story behind the doping incident is that Taylor, Dwyer and another man unnamed had purchased a schooner for the purpose of going into the liquor business. On Thursday last the partners went aboard their purchase and celebrated the event with the flowing bowl. It is claimed that the administering of the morphine was part of a plot to swindle the complainant.

TAKING LONG CHANCES.

Yesterday afternoon a number of venturesome youngsters were to be seen "copying" on the ice pans in the harbor. Several of them were young children and it was more by good luck than good management that they escaped a ducking if not a more serious mishap. A word from parents to their children as to the danger of this game would be timely.

Old Hoods Reported Plentiful

Mr. W. Scammell, of Messrs. Earle, Sons & Co., Ltd., received a message from Fogo this morning to the effect that old hood seals were plentiful in the vicinity, and that several had been killed.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.
S. S. Kyle left Port aux Basques at 10.30 p.m. yesterday.

S. S. Argyle is leaving Placentia to-day on the Western route.

S. S. Glenoe arrived at Argentina at 2.40 p.m. on 8th inst.

HAND-WRITING Competition!

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 TO 15 YEARS.

Write in ink on a piece of plain white paper, the following sentence 12 times:

Milkmaid Milk is the Best Milk Made

Write your name, age and address in the upper right hand corner of the paper, and address same, together with one MILKMAID Label, to "Milkmaid Competition," 204 Water Street, St. John's, Newfoundland, P. O. Box 697.

You may send in as many sheets as you like, but each sheet must be accompanied with a MILKMAID Label.

For the best hand-writing received of the above sentence, the following CASH PRIZES will be paid:

For children 10 years and under:	Children over 10 yrs. and up to 15 yrs.
First Prize \$10.00	First Prize \$10.00
Second " 5.00	Second " 5.00
Third " 2.50	Third " 2.50
Fourth " 1.50	Fourth " 1.50
Fifth " 1.00	Fifth " 1.00

THERE WILL ALSO BE HUNDREDS OF CONSOLATION PRIZES.

The Judges for this Competition will be:—Mr. S. T. Harrington, M.A., Headmaster Methodist College; Rev. Bro. Ryan, Principal St. Bonaventure's College; Mr. R. R. Wood, B.A., Headmaster Bishop Feild College, and the Agent for the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.

Closing date of the Competition will be announced in local newspapers. THE JUDGES' DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

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Attempted Robbery at the Rink

A. Jofner attempted burglary was reported over the week-end. Between seven and eight o'clock on Friday evening the Prince's Rink was broken into, but the miscreants failed to make a haul. The entrance was made through one of the front windows into the office where the cash drawer was searched. The money, however, had all been removed, so they next turned their attention to the locker in which cigarettes, chocolates and soft drinks are kept. The door was partly forced open when apparently the trespassers were alarmed and made a hasty retreat. All the lights which for some reason were turned on and left burning attracted attention and was reported to the caretaker, who was in church at the time. A search of the premises showed nothing to indicate who the visitors were.

Firemen Confess That They Started Series of Fires

MEMBERS OF TOWN FORCE DID IT JUST TO FURNISH EXCITEMENT.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 29.—Six Darien firemen who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit arson were recently given prison and jail sentences by Judge Allyn Brown in the Criminal Superior Court here. Arthur E. Wilcott, former chief of the fire department was sentenced to not less than two and not more than four years in State Prison on each of the counts, the sentences to run concurrently. Fires of mysterious origin occurred frequently in Darien last spring and fall, and investigations of the police revealed that the members of the fire department "to furnish excitement" had been in the habit of starting fires. The fire started, the men would return home awaiting the alarm to be sounded and then would ride down to the fire on the truck and help extinguish it.

Weather and Ice Report Winter Fishery

MARCH 10TH, 1924.
Bonaville—Light N.E. wind, fine; no ice east Cape.
Lasclo—Light N.E. wind, ice tight. Twillingate—Light N.E. wind, dull. Several old hoods killed Saturday; lakes of water in Bay.
Catalina—Wind N.N.E., fair. Ice as far as can see.
Nipper's Hr.—Light N.W. wind, fair and mild; ice tight on shore.
Greenspond—Wind N.N.E., strong breeze. Bay blocked with ice.
Wesleyville—Wind N.E., fair breeze. Ice as far as can see.
Fogo—Fresh N.E. winds. No water to be seen.
Belle Isle—Light N. wind, foggy; ice very loose and broken in every direction.

Shipping.

S. S. Rosalind is expected to leave Halifax for here this evening. The ship will not likely get away from here before Friday next.

S. S. Digby, which left Liverpool on the 5th inst. for here, has 1,450 tons cargo for this port.

S. S. Spes now on the passage from Boston to Halifax, will leave the latter port for here on March 13th.

Schr. Florence Seyers, 37 days from Seville salt laden to A. E. Hickman, has arrived at St. Lawrence.

Prospects Poor

A report to the Board of Trade from Sub-Collector W. J. Bragg, Chatham states that the prospects for the winter cod fishery are very poor, up to March 1st, the total landed from Chatham to Port aux Basques amounts to 184 qtls. The report says that there has not been on the grounds for nearly two weeks owing to ice and weather conditions, and should the conditions continue during March, the fishery on that section of the coast will be a total failure.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT.

Yesterday afternoon the Central firemen were called to the residence of Mr. W. A. Brown, Merrymeeting Road, slight fire, the result of soot in the chimney igniting, was the cause of the alarm. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

Everybody is now on edge for St. Patrick's night. What a gala is promised at the Grenfell Hall where the St. Andrew's Orchestra are playing to keep away the Blues. Get your tickets now for once in your life you will get the real thing in Dance Music.

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BORN.

On March 6th, 1924, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Costello, 29 Centre Street.

DIED.

This morning, at 8 o'clock, Margaret, darling child of Peter and Mary Pico, aged 4 years and 11 months. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from her grandfather's residence, Mr. James Connolly, McKay Street. New York papers please copy.

On Sunday, March 9th, at 4 p.m. Anthony Frances, darling child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, aged 10 months.

A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still.

A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of James Jacobs, beloved husband of Rachel Jacobs and our dear father who died March 10th, 1923.
No one knows the silent heartache. Only those who have lost can tell. To-day recalls and memories. Of one we loved so well.
—Inserted by his Wife and Daughters.

IN FOND AND LOVING MEMORY
of my dear daughter, Julia Curtis Winsor, who passed peacefully away, March 8th, 1921.
Dear Julia how I miss you. Ever since you passed away. My thoughts are always with you. Though we are so far away.
Three years have passed, but still I miss you.
Friends may think the wound is healed. But little do they know the sorrow That within my heart's concealed.
This day brings back sad memories. Of one who is gone to rest. And those who miss her most to-day. Are those who loved her best. "Asleep in Jesus."
—Inserted by her Mother.

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