

SUMMERSIDE MAGISTRATE UNDER FIRE

Temperance Alliance Alleges His Action a Public Scandal.

JUSTIFY EMPLOYING THIEL DETECTIVES.

Drop Cases Because they Could Not Expect Justice, Says Alliance—Annual Meeting to be Held Today.

Charlotte, N. S., Feb. 4.—Great interest is taken in the annual meeting tomorrow of the Provincial Temperance Alliance in view of recent excitement over operations of the Thiel detectives in this province. Executives of alliance in their report justify the engagement of the detectives on the ground that some extraordinary action was necessary owing to intimidation, bribery and perjury of witnesses, as well as indifference of some of the officers of the law. The detectives cost \$20 a day for two months.

The only places where they were sent to were places where constant violation of the law was being carried on.

The Alliance also alleges that the course taken in Summerside by the Magistrate and others opposed to impartial enforcement of law was little less than a public scandal. Reference is made to information looking out and certain violators warned.

The Alliance states that the reason why sixteen cases were dropped in Summerside was because they could not expect to receive justice from the present officials.

The Charlottetown prosecutor also comes in for censure for discriminating cases, ordered to be assessed by the Alliance. The report declares that drug stores are little better than bars and should be legislated against as such. The clause affecting doctors needs to be made more stringent, it being found that they issue up to four hundred certificates a month, and liquor. During the recent campaign seventy-one cases were entered and twenty-one convictions obtained.

The Alliance will ask for further amendments to parole laws based on recent experiences. The recent campaign has revealed the fact that conditions were far worse as to prohibition enforcement than was generally believed.

DEFENDS THE DEPORTATION OF STRIKERS

General Smuts States Men Had Diabolical Plans to Ruin the Country—Boer Secret Agent.

Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 4.—General Jan Christian Smuts, minister of defense, was cheered by all sections except the Laborites, when he arose in the Assembly today to move the second reading of the bill to indemnify the government for its acts under law. After he had spoken for nearly four hours in justification of the government's action in declaring martial law and deporting the strike leaders, the house adjourned. General Smuts will resume his speech tomorrow.

The minister of defense argued the government had to deal with no ordinary strike but a syndicalist conspiracy to paralyze the country in order to compel surrender to its demands.

To defeat this conspiracy and prevent the country from succumbing to anarchy it became necessary to mobilize a larger military force than was employed in the Boer republics at the outbreak of the war. He declared that Secretary Bain of the Trades Federation, one of the men deported, was the most prominent in inciting violence. He had known him when he was employed in the secret service of the Boer government, and declared him to be one of the most desperate characters he had ever encountered. Nothing more diabolical, asserted General Smuts, could have been committed by an invading force than what the deported leaders had attempted.

N. S. LEGISLATURE.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4.—The date for the opening of the Nova Scotia legislature has been fixed, and the opening will take place on Thursday, February 19, at 3 p. m.

VANCOUVER URGES INVAL CONTRIBUTION

Pass Strong Resolution at Big Meeting Addressed by Sir Richard McBride and Several Others.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 4.—Sir Richard McBride, Captain Clive Phillips, and others, spoke on the navy question at Victoria last night. The following resolution was passed:

"This meeting urges upon the Premier of Canada to continue to use every effort to remove immediately Canada's reproaches, in that she has so far done nothing to aid that navy which is the basis of our Empire's greatness and prosperity, and also the insurance of the peace of the whole world."

GENERAL VILLA MISUNDERSTOOD

Constitutionalist Leader. Did Not Say He Would Execute the Spaniards. Residing at Torreon.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Robert V. Pequeira, confidential agent of the Constitutionalist here, in a statement today declared that a published report attributing to General Villa the statement that he would summarily execute certain Spaniards who he took Torreon, was misunderstood.

"When General Villa last took Torreon he captured a large number of Spanish subjects who had been fighting in the ranks of the enemy, but subsequently released them on parole," he said. "Recently, however, he learned from trustworthy sources that these same Spaniards had violated their parole and had again taken up arms. If captured again General Villa merely expressed the opinion that he would be justified in applying the penalty fixed by military laws for the offense, namely, death. General Scott in 1847 executed a large number of Mexican officers who violated their paroles, so, surely, General Villa has an illustrious precedent for his guidance."

NO TRUTH IN RUMOR

Statement That Life of the King of Spain Had Been Attempted—Proves Without Foundation.

Madrid, Feb. 4.—No credence is given here to rumors circulated abroad that an attempt had been made today on the life of King Alfonso. The King has recently been staying at Seville and dispatches from that city filed at four o'clock this afternoon that the King was in excellent health and had gone to his fox hunting estate nearby.

The premier, Eduardo Dato, late tonight declared that the rumor of an attempt against the King were absolutely without foundation. He had just received a message from the King assuring the Premier that he was in the best of health and had had a pleasant day's hunting.

RATE WAR WILL CAUSE JUMP IN IMMIGRATION.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—The shipping rate war, in the opinion of local agents, is likely to lead to a large increase in the immigration of Europeans of the laboring class, providing ample material for railway and other construction work.

This may result in lower wages being paid to laborers in Canada. Further reductions in third class steamship passages are anticipated.

HON. MR. WHITE IS VERY ILL.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, will not be able to be in the House for some weeks yet, according to statements made today. The result of the operation upon his ear, which was rendered necessary after a severe cold, have not been so satisfactory as was expected.

GRASS IS PRESENTED FACETS OF CASE, AS USUAL

Hon. Mr. Hazen and Hon. Mr. Reid Exploded Misstatement.

DIDN'T COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS.

Alleged Wrong Done Returning Traveller Fully Explained—Hon. Sam Hughes Silences Opponent with Facts.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Much has appeared in the Liberal press concerning the alleged wrong done to a student of Mount Allison University named Colpitts, who was refused landing at Rimouski and taken on to Quebec against his will on board an incoming steamer.

The theory that he had been badly treated was exploded in the house today by Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. J. D. Reid.

Hon. Mr. Hazen had some correspondence with Mr. Colpitts and this showed that the latter had neglected to have his name included in the partial clearance papers. Had he done so there would have been no trouble and he could have landed at Rimouski. Officials have to carry out their orders and in this case the quarantine officer had no alternative.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—At the opening of today's sitting of the Commons, A. K. Maclean of Halifax, asked about the government contracts with the Royal Mail Steamship Company of Canada. He was told that the sum per annum paid to the company was \$340,000; that the contract ran for five years, from November, 1913, and that the ships were four in number, the Chignecto, Chalour, Cobouid and Carisque, running from Halifax every two weeks. Mr. Maclean was also told that Watson Griffin had been appointed special travelling trades commissioner in the West Indies at a salary of \$4,000 a year. Mr. Griffin was formerly industrial commissioner at Brandon, Man.

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PROMINENT MEN GATHER TO AID THE PEACE COMMITTEE

British Members Make Urgent Appeal for Funds—Move to Correct Mistakes in History—Earl of Kintore at Philadelphia Makes Strong Speech.

London, Feb. 4.—The British committee arranging for the celebration of the centenary of peace between the United States and the British Empire, made a second appeal for funds at a meeting held today at the Mansion House, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of London, and with the Duke of Teck in the chair. Speeches were made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Premier Asquith, Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador in Washington, and J. A. Stewart, secretary of the American committee.

A cablegram from Secretary of State Bryan expressing the sympathy of himself, of President Wilson and of the cabinet in the object of the celebration, was read.

Premier Asquith said that as far as he knew, neither the British nor the American government was officially participating in the programme of the celebration, because both of them felt that the movement should be a spontaneous act of the peoples of the two countries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury expressed the hope that some part of the fund would be devoted to educational endowments, by which what he deemed the disproportionate share given to the separation of the United States from Great Britain, might be reduced in American school history books.

John A. Stewart reciprocated this sentiment with the amendment that the false conceptions of Americans taught in England also be corrected.

Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, and Andrew Bonar Law, and Arthur J. Balfour, leaders of the opposition in the House of Commons, sent messages supporting the movement.

Growing Harmony. Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—The Earl of Kintore, chairman of the committee in charge of the exposition to be held in London in commemoration of one hundred years of peace between the English-speaking peoples, returned to Philadelphia today after a tour of the country. He was guest at a luncheon given by business and professional men of the city. He read a letter from the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, conveying greetings to the American committee on peace centenary and expressing the hope that the occasion might mark "the forging of yet another link in the chain of Anglo-American friendship."

Lord Kintore spoke of the "growing harmony, growing trade, growing prosperity and growing good will" between the English-speaking nations.

"You and we have been the first to lead the way toward disarmament," he said. "Your northern border stretches for nearly 4,000 miles from Halifax to Vancouver, without a gun without a fort, without a soldier. Such a frontier is elsewhere unequalled in the world."

THE MONTREAL FIRE UNDERWRITERS MAY INCREASE THE RATES

Council of Board of Trade Endorses Representations and Urges Prompt Action in the Matter.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—The council of the Board of Trade today agreed to endorse the representations to the city council of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, with regard to the repeated shortages and stoppages of the water supply particularly during the last eighteen months, that, unless the investigation asked for by the Board of Trade and other organizations is held without delay and prompt action taken on the resulting report the underwriters would be compelled to make a heavy increase in the rates in the city.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION WAS BARRED

Democrats of Senate Interstate Commerce Commission So Decide—Find Place in Other Bills.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Democrats of the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission, in conference today determined that any attempt to attach supplemental anti-trust legislation to the pending Interstate Trade Commission bill could not be permitted. It was agreed that such additions would only serve to encumber the proposed measure and would conflict with the ideas of the President and administration leaders as to the legislative program under process of perfection.

The decision was reached after consideration of amendments proposed by Senator Cummins and other Republicans who have participated in the general meetings on the tentative trust bill. Senator Cummins particularly urged that the trade commission be authorized to limit the size of corporations, and to regulate capitalization and price cutting. Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, announced tonight that the majority members were opposed to including any such proposals into the measure, and that such should be treated in connection with other bills proposed to supplement the Sherman law.

Pleading that Congress "in getting after big business must not kill little business," F. R. Segenthal, representing Wisconsin retail implement dealers during the day addressed the House judiciary committee, which continued hearings on the trust programme. J. B. Moorehead of Lexington, Mo., president of the National Federation of Retail Merchants, and John W. Barry of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, joined in this plea, picturing to the committee the small retailers against the campaign of mail order dealers and wholesalers who "invaded" their state.

Sen. Lov, president of the National Civic Federation, continued his remarks before the committee today, arguing that labor unions and farmers organizations should not be made amenable to trust laws.

STILL WAR IN MEXICO

Results in Withdrawal of Rebel Forces—Check at Mapimi.

Chihuahua, Feb. 4.—The first skirmish between the federal troops protecting Torreon and the rebel army advancing on that city resulted in the withdrawal of the rebel forces. The skirmish, details of which reached here today, occurred in the mountain pass of Puerta de Leacadena, about thirty miles from Mapimi, and northwest of Torreon.

Rebel troops under command of General Urbina were guarding the pass when they were attacked by a federal force which advanced from Mapimi. A brief fight resulted in the abandonment of the pass by the rebels and their retirement to the main rebel advance guard north of Mapimi.

General Urbina was attempting to hold the pass as an approach for rebels from the north. The rebels now believe they will have to fight for Mapimi before they march on Torreon.

IN HOT DEBATE IN U. S. HOUSE

Proposed Bill to Establish Censorship Over the Stock Exchange News—Russianize America Says Opponent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—"This bill attempts to Russianize America; it would establish a censorship over the press by the postmaster general. American newspapers will not tolerate it."

This was the comment of Senator Hitchcock to fellow members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee today at the opening of the hearing on the Stock Exchange Regulation Bill offered by Chairman Owen.

The bill provides for denial of the mails to stock exchanges which violate restrictions imposed by the measure, and would require the incorporation of stock exchanges under state laws.

Senator Hitchcock asserted that the wording of the bill would give the postmaster general absolute censorship of whatever news concerning stock exchange papers outside of the cities where the exchanges were located would be printed.

Mr. Undermyer insisted the power given the postmaster general was insufficient.

TO FORM CABINET

Lisbon, Feb. 4.—Bernardino Machado, the Portuguese ambassador to Brazil, arrived here today, and at the request of the President he has undertaken the formation of a new cabinet. The ministry headed by Dr. Afonso Costa resigned on January 27, in consequence of the parliamentary deadlock.

NATIONAL FORESTRY CONVENTION

Delegates Seek Protection of the Forests of the Dominion.

PASS RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL SESSION.

Premier Borden Promises Convention Will be Held at Ottawa Next January—Doing Good Work.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—A National Forestry Congress, similar to the one called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1906 will be held in Ottawa next January. This was decided on the suggestion of Premier Borden, by the delegates to the 15th annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association, which concluded its sessions this afternoon.

The lieutenant governors of all the provinces, members of parliament and of the senate, prominent lumbermen, and in fact everybody who is prominently identified and in sympathy with forestry will be invited by the Premier to attend the congress, at which matters pertaining to the preservation of the forests will be discussed.

Prior to deciding on holding the convention the delegates waited on Right Hon. Mr. Borden and Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, and submitted resolutions covering such matters as the extension of forest areas, more care in deciding what lands shall be opened for settlement, free distribution of young trees, and that appointments in forestry should be based on capability, and experience.

To all these the Premier and Dr. Roche promised to give immediate consideration and Mr. Borden suggested holding a national forestry congress. Later the delegates informed him they would be pleased if such a congress could be held and the Premier promised it would be.

The delegates were headed by Hon. W. A. Charlton, M. P., retiring president of the association, and Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Committee.

Officers of the association for the ensuing year are: President, William Power, M. P., of Quebec; vice-president, F. C. Whitman, Annapolis Royal, N. S.; secretary, James Lawlor, Ottawa.

U. S. MAY NOT INTERFERE

If Victor in Haitian War Continues Constitutional Government all Will be Well—Fugitive President.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—It became known late today that if the struggle of the rebel factions now going on in Haiti results in the domination of a labor leader committed to the perpetuation of constitutional government in the republic, the United States probably will not feel called upon to interfere with the re-organization of the government.

Officials here noted with satisfaction that the Senator brothers, who, according to the reports from the American legation at Port au Prince have succeeded in gaining the ascendancy, are pledging to call the National Assembly in session as soon as they are in possession of the machinery of the government, and it is assumed that the purpose is to afford that body an opportunity to select a new president to succeed Oreste. For the present, however, in the view of the State Department, the fugitive Oreste is still titular president of Haiti.

NOW PLANS FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

New York, Feb. 4.—To cross the Atlantic in from 12 to 15 hours without alighting is the task set a "flying boat" for which Rodman Wanamaker has let the contract, according to A. R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America. In a letter to Mr. Hawley, Mr. Wanamaker says that the purpose of the undertaking is to make "a purely scientific test" of aeronautics and to provide an argument for world peace insofar as the success of the feat would show that dreamthoughts might be futile in the future.

He added that only transactions of a fraudulent character would be barred from the mails.