

MAKES CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

Detective Agency Asks for Investigation of Actions of Post Office Inspectors and W. G. Burns

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Charges of conspiracy against the United States postoffice inspectors and the W. J. Burns detective agency, the conspiracy being aimed at the destruction of their business, was made today in a petition filed by the Burns detective agency, of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis, with the select committee appointed by the senate to investigate the "third degree" methods of the police.

Charles A. O'Brien, city solicitor of Pittsburgh, tomorrow will ask that the committee undertake an investigation of circumstances surrounding the raiding of the Burns detective agency, and the seizure of the Burns agency by the Burns agency.

G. B. Perkins, Walter W. Perkins and A. Thomas were accused recently of having written to C. Strong, of Erie, Pa., that unless \$50,000 was forthcoming, the Strong house and mausoleum would be blown up. The letters were alleged to have been anonymous and forwarded to Mr. Strong with the idea, in view, it was contended, that the Perkins agency would gain employment in ferreting out the authors and preventing the carrying out of the threat.

The petition sets forth that "raids" were made on the Perkins agency in all three cities by postoffice inspectors and Burns detectives, and that the former, acting under federal law, seized valuable papers and personal records. In addition the officers and employees of the Perkins agency, the petition further charges, were subjected to "third degree" methods to extort evidence or confessions.

In asking for an investigation, the petition says that the case is not an isolated one, but that they are prepared to prove that like conduct on the part of postoffice inspectors is not an infrequent occurrence in other parts of the country.

Counsel's Statement
PITTSBURGH, July 7.—City Solicitor Charles A. O'Brien appears in the Perkins case as personal counsel for the Perkins detective agency, and tonight said he knew of no hearing in Washington tomorrow.

"The entire matter was laid before the Washington authorities some time ago," he said, "and it was then understood that no hearing would be held until after the trial for conspiracy of G. B. Perkins, Walter Perkins and Miss Davis, which is held at Erie, Pa., at a term of the federal court. I have received no notice of any hearing tomorrow, and, of course, do not expect to be in Washington."

CAN TRY COMMISSIONS

Cities of Washington State at Liberty to Make Changes—Law Held Constitutional by Court

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 7.—The state supreme court today held unconstitutional the law passed by the last legislature authorizing cities with over 2,500 to 20,000 inhabitants to adopt the commission form of government.

The court says that the law does not merely change the functions of the municipality but changes the instrumentality of handling the functions; that it is not a mere change of cities and towns. Furthermore, the court holds that every law passed by the legislature is constitutional unless it clearly violates some provision of the constitution.

The case came up from Walla Walla, where the mayor refused to issue a call for a special election so that the voters might pass upon the question of its adoption.

Jewelry Smuggling
NEW YORK, July 7.—Mrs. Helen D. Jenkins, who says she was given gems valued at \$350,000 by a western millionaire, told the federal grand jury today what she knows of alleged smuggling of jewelry. The body is investigating reports that precious stones worth millions have poured through New York without payment of duty, and Mrs. Jenkins is the central figure in the inquiry. Mrs. Jenkins' appearance furnished the first indication that the jewel cases were under investigation.

POULTRY MATTERS

B. C. Association Executive Asks That Mr. Morley A. Jull's Resignation Be Reconsidered

At a recent meeting of the British Columbia Poultry Association executive, a communication was received from Mr. Morley A. Jull in which he stated that owing to the severance of his connection with the provincial department of Agriculture he was reluctantly compelled to resign the office of secretary-treasurer of the association. After considerable discussion—during which various speakers eulogized the valuable services rendered by Mr. Jull during his tenure of the secretary-treasurer's office—a resolution was adopted on the motion of Messrs. Edward and Stonehouse, that his resignation be referred back to Mr. Jull, and the association draft a letter to the minister of Agriculture asking that every endeavor be put forth to induce Mr. Jull to reconsider his resignation in order that his services may be retained by the department over which Hon. Mr. Ellison presides.

Reports were presented to the executive that prize cups had been donated by the associations of Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Grand Forks, Revel-

stoke and Northern Okanagan. With regard to the Northern Okanagan donation the secretary was instructed to write the local association stating that the executive felt it inadvisable to accept any cup which is not open for free competition. The secretary was also requested to reply to a communication from Grand Forks, pointing out to the society there that if their recommendations were carried out with regard to the placing of the cup it would hamper the special prize list committee in their efforts to distribute the prizes fairly and without any suggestion of favoritism. The secretary was also instructed to write to the members of the provincial legislature suggesting that they offer prizes for competition at the annual shows.

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Mr. J. A. Ruddle Appointed to Investigate Conditions Affecting Industry Throughout Canada

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"Difficulties which are likely to be encountered." "Methods of production." "Facilities for distribution and marketing." "Possibilities of over-production."

INDUSTRIAL COLONIES OF BRITISH WOMEN

Hon. Mrs. Grosvenor Now Visiting—Victoria Seeks Provincial Aid to Further Proposed Scheme

The visiting premier of British Columbia, Hon. Dr. Young, was yesterday waited upon by two especially active and well informed members of the new and growing colony of English women in business, these being Hon. Mrs. Grosvenor and Miss Dorothy Davis, both of London, who are visiting Canada for the purpose of studying conditions with a view to the establishment of industrial colonies of women. Those at the head of the movement are in a position to furnish sufficient funds for the purchase of necessary lands, and it is hoped to place upon the latter little communities of English women with small capital who will develop the holdings to the greatest possible extent, preferably upon co-operative principles.

Hon. Mrs. Grosvenor and Miss Davis are now fully acquainting themselves with existing industrial conditions in British Columbia and their visit to the visiting premier was principally for the purpose of ascertaining whether provincial aid might not be secured for the furtherance of their undertaking.

Although such direct assistance was held to be impossible, Hon. Dr. Young pointed out to his visitors the provision contained in one chapter of the agricultural associations' act of this year, whereby it is made possible for co-operative associations of two or more engaged in dairying and kindred industries to obtain assistance by way of loans being secured as a first charge upon the properties and bearing interest at five per cent.

The English visitors are leaving today for Duncan, where they will pursue their investigation of conditions under the cleonage of Mr. J. H. Maitland-Douglas, the resident government agent.

MAY MOVE TOWNSITE

Historic Barkerville Asks Government to Shift Its Location

Representations are being made to the government by the people and interests of Barkerville with a view to securing the removal of that historic townsite to some adjacent district in which it will be less liable to overflow by flood. This action is in consequence of the reputed, failure of the bulkhead which has been under construction and repair during five years past, to retain the waters of the Williams Creek when, as at this season of the year, they are swollen by the contributions from the melting snows on the mountains. A fortnight ago Barkerville was thoroughly washed out by such a flood, several citizens narrowly escaping being carried away and very considerable inconvenience together with much excitement being caused. At the present time Mr. Napier of the engineering staff of the public works department, is on the scene, making thorough investigations with a view to reporting as to the necessities of the situation. Barkerville, which is the oldest and possibly most historic town in British Columbia, is of course a registered townsite. The government also has a reserve about a mile below the town, and it is to this which it is proposed the town should be removed.

REVENUE SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

Customs Receipts of Dominion Grow at Rate of Ten Million Dollars for Current Fiscal Year

OTTAWA, July 7.—The feature of the financial statement of the Dominion for the first quarter of the current fiscal year is the customs showing. The increase of two and a half millions for three months, if maintained, will mean an increase of ten millions for the year and bring the customs revenue for the twelve months up to the phenomenal sum of \$80,000,000. The gross revenue for the quarter shows an increase of nearly three millions, totalling \$23,239,646. Expenditure on consolidated fund, \$9,935,000, an increase of \$102,625, and capital expenditure, \$2,908,780, a decrease of \$46,200.

A special meeting of the cabinet was held today, Sir Richard Cartwright presiding to consider three capital cases. The sentence of death passed upon Thomas Robertson of Calgary, will be commuted to life imprisonment. He turned King's evidence against Fiske, his accomplice, who was hanged last week. Executive committee has been advised in the case of William Carroll, sentenced to be hanged at St. Louis on the 26th. Carroll was at one time an inmate of an insane asylum. The council decided not to interfere with the sentence of death passed upon John Tebo, who murdered a man for his money at Disby, N. S.

Owing to the steadily increasing traffic the intercolonial finds it necessary to place rolling stock. Orders will be placed for twelve locomotives, twelve passenger cars, three dining, three express and postal cars and five hundred freight cars.

ORANGEMEN TO CELEBRATE HERE

A Representative Northwest Gathering Promised for Observation of Anniversary of Battle of the Boyne

The Orangemen of Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Ladang, Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham—numbering about 2,000 in all—are going to join their brethren of this city in celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne on Tuesday inst.

The gathering promises to be the most notable of any of its kind that has taken place in the northwest for years. Excursions have been arranged from the different cities of the coast, and already assurances have been received from the local officials to make the foregoing conservative estimate of the number likely to be here for the occasion. There will be a grand parade of the members of the visiting branches of the L. O. L. with the local Orangemen in the afternoon starting at 2 o'clock from view street above Douglas to Johnson street, from Johnson to Government, and thence to the hall, and so to the hall. At the parade, immediately after a number of addresses, among the speakers being the Very Rev. Dean Doull, Ald. H. H. Stephens of Vancouver, Rev. Dr. Fraser and J. W. Whiteley, grand organizer of British Columbia, the following sports will take place:

Sack race—100 yards.
Boys under 12—100 yards.
Backwards race—100 yards.
Girls under 12—50 yards.
Orangemen's race—Professionals barred, 100 yards.
Human wheelbarrow race—50 yards.
Married ladies' race—75 yards.
Single ladies' race—100 yards.
Orangemen over 60 years of age—75 yards.

Needle and thread race—200 yards. Gent runs with needle and thread to lady who threads needle on 100-yard mark, lady and gentleman return to starting point.
Orange Young Briton race—100 yards. Ladies' True Blue race.
Ladies' Orange Benevolent society race.

Tug-of-war—Island vs. Mainland, 10 men per team, no cleats, 6 feet limit, best two out of three pulls.

A grand popular lady contest will be held; mainland and island to nominate candidates. The Fifth Regiment band will play all the afternoon.

INSANE STATISTICS

Males Predominate Over Females in New Westminster Asylum

The report of Dr. Doherty, resident superintendent of the medical hospital for the insane, during the month of June shows that at the beginning of the month there were 622 inmates of that institution, 432 being males and 180 being females. Twenty-nine patients were admitted during the month, all but two of these being males. Two female patients were returned from probation. Eight patients were discharged on probation, the sexes equally divided. One male patient was discharged at the expiration of his probation. Eight patients died during the month, six being males and two females. Four patients, all males, escaped. At the close of the month, there were 626 patients in the hospital, 458

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Capitalists to Visit—Mr. Louis Reynolds, managing director, and Mr. Hugh F. Marriott, consulting engineer of the Ontario Mining & Investment Corporation of London, England, are to visit Victoria during August. This corporation has recently taken over and consolidated with its own the interests of Messrs. Wemyss, Bell & Company, and Messrs. Eckstein & Company, the largest operators in Kimberley and the South African Rand. These gentlemen are making a tour of Canada, commencing in New Brunswick, and will visit the leading mining localities in this country, in company with Mr. G. S. Lindsey of Toronto, formerly president of the Crown's Nest Pass Coal company and now operating near the head of the Skeena river. The party will arrive in New York on July 23, and it is expected they will reach Victoria on the 23rd proximo, after which they will visit both Hazelton and the Portland canal. Mr. Reynolds will be accompanied by Mr. William Frecheville, the institution of Mining and Metallurgy on the summer excursion of the Canadian Mining Institute in 1908. The representatives of the various mining institutions of Europe and America, at that time, were taken across the continent and shown the principal places of interest.

After Twenty-Two Years—An interesting visitor to the city is the Rev. John W. Wadman, who is at present the superintendent of the Methodist Mission at Honolulu. Mr. Wadman was the first pastor of the Centennial Methodist church of this city, a post which he resigned twenty-two years ago to leave for points in the States. After various migrations he reached Honolulu seven years ago and since that time has been a resident. He is a devoted localist until his present visit to the scenes of his early pastorate. Mr. Wadman sees wonderful development here. He left Victoria a comparative blank and returns to find it a full blown city with its own railways, transportation facilities and store and warehouses worth a city of many times its size. Mr. Wadman is renewing old acquaintances. Tomorrow morning he will preside in his church, the Centennial Methodist, and in the evening he will be heard at the Metropolitan church. On Monday night he will deliver a lecture on the Hawaiian Isles