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SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR STEALING RIDES ON TRAINS

Last week there were four people sent to jail at North Bay for stealing rides on the trains. Two were given terms of seven days each for stealing rides on the T. & N. O. A man and wife from Pembroke were also sen-

enced to seven days each for stealing rides on the C. N. R. They said they were on their way to British Columbia to visit a son, and got tired of walking so took to the train with the plan of having a free ride. Contrary to the idea of some, the railways are moving against those stealing rides not on account of the money aspect or from any meanness, but chiefly because of the trouble caused the railways by those stealing rides. For a time last year there was serious difficulty through these men stealing rides, some gangs, of them actually terrorizing train crews and creating disorders of one kind and another, as well as looting cars. Then there are the accidents, many of them fatal, through attempts to steal rides. These accidents are very costly to the railways, and in addition there is the humane feeling of railway officials and employees who naturally dislike accidents and injuries in connection with the railways.

PREMIER AND MEMBERS OF CABINET VISIT THE SAULT

Premier Henry and four members of his cabinet, Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines, Hon. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health, and Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, together with W. H. Ireland, M.P.P., and T. F. Mahoney, M.P., are visiting Northwestern Ontario this week. They are to be at a banquet at Sault Ste. Marie, the guests of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and then will visit Port Arthur, Fort William, Fort Frances, Kenora, Dryden, Sioux Lookout and Hudson, as well as some other centres.

Mrs. J. Linklater, of Rouyn, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

To Increase Work on Roads in North

Premier Henry Says at Port Arthur that Road Work is to be on Much Larger Scale Than at Present

According to despatches coming this week from Port Arthur, Ontario, road construction plans of extended kind are to be undertaken in the North at early date.

Intensified activities on road building in Northern Ontario are planned by the Ontario Government, Premier George S. Henry told the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon tendered the Premier and three other Cabinet Ministers on Monday.

Both the Dominion and Provincial Governments said the Premier, were convinced the worst stages of the depression are over and that it is time to carry on public works for relief of unemployment on a modified scale to reduce the number of people receiving direct relief.

"The Government is proposing to do more in the way of road building in the North," said Mr. Henry. "It will be under way on a much larger scale than at present, before fall and will relieve the cities of a portion of their population at least and take many off direct relief."

The four Ontario Cabinet Ministers, headed by Premier Henry, had breakfast in a Northern Ontario relief workers' camp and enjoyed the fare supplied the labourers on the trans-Canada highway. Premier Henry and his party afterwards drove over and inspected the 60-mile stretch of road leading eastward from Port Arthur to Nipigon.

Starting the tour of Northwestern

Ontario Monday, Mr. Henry left the train at Nipigon early and was met by D. J. Cowan, M.P. for Port Arthur; Brig.-Gen. D. M. Hogarth, M.L.A. for Port Arthur, Frank Spence, M.L.A. for Port William, and the mayors and presidents of the Board of Trade of the Twin Cities.

Accompanying Mr. Henry were Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. Dr. James Robb, Minister of Health, and William Ireland, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Ontario and Government Whip in the Legislature.

The whole party entered the relief camp at once and sat down to a woodman's breakfast, after which Mr. Henry looked over the new road and agreed it compared favourably with those he had built in Southern Ontario as Minister of Highways.

In Port Arthur, Mr. Henry addressed a luncheon gathering and Monday spoke at public meetings in both Port Arthur and Fort William.

KAPUSKASING PLANNING TO DO M.P.'S ON RELIEF PLAN

The Northern Tribune last week says:—"The Town Council held a special meeting on Monday afternoon to review the relief situation. It was decided to take immediate care of some cases of children of necessitous parents who needed clothing for school. As soon as this is out of the way there will be purchases of winter clothing for adults. The councillors are giving consideration to a plan suggested, to have men on the relief roll go to a pulp camp near town and cut pulpwood, which the town would in turn sell to the Spruce Falls Co. They would work on piece work at \$1.50 per cord, for which they would be paid in cash."

Look After the Boys Pleads Speaker Here

"Silent Bill" Biddle, ex-Convict, Proves to Large Crowd Sunday Evening that Crime Does Not Pay. Step Crime by Guarding the Youth, he Urges.

The Goldfield theatre was crowded to capacity Sunday evening after the church services for the address by "Silent Bill" Biddle, ex-convict, who spoke on the subject, "Does Crime Pay?" His forceful address showed it did not pay, that it is a fool's game. The big moral he preached was that if crime is to be conquered parents and others must guard the boys and keep them on the right path. Literally hundreds had to be turned away from the theatre for lack of room. All who heard "Silent Bill" Biddle felt that they would not have missed his remarkable story for any amount of money.

"I don't come to you posing as a martyr or a hero," declared the speaker in his opening remarks, "but as an ex-convict who has spent more than eighteen years behind prison bars and who knows what he is talking about. I am fighting a battle, a battle for the boys of today. It is lack of proper home environment that is responsible for the larger number of young boys filling our penitentiaries and reform schools."

In following up his opening words Mr. Biddle told the story of his own life with its adventure, its perils, its evils and its lack of satisfaction until he had turned from crime and senseless flouting of the laws. It was trouble at his own home, he said, that set him on the wrong road in life. He was born in Allandale some seventy years ago. When he was only three years old the family moved to Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was only nine years old when he lost his mother. Three years later his father married again, and his stepmother used the lad without kindness or justice. Not only that but she seemed to set his father against him. Home care had little chance in his young life. When he was thirteen years of age he received a terrible beating, actually being under the doctor's care for a time as a result of the abuse given him in his own home. So he lost the anchors that hold youth to right. He ran away from home with bitterness in his heart for the unkindness and injustice suffered. He made a place for himself in Philadelphia where he earned his living by carrying luggage to and from the depot. Then his people found him and his stepmother's evidence in juvenile court brought him a sentence of eight years in the reform school. "They sent me to a reform school to make a man of me," said Mr. Biddle. He found the reform school a regular incubator of crime. He learned there, he said, the tricks and the attitude to life that later placed him in the ranks of the criminal and the convict. After eighteen months he escaped from the reform school and made his way to Baltimore, where, according to his own story, the knowledge gained in the reform school for the other and older boys enabled him to make a living by theft and pocket-picking. Reform schools in the United States were evidently much less worthy than on this side of the line.

Time went on, and because he was neglected at the right time, Biddle went from one form of law-breaking to another. After a while he was joined by his two brothers, John and Eddie Biddle. They were notorious as the "Biddle Boys" of Pennsylvania. In touching way, Mr. Biddle told of the sad fate of his two brothers. They were arrested and sentenced to die for the killing of a policeman, although they were not even near the scene of that crime. With the assistance of the warden's wife they escaped from prison a few days before the time set for their execution, but they were traced and followed, guards eventually surrounding them and shooting them down to a sad death. Silent Bill Biddle himself was eventually convicted of murder, a fireman being killed on a train that the Biddle gang was charged with holding up and robbing. He was condemned to die, but was granted a new sentence and the second trial resulted in a life sentence. He served eighteen years of the life sentence in Sing Sing penitentiary. Finally, in 1924, he was released on a ten-year parole. "I had found to my bitter cost that crime does not pay," said Mr. Biddle, who begged all parents and others to watch over their children, to take a kind but firm interest in them and see that they kept the right kind of company and were not allowed to roam the streets at night. "I hope you have a curfew bell by-law here, and that you enforce it to the letter," he said.

"You can't live a life of crime and get away with it," Mr. Biddle emphasized. "You may appear to escape for a time but the law will get you in the end."

In his own case, he said, that it was lack of home influences that let him go wrong. He pointed out that 70 per cent. of the inmates of the prisons are young men. "They're there," he said, "because their fathers and mothers in most cases failed to exercise proper control over them."

Mr. Biddle did not believe that capital punishment stopped crime, but rather the contrary. He advocated the lash as a big help in stopping crimes of violence. He quoted statistics to show that in the one state where the lash was used for hold-ups with violence, there were none of these crimes despite their prevalence in other states.

Mr. Biddle quoted figures to show that crime is on the increase in Canada. In 1920 there were 24,097 crimes committed in Canada while in 1931 the number was 28,457, an increase of 3,360. Of these crimes 64 per cent. were committed by young men under 23 years of age. In 1930 there were 377 boys under 20 years in the penitentiaries. In 1931, there were 468, and to-day there were upwards of 600.

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Kirkland Lake Now Has a Big Gold Rush

Rich Find Reported in Thackeray Township Some Twenty Miles North of Kirkland Lake. According to Reports.

The recent rich finds reported in Carscadden and Turnbull townships in the Porcupine area, not very far from Timmins, has perhaps decided Kirkland Lake to have a big gold rush of its own. In any case word this week from the Kirkland Lake camp suggests a great deal of interest and a regular rush in progress to Thackeray township, some twenty miles from the Lake Shore town. Prospectors and mining men, the accounts from Kirkland Lake say, are now engaged in one of the biggest gold rushes noted in the Kirkland Lake area for a considerable time. Word reaching Kirkland Lake from Thackeray is to the effect that a strike of very considerable importance has been made in that township by Patrick Collins, one of Kirkland Lake's prospectors.

The reports say that gold values taken from an average of 15 feet run from \$7.40 to \$24.80 per ton. The rich ore is found in a feldspar porphyry formation which runs in parallel veins of considerable width. The find now reported is considered by those on the inside to be one of the most noteworthy in the Kirkland Lake area for a long time. The result of the reports from Thackeray township is that a number of prospectors have rushed in to the area and staking is going along in rapid fashion. It is understood that there is still ground open in the neighbourhood of the new strike though likely by the time this appears in print the area anywhere near the strike will be staked out quite solid. Some ground previously staked is said to have lapsed and all these chances are being canvassed by the prospectors attracted to the Thackeray area.

Collins, the prospector making the new find, has been prospecting in the Kirkland Lake area for the past ten years. He has been associated in this work with H. H. Boyd, druggist, of Kirkland Lake. Mr. Boyd is well known in Timmins having been on the staff of F. M. Burke here before he went to Kirkland Lake some years ago to branch out into business for himself. Mr. Boyd is still better known in the Kirkland Lake camp where he has been a member of the town council for a number of years and also holding other places in public service in the town and district. For several years past he has been keen on prospecting and mining activities and on account of this there is special interest in the idea that he and his partner have made a good strike and stand a good chance of adding a mine of some importance to the others in the Kirkland Lake camp.

People in the Porcupine camp will no doubt centre their main interest on the recent promising finds in this area, but there will still be considerable attention for any good fortune that may happen to the neighbouring camp of Kirkland Lake. With gold at present in such a favourable position the opening of new mines is only to be expected. Prospectors who have been working under difficulties in recent past years should now have their innings and secure some reward for any real finds they have made. Certain areas near Timmins should have a fair chance now for development. The Carscadden and Turnbull townships for the minute are in the limelight. McArthur and other nearby areas should also receive attention. What is true of the Porcupine camp should also apply with equal force to the Kirkland Lake camp. For years past in the Kirkland Lake area, as in the Porcupine camp, prospectors have been patiently working away having faith in the district, and believing that if they persisted they would eventually win out. Such faith and earnestness deserve reward, and there will be general hope that the new areas both in the Porcupine and the Kirkland areas may prove up richly.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT OF LUMBER AT OTTAWA FAIR

Much of interest about Canada's huge annual production of both hard and soft woods was to be learned at the stand of the forest products laboratories of the Department of the Interior at the Ottawa Exhibition. Speaking of the display a correspondent writes: There are many exhibits of typical manufactures from the various kinds of woods principally used for building purposes, as well as numerous samples of the products of hardwood distillation, pictures of Canadian forests and informative statistical data about the lumber industry as a whole.

One of the striking features of the display is a model bungalow of white pine, panelling of Douglas fir, a splendid example of the beauty of fine birch panelling, shoe lasts, sabots, bowling alley pins, tennis racquet frames and numerous other articles produced from Canadian woods. There are likewise timely inscriptive admonitions in respect to the need for the conservation of the forests from the destructive menace of fires.

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