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Charge Men with Offer to Suppress Evidence

Unusual Charge Against Witnesses in Cases Against Clubs Here. Remands Made on Gaming Charges Until Charges Against Two Witnesses Dealt With. Other Cases at Tuesday's Court

Charges against Frank Elles and Charles Holgevac of keeping common gaming houses and against 50 others of being found in common gaming houses were remanded once again in Timmins police court on Tuesday. This time one of the chief reasons for the adjournment was that two "special agents" said to have been sent by Timmins police to try to get evidence against the Mountjoy and the Miners' clubs, appeared on criminal charges themselves.

Clifford Garceau and Emile Auger, the two men who were to have given evidence for the prosecution, were charged by provincial police with having tried to get Frank Elles to corrupt them so they would not give that evidence. It is alleged that Garceau and Auger went to Elles and offered to get out of town before the case came up, providing Elles paid them sums of money.

Provincial Police Called

Elles is said to have made an appointment with the men for another day. When they arrived, Provincial Constables J. W. F. Pretorius and

George White were in an adjoining room and heard the conversation between the three.

Charges were immediately laid against them of having "counselled" Frank Elles to dissuade them from giving evidence in Timmins police court" by bribery.

The two men appeared in court and L. P. LaFrance, attorney for Auger, asked an adjournment. Bail for each was set at \$1000 cash and \$2000 property.

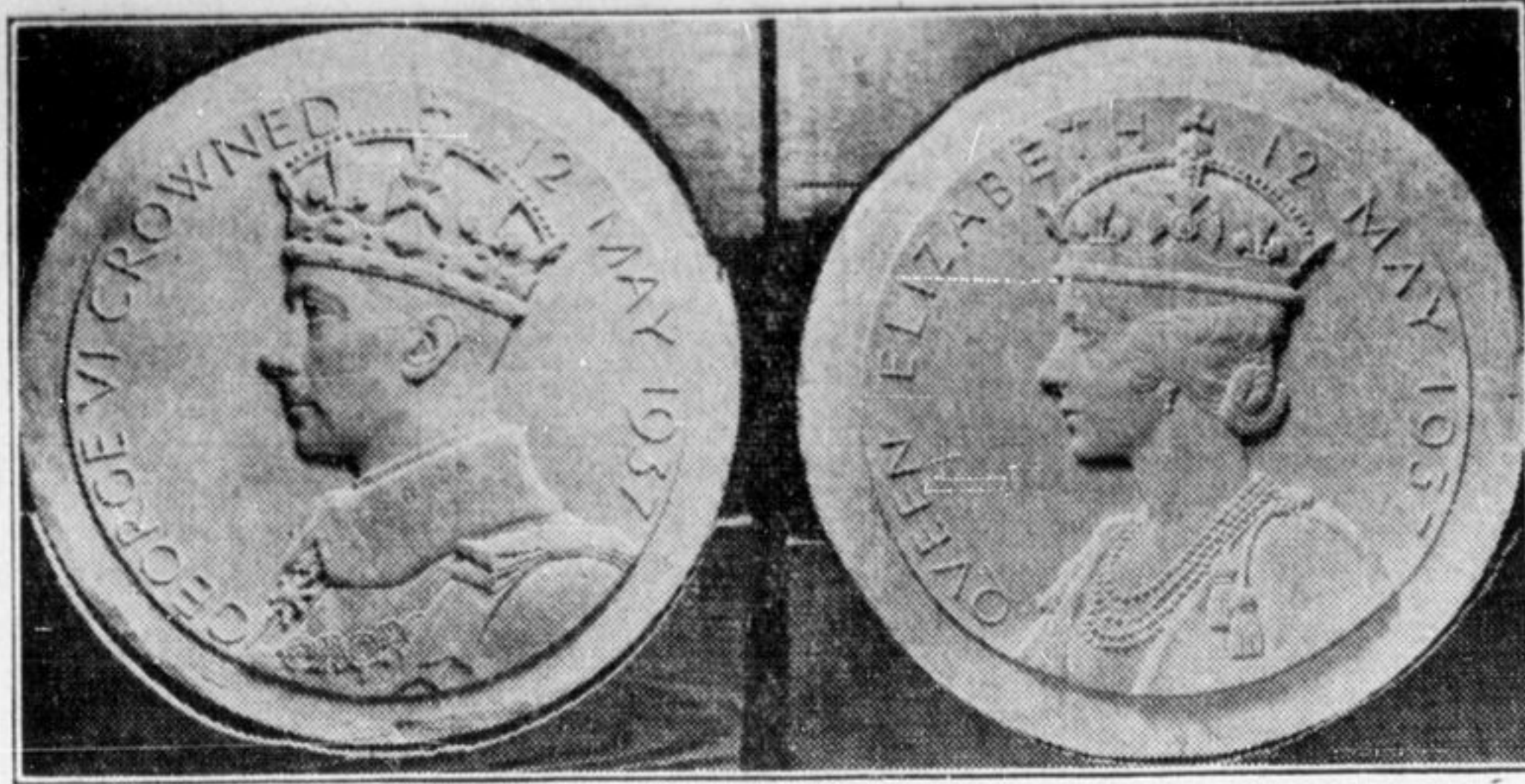
When the charges against Elles and Holgevac came up, Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell asked that they be adjourned a week. "They shouldn't be tried until these two men have been tried," he said. "In addition, Sergeant Olson who can give some evidence in the cases, is ill and cannot appear today."

Adjournments were granted Holgevac, Elles and those charged with being "found in." Bail of \$200 cash was renewed by both club managers.

Insisted It Was a Mistake

Although he insisted that it was "all a mistake," Gerald Van der Ras-

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sel was fined \$100 and costs for having beer in a place other than his private residence.

Sergeant Harold Walker told of seeing Van der Rassel on Wilson avenue at 4.40 a.m. in front of 50 Wilson avenue with another man. Each was carrying a case of beer and was just about to put the liquor into a car. Seeing the police, the men ran. Van der Rassel going down a lane and trying to hide in a back porch. He threw the beer away but this was recovered by the sergeant after he had arrested the man. The other dropped his case of beer and managed to get away.

Constable Culhane corroborated this evidence.

"Do you want to give evidence yourself?" the magistrate asked Van der Rassel.

"Yes, please," he replied.

"Did you have a case of beer?"

"No. I was just passing the place. I had no beer, honest to goodness."

Sergeant Walker said the scramble had taken place "in front of the agent's place." Both officers verified the statement that Van der Rassel had thrown the case of beer he had been carrying down the lane and had tried to hide.

Asks Six Months Term

Adjutor Martel had threatened to break into a place, so he would be sent to jail, Constable Jack Clement told the magistrate. The man appeared on a charge of vagrancy.

"How long do you want?" asked the magistrate kindly.

"Oh, about six months," answered the young man.

"That's too long. We'll make it two months. The weather will be warmer then and you can go out and look for a job."

Albert Meunier pleaded guilty to begging. Constable Culhane said he had been going from house to house on Spruce street south, saying he wanted something to eat. When searched at the police station, the man had 75 cents in his pocket. He was offered the chance of paying a \$10 fine or going to jail for 30 days.

Annoyed Householders

Two Timmins men who had been out "looking for a certain party" found it didn't pay to go rapping at Commercial avenue doorways at 4.45 in the morning. Sergeant Walker had found them inside the porch of a place

after having received a telephone complaint from 16 Commercial avenue. "They had come to see a girl, they said, but inquiries proved that no girl of the name they gave lived in the house. The officer explained that the house had at one time been occupied by a bootlegger whose privileges had since been cancelled.

"Go to bed after this," the magistrate advised one of the men. "That'll be \$2.00 and costs."

Although both Constable Pat O'Gorman and Sergeant Walker swore an accused was drunk, the man was dismissed, because he had asked for a doctor and no one had been called.

"You have to give him one when he asks. That's his right," the magistrate explained. Turning to the accused, he said: "You weren't sober when you were brought up here the following morning. Don't thank me. You got off on a technicality."

Constable O'Gorman said the man had been staggering up Balsam street early one morning, cursing loudly. Sergeant Walker described him as "very drunk and disorderly." Dean Kester was counsel for the accused.

Lay Over Wage Cases

Wage cases against a local restaurant were laid over for another week when a doctor's certificate was produced showing that the man was ill and could not appear in court. An inspector from the minimum wage board, who had already been in town a week, will have to remain until next Tuesday.

Jerry Keeley, who admitted a third conviction for drunkenness, was given a term of three months. Mrs. Daria Somovitch, a woman well past middle age, admitted one previous conviction for the same offence and was given the option of a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. Similar treatment was accorded Matti Nurmi. Eight first offenders had the choice of a \$10 fine or a month in jail.

Not having a driver's license brought a fine of \$10 and costs for one motorist; and another paid the same amount for not having proper license plates. Failure to have proper lights cost a third man \$1 and costs.

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Some Graphic Phrases Quoted in This Letter

Reference has been made recently in these columns to the value of "letters to the editor." They frequently have new viewpoints and touch on new centres of interest. The following letter from a recent issue of The Globe and Mail is outstanding on account of the striking phrases it contains.

To the Editor of The Globe and Mail: A word of approval and appreciation of and thanks for your excellent editorial "Where the Responsibility?" Sir Edward Beatty has said a needed and timely thing; your editorial gives it the requisite emphasis. It took honesty and courage on Sir Edward's part to speak so plainly as he did before the audiences he addressed, doubtless keyed up for a different kind of "message." He had practically nothing to gain, but rather, something to lose in treatment of such a subject at such a time, before such a gathering. We all—his audience included—owe him respect and even admiration—need I add emulation?—for his frank coming to grips with what really is the heart of all this economic problem and its political and social by-products—the responsibility of the individual citizen, particularly of the privileged individual citizen, to face up to facts squarely and to do his or her bit to remedy the situation.

In the last analysis, all progress is just the product of realized and accepted responsibility, issuing in inescapable, spontaneous initiative (whether it be right or expedient to do, such-and-such, judge ye; but, as for us, we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard). A sense of responsibility forces a crisis; dominant, motivating forces—self-interest, public-spiritedness—do the rest. I shall not use up your valuable space in elaborating this vitally important matter, so ably, forcibly and convincingly presented by Sir Edward Beatty and by your editorial.

Just two or three reinforcing quotations: President "Teddy" Roosevelt once said: "The chief business and responsibility of every man is for and with that citizen under his own hat." Addressing Christians—although the argument applies equally to all privileged citizens—the educated, the cultivated, the socially-advantaged—Rev. Dr. Maltbie Babcock said: "Ye are the salt of the earth; place yourselves at the fleetering points of civilization and stop the putrefaction."

Rev. H. R. L. ("Dick") Sheppard, whose straight-from-the-shoulder book, "The Impatience of Parsons," created such a stir in the religious world a few years ago, has said: "There is only one way in which we can pay our debt to the past, and that is by putting the future in debt to us."

Let us not shirk, but rather measure up to or be measured by our responsibility in this matter under discussion, as of every other.

Toronto. D. J. Ashbury.

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No Vigilantes Desired in This Dominion of Canada

(From Toronto Star)

A report came out of Timmins some weeks ago that a band of "vigilantes" had been formed there to combat the growth of disorderly houses and lawlessness, and that one place had been raided. Inquiry has since failed to disclose the existence of such a body. Attorney-General Roebuck said that its activities, if any, had not been reported to him, and added that he was surprised to hear the word "vigilante" in Ontario.

It is well that its use here should be rare; that the illegal usurpation of the law's powers by organized bands of men, however well meaning, should be regarded as foreign to this province's ideas of right and justice. The organization of vigilantes inevitably leads to hasty and unlawful actions in which the right of a respected person to a fair trial is denied. Men are no longer presumed innocent until they are proven guilty. Passion takes the place of justice. Impetuous haste is substituted for judicial deliberation.

It is all wrong and Ontario wants none of it. The courts are available for the prosecution of wrong-doers. Private individuals, singly or in bands, must not substitute themselves for the courts. It is therefore refreshing to find the Timmins story denied. Ontario's largest town, and one which might well be a city, could not afford to be identified with an attempt to take the law out of the law's hands.

Globe and Mail:—Colonel Lindbergh has been given permission to fly over Persia, and no doubt it will be a great boon to old-timers who have been telling a disbelieving younger generation the story of the flying carpet.

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Suit About Callander Expropriation Adjourned

Four sessions in two days failed to complete the arbitration hearing at North Bay to set a valuation of the lands expropriated by the Ontario department of public works near the Daffoe hospital.

The hearing adjourned at the court house Friday evening, and Eric C. Cross, chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board, announced that the sessions will resume April 21 at North Bay. The chairman and W. M. Brodrie, vice-chairman, presided.

Arbitration was in connection with claims totalling \$210,000 by Philip Adams, operator of a tourist refreshment and souvenir booth near the Daffoe Hospital. Mr. Adams has claimed he will lose this amount in business over a 15-year period as a result of the expropriation which caused him to move his booth to the opposite side of the road from the hospital and in an easterly direction. Hearing was also in respect to a claim by Alex Legros, with whom Mr. Adams entered into a contract for exclusive business rights on five acres of his land for a period of 10 years, with an option to renew the agreement for the following five years. His claim was not heard at the opening sessions last week.

The board chairman, at the conclusion of the Friday session, said that adjournment was made until April 21 in order to make way for other litigation which involves the same parties. It is understood that at the spring sittings of the Supreme Court an action will be heard in which Mr. Legros will seek to break his contract with Mr. Adams. The contract stipulated that Mr. Legros was to receive 25 per cent. of the profits from the Adams business.

L. Landriau, K.C., Toronto, acted as counsel for Mr. Adams. J. H. McDonald, K.C., North Bay, represented the Ontario department of public works, while F. E. Neylands, Toronto, appeared for Mr. Legros.

Witnesses heard Friday afternoon included Joseph Sedgwick, K.C., of the Attorney-General's department; George Angus, North Bay, surveyor for the department of highways; J. Rochefort, clerk and treasurer for the township of West Ferris; Provincial Constable E. A. Shepard, North Bay; J. M. MacPherson, North Bay, and Mr. Adams.

Sudbury Star:—The New Orleans chamber of commerce regrets that although the Mississippi raced past Memphis at the swiftest rate in history, it was too late for the Mardi Gras.

St. Thomas Times Journal: The department of highways now requires every driver who has had a bad accident record to be examined by a doctor to see if any physical defect is responsible for the accidents. This suggests that it might be a good thing from the standpoint of safety of those using the highways, if more attention was paid to the physical qualifications of all who drive motor vehicles. Why wait until a driver has established a reputation for accidents before subjecting him to an examination regarding his physical fitness? Plain, ordinary common sense suggests that the time for such an examination is before and not after an accident, in which, perhaps, there has been a loss of life.

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