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All Provinces Unite to Curb High-grading Evil

Toronto, March 20.—A Dominion-wide drive to stop highgrading is under consideration by every provincial government.

Mr. Leduc met representatives of other provinces in Winnipeg last week. He urged them to adopt mining regulations similar to those existing in Ontario.

At the last session of the Ontario Legislature the Mining Act was amended to make it more strict.

Referring to the statement of Judge James Parker in a highgrading trial yesterday that "whoever was responsible in enforcing the act allowed certain of them to carry on open house."

In sentencing six men in a \$1,000,000 highgrading conspiracy case, the judge said it had been intimated the firm's license under the Unwrought Metal Sales Act had not been checked by the mines department.

Premier Hepburn Offers to Settle Finns in the North Offer Has Been Forwarded to Finland.

Toronto, March 20.—Kingsley Graham, the Finnish consul in Toronto, said that an offer by Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario to aid in settling 100,000 Finnish refugees on the arable clay belt in Northern Ontario has been communicated to the Finnish consul general at Montreal.

"I know that he will be very interested and will relay the message to the Finnish government," said the consul.

"It is a matter for the governments to decide. It is a very cordial offer on Premier Hepburn's part and one which must be carefully worked out."

Young Girls Going to Beer Rooms is Serious Thing Magistrate Says

Convicts Nineteen Year Old Girl of Theft of Watch and Places Her Under Bond. Girl Says She Doesn't Remember Taking Watch. Drank Until Midnight in Beverage Room With Two Men and Then Went to Blind Pigs.

"The most serious thing about this case is that it shows that young girls of her age are going around beer parlours," said Magistrate Atkinson.

Because of her age, 19 years, the Magistrate said that he would give her "one more chance." She was required to sign a bond for \$100 that she would keep out of trouble and out of beer parlours in the next year.

Blonde Paulette was convicted of stealing a watch worth \$37.50, from Frank Savage.

Savage said that the girl came to his home with two men. She was looking for another address. When she asked to use the bathroom he directed her to it.

Police Constable Guolla said that he went to where Paulette was staying with her sister and asked her for the watch. She said that her sister had it and went in and got it.

She didn't know Savage said the girl. She had been out drinking with her two male escorts until twelve o'clock.

Admitting that she was drunk when she got home, the girl said that she awakened next morning and found a watch in her purse. She did not recall going to Savage's house.

She stopped a friend of her's on the street that morning, she said, and asked him to accompany her to Way Street and Elm Street in order to find out if she could find the owner of the watch.

The girl denied that she had offered Savage \$50 to withdraw the charge against her.

Bill Oile said that he was the man stopped to look for the owner of the watch.

Testifying again, Savage said that Miss Bisson came to his house three times after the charge was laid.

He said that if he would withdraw the charge she would pay the costs even if they amounted to \$50.

"She must have been drunk all right," said the Magistrate. "However, I see no reason why drunk people should wander around town picking things up in people's houses."

Alaska Important Strategic Point for Russia, Japan

Salvation Army Official Spent Many Years in Alaska. Tells of Indians.

Alaska, said Salvation Army Brigadier Acton to the Kiwanis Club on Monday, is a great and important country for many reasons.

It was a strategic point of considerable importance with regard to Russia and Japan.

Up until six years ago there were no fortifications whatever but there now were 3,500 American airmen permanently stationed on one of the small islands.

It looked as though the United States would soon begin to fortify the whole coast.

Ginger Wins Divorce



A four-year separation from her husband, Lew Ayres, culminated in divorce recently for Ginger Rogers, dancing screen star.

Makes the Plea: "Please Don't Hurt My Little Girl!"

Contributed by Col. A. E. Kirkpatrick, Toronto Police Commissioner.

Dear Driver: Today my daughter, who is 7 years old, started to school as usual.

She wore a dark blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue gloves.

Her name is Scout, sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved "good-bye" and started off to the halls of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her—the girl with yellow curls—and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces.

She's back there now—back in the nursery—sound asleep, with "Princess Elizabeth" (that's a doll) cuddled in her arm.

She's a nice kid. She can run like a deer and dance about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons.

Please don't hurt my little girl. Phil Braniff.

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To be Tried Next Week at Haileybury on Murder Charge

Haileybury, March 20.—When Mike Holowicz, former employee of the Miller Lake-O'Brien mine, goes on trial at the Temiskaming Spring Assizes later this month on a charge of murdering Mrs. Annie Zuk at the woman's home in Gowganda five months ago, the case for the Crown will be in the hands of W. B. Common, K.C.

The Assizes, with Mr. Justice E. R. E. Chevrier presiding, are scheduled to open on Wednesday afternoon of next week, the sittings have been postponed for 24 hours to avoid a clash in dates with the Dominion general election, set for March 26.

Sudbury Star:—One more bloody war has been fought—as was must be—to establish a great truth, viz. that there are more Russians.

Five Youths Go to Jail For Theft of Auto Tires Receiver Down for Three

Youths Admit Breaking and Entering Warehouse of the Imperial Oil Company on Two Occasions. Steal Close to \$300 Worth of Tires. A. Lariviere Bought Four Tires from Boys for \$5. Beat Them Down in Price.

Five of six youths who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the warehouse of the Imperial Oil Company received sentences ranging from three to six months, in police court on Tuesday.

There were two charges, one that William Forbes, Anthony Hoff, George and Paul Timm broke and entered the warehouse and stole tires valued at \$120.

Morris Mandel grinningly admitted that he had been keeping liquor for sale. He continued to grin even when the Magistrate handed him a sentence of three months in jail.

Mandel, police said, had 415 pints of beer in his place when police paid their visit. Provincial police laid the charge.

Remand Charge Supplying A young woman pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk. Out of the charge arose another, one of supplying liquor to girls under the age of twenty-one years.

Paul Boisvert, described as a Sudbury miner, was working, authorities said, and so the Magistrate gave him another chance. He was alleged to have stolen a pair of shoes in a local store. The shoes were recovered.

Charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm against Nacer and William Ansara, were dismissed when it was found that the Ansaras were more wronged than the plaintiff, Felix Mazzeppa, who was sporting two discolored eyes and a long strip of adhesive tape on his face.

Mazzeppa said that he inadvertently went upstairs to the private apartment above Ansara's store in search of a bathroom. The two men in the store jumped on him even though he offered to have either them or police officers search him.

Story of police and defence witnesses was somewhat different. G. Foster, who was in the store at the time, said that the Ansaras refused to serve Mazzeppa because he was drunk. They ordered him out but he would not go.

Police evidence was similar to that of Foster and the charges were dismissed.

THREE NEW JOBS GIVEN TO FIRE CHIEF AT COCHRANE

Cochrane.—When it comes to economizing, Cochrane has a running start over many another community.

Burdened with a \$3,000 deficit from last year and the prospect of plugging deep into the red again during 1940, council advanced the mill rate one, to 49; cut the fire chief's salary 50 per cent, and saddled him with the extra duties of weed inspector, cemetery keeper and assistant sanitary inspector.

Repairs to the sewage disposal plant accounted for the municipal financial stringency, and as there is still further work to be done on the plant, the town expects another financially difficult year during '40.

Hartney Star:—Another way to keep cookies and candies safe from juvenile hands is to lock them in the pantry and hide the key under the soap on the washstand.

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Reds Seeking to Secure Control of Finnish Nickel

London.—While a Finnish delegation headed by Juhani Paasikivi is flying to Moscow to clear up final details of the peace treaty with Russia, reports reaching London today suggest the question of the Canadian-operated nickel concessions in Northern Finland is likely to be raised at the Kremlin.

A Rome propaganda broadcast heard here said the subject will be one of the most important to be discussed before final ratification of the treaty.

The German newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung was quoted as saying Germany is paying close attention to the question of utilization of the mines and that "Russia is not prepared to tolerate any British privileges in these important mines."

The broadcaster took this to mean that both Germany and Russia will attempt to prevent Britain profiting from the concessions, hitherto held by The International Nickel Company of Canada.

Globe and Mail:—Victims of dictatorship—Ethiopia, Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and now Finland. Where is this business to end?

NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY



By Clifford McBride

