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CHARGES AGAINST GUARDS READY FOR POLICE COURT

Ottawa Despatch Reports That Trafficking Has Been Profitable—Many Old Guards Are Likely To Be Retired In A Short Time.

(Special to the Whig.)
Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Following an exhaustive investigation into conditions at the Kingston penitentiary the department of justice is arranging, according to information coming from a reliable source, to make wholesale changes in the staff of the institution. It is stated that more than seventy-five per cent. of the guards who have resided in Kingston and Portsmouth for years will be retired in a short time, and their places will be taken by much younger men.

The investigation has brought out the fact that the rules and regulations of the penitentiary, and even the Penitentiary Act, have been violated by guards who have held the confidence of their superiors for years. It is known that a number of strong cases have been prepared and the Kingston magistrate will be kept busy. The charges will range from accepting bribes to trafficking in tobacco and drugs. At least one dozen cases have been completed and the evidence unearthed is most conclusive. It is known that some guards have received sums of money for "assisting" convicts in their desire to secure contrabands of divers kinds. The trafficking has been very profitable to guards. Your correspondent learns that on two occasions relatives of convicts, who were sent from this district, have been successful in having placed in the hands of prisoners, money, tobacco, matches, etc. For this kind of "service" the guard's bank account was increased \$50 weekly.

A New Guard System.

As announced yesterday, the Department of Justice will inaugurate a new guard system. In the main, the men will be young and must measure up to certain standards. They will not be appointed to any one institution but will be liable for service in any penitentiary. Those of the old guards who will remain on the staff at Portsmouth will in time be moved to other prisons. The question of changing executive officers is said to be under consideration and it is probable that officials will not be kept on any one prison very long.

It was officially stated today that the report of a strike and disturbance which followed was very much exaggerated in the despatches sent from Kingston. The facts are as follows: Three guards were removed from the tailor shop and a few of the prisoners protested, refusing to work. This "strike" spread rapidly, but not more than fifty men rebelled.

Whig Denied Report Last Friday.

The official denial of the existence of plots to blow up the Portsmouth penitentiary, published in Thursday's Whig, was not the first statement made on this subject, for just one week ago the Whig stated positively that there was nothing in the wild yarns about the finding of nitroglycerine and arms, said to have been secreted by convicts for the purpose of carrying out a general delivery. From official sources, no confirmation whatever could be obtained, and Warden Ponsford, himself, said there was nothing in the story. We only refer to it again because of the complete vindication of the Whig's position contained in the despatch from Ottawa that was published in Thursday's issue.

As to evidence of bar-cutting, the Whig learned two months ago that one of the prisoners had cut bars of his cell and that a guard had been fined \$20, because it had been assumed that a piece of saw handle was made in the shop of which he was in charge. The cut bars were removed and new ones put in. This, however, was not regarded as a part of a plot involving concerted action on the part of the prisoners, but only the work of one poor unfortunate, and as evidence of how trivial the officials regarded it, the man was not taken out for trial for making an attempt to escape. It was regarded more as a reflection upon the lack of vigilant oversight on the part of an instructor whose duty it was to know how his men were occupied.

Escape Not Part of Plot.

The escape of the two prisoners in Warden Ponsford's automobile could not be considered a part of a concerted plot, because there was a guard in charge of them also, whose business it was to maintain supervision of their work and prevent escape. The Whig has not heard that the guard responsible was even fined or suspended. This is the only actual escape that has occurred, but nobody pretends that it was due to the finding of a needle and thread, a cigarette stub or a tooth brush in the basement of the hospital.

It is evident, too, that there is need of a more efficient system of audit in view of disclosures of a traffic in which prison property was bartered. The auditing of the books every two or three years is of no value whatever. A case was brought to the Whig's attention of efforts to balance the books of the binder twine industry five years after the factory had been closed. If prison property is lost during the long intervals between the auditing of accounts, there is little prospect of recovering it. This, however, is no reflection upon individual guards, but upon the system allowed to prevail.

Bank Bandit Killed And Three Wounded

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 22.—Three counties were searched by posse today for the remnant of the bandit gang who late yesterday engaged in one of the most spectacular bank robberies in Ohio. Amid volleys of bullets that resembled a machine gun engagement, one bandit, Albert W. Joyce, who had numerous aliases, was killed, and three others, including George "Jiggs" Lostenier, wanted for two murders and numerous robberies, were wounded and captured, after eight men held up and robbed the branch bank of the Cleveland Trust company at Bedford of \$75,000. All of the money was recovered.

CONVINCED THAT REDS ARE BEHIND STRIKE

British Government's Attitude Said to be Affected by This.

London, Oct. 22.—The key to the unflattering attitude with which the Premier faced the coal strike crisis in his speech to Parliament may be found in a statement made by Superintendent Mc'Brien, of Scotland Yard, that the government has absolute evidence of Bolshevik money behind the Whitehall riot and the coal strike.

Labor leaders who had seen Lloyd George earlier yesterday are convinced that when he spoke, he would make concessions to the miners. When there were no concessions they were bitterly disappointed and believed that at an intervening meeting of the cabinet the premier was overcome by members who wished a firmer policy on labor matters. The same group favors a more aggressive policy.

It is hinted strongly in government circles that the discovery of a Bolshevik plot had much to do with the changed attitude.

Police Made a Raid on Italian Anarchists
Rome, Oct. 22.—The police raid upon a hall in Bologna, where Italian anarchists were holding a congress, is reported in a Bologna despatch to the messenger today. Delegates from all parts of Italy were arrested by the raiders. All the prisoners, it is stated, had large sums of money in their possession. These were seized by the police.

Urged To Pray
Astoria, Sask., Oct. 22.—Methodist churches throughout Saskatchewan are being urged to pray next Sunday that the importation of liquor may be defeated in the vote being taken the following day.

PUTTING BRITAIN ON WAR BASIS

London, Oct. 22.—Britain was being put on a war basis today. Confronted by a virtual industrial revolution, the government today introduced in parliament an emergency bill giving it war-time powers, the right to use military forces for any purpose and authority to ration and control all resources. The measure was introduced by Home Secretary Shortt, and will be pressed through without further delay.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

The Yukon River is closed by ice at Dawson, the earliest on record. The coal mines in Alberta and British Columbia are all now working again. The Hydro Commission criticizes the report of Mr. Holgate on the Trent river flow. The military avenged the death of officers killed in ambush near Cork, Ireland. A tavern-keeper was wounded and his house burned.

At the next meeting of the London, Ont., city council, Ald. W. A. Wilson will move that the Ontario legislature be petitioned to increase London's representation in the Provincial Parliament.

The bakers of Brantford announced that the price of bread had dropped one cent, being now 13 cents. The price of sugar also dropped, consumers getting five instead of 4 1/2 pounds for \$1.

POPE WAS OBLIGED TO MAKE APPEALS

To Spain, Latin America and United States for Funds.

Rome, Oct. 22.—As a result of the war the chief sources of the Vatican's income, represented by Bavaria, Austria, Belgium and France, became impoverished that Pope Benedict was obliged to appeal to Spain, Latin America and United States, declares Giornale D'Italia in an article under the caption of "America, Papacy's Hope." The newspaper adds that when Monsignor Bonaventura Ceretti, under secretary of state at the Vatican, went to United States to attend the golden jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons, a report was circulated that he had gone with the object of negotiating a loan of a million dollars for the Holy See. In reality, however, his object was to collect a million dollars from United States Roman Catholics.

FOUR TORONTO BANDITS ARRESTED IN MONTREAL

Had Two Suitcases Full of Nitro-Glycerine and Detonators.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Nitro-glycerine enough to blow a building sky-high and evidently intended to blow up many bank safes was found in the room occupied by the four Toronto bandits arrested here for the theft of \$12,000 of Victory Bonds and taken back to Toronto last night. A large quantity of detonation was also found. The explosives were contained in two suitcases. It is also claimed by the detectives that the robbers, who gave their names as Carrigan, McDonald, Herbert and Crockett, pilaged post office pillar boxes at night and had been responsible for robbing many cash registers and safes here and also in Ontario and the United States. They were taken back by Provincial Detectives Greer and Stinger, Toronto.

Picked Out a Site For an English Colony

New York, Oct. 22.—Lieut.-Col. F. A. Woodcock, formerly of the British army, who sailed yesterday on the Caronia, selected recently at Moorehaven Everglades of Florida 1,100 acres of land for an English colony of fifty families that will come with him when he returns to the United States in the late fall. He said the colonists were all friends of his and they had told him to pick out a site where there was plenty of sunshine. He said he believed he had succeeded in doing so.

World Render Pits Useless.

London, Oct. 22.—The miners' conference of south Wales today asked the national miners' federation to call a national conference to consider the withdrawal of all labor from the coal mines. The mines are being kept in order by specially assigned forces, and their withdrawal would render the pits useless for the resumption of work.

Declares For Judge Miller.

New York, Oct. 22.—"The post friend of labor who has ever been a candidate for governor" was the characterization placed upon Judge Nathan L. Miller, Republican nominee for governor, by Thomas Rock, president of the American Labor Protective-Tariff league, in a speech here.

Mr. Rock has been one of the foremost labor leaders of this state for many years.

King of Greece Rests Easily.

Athens, Oct. 22.—King Alexander of Greece was resting easily shortly before midnight last night, according to a bulletin issued by his physicians. The king at that hour was in a calm sleep.

CONVICT JUMPS FROM A TRAIN

Got Away From Guard Fegg, Portsmouth Prison, En Route to Toronto.

Toronto, Oct. 22.—By jumping from the lavatory window of the 6.30 C.P.R. train last evening, Stanley Baker, alias Morton, under sentence of one year and nine months in Portsmouth penitentiary, made his escape from the police. Baker was in charge of Guard James A. Fegg, of the penitentiary, and was being brought to Toronto from Burwash. After leaving Weston, he was permitted to enter the lavatory. Jamming the door shut, he locked it and held it, leaving the guard powerless in the aisle of the car while he effected his escape before action could be taken. The police of No. 9 West Toronto were notified upon arrival of the train, which was five minutes late and coming fast to make up time, and Detectives Hess and Alexander joined in the search. Examination of the track and neighborhood was continued until late by the aid of lanterns and flash lights, but no trace of the convict could be found. Baker was on his way to face charges in Hamilton and London. Guard Fegg has had seventeen years experience in the Portsmouth penitentiary.

WILL NOT REDUCE PRICE OF SUGAR

British Food Ministry Declines to Accede to Public Request.

London, Oct. 22.—In contrast to the action of the Canadian government in rescinding the sugar order of the Board of Commerce, the British Food Ministry has so far absolutely declined to accede to the public request that sugar prices be reduced in Britain to conform with the world level. The Food Ministry makes the same defence as the Board of Commerce, viz., that it kept prices down when sugar was scarce here, and in so doing had to acquire a large stock which must be sold before lower quotations can be allowed. This is the same situation as in Canada, but the Food Ministry's position is stronger than that of the Canadian Board of Commerce, in that it is itself the owner of the sugar stocks, and contends that if they are to be sacrificed at low prices, it will simply shift the loss from the shoulders of the consumer to the taxpayer. The Ministry has in addition the heavy ration in half for the duration of the coal strike.

STRUGGLE MAY BE HISTORIC

Lloyd George Expected to Announce Government's Stand.

London, Oct. 22.—Interest in the miners' strike and the threatened walkout of railroad and transport workers throughout the country was centered today on 10 Downing street, the official residence of Premier Lloyd George. Served with a virtual ultimatum by the railroad and transport men to begin negotiations with the miners today, on pain of facing a tieup of railroad and possibly other traffic on Sunday night, the premier was expected to make a definite announcement of the stand the government would take. Members of the cabinet met last night and held a long session but the decisions reached were not made public. It was learned, however, that one matter discussed was an appeal to the country for a mandate to settle the miners' strike. Indications of a political, as well as an industrial crisis, were found in the situation, it was declared, and it appeared that labor had joined issue with the government in a struggle which might become historic.

London's Hydro Power Is Cut a Quarter

London, Oct. 22.—Because of temporary trouble at Niagara Falls the Hydro-electric Power Commission of Ontario cut London's supply of Hydro yesterday by 25 per cent. with the result that there was much dissatisfaction among consumers.

THE WHIG IS VINDICATED

The official denial of recent reports about an attempt to blow up the Portsmouth penitentiary, and cause the escape of hundreds of prisoners, is a vindication of the guards who, it was alleged, were in league with refractory prisoners. These reports maligned the guards and returned soldiers, and were without any justification. Incidentally the attitude of the British Whig is vindicated. There are weaknesses in human nature that come to the surface all too often, but the general condemnation of the good and bad alike can never under any circumstances be justified. Most of the officials at the Portsmouth penitentiary are life-long residents of the city of Kingston whose standing in the community is above reproach, and they have the support of the Whig in the honorable discharge of their duties at all times. On the other hand, those who are delinquent reflect unfavorably upon the whole institution. It has not been shown that anybody carried explosives or arms into the prison for use by the inmates, nor was there anything to justify such an assertion, for no explosives were found at all, according to official despatches from Ottawa. The recent disorders have not been attributed to guards, but they call in question the methods of enforcing discipline, and in this respect indicate grave deficiency somewhere, calling for investigation.

STOP LUXURY TAX IS HAMILTON PLEA

Manufacturers and Retailers Ask Ottawa to Add to Sales Tax Instead.

Hamilton, Oct. 22.—That the present luxury tax be entirely abolished and the sales tax to the retailer be increased sufficiently to compensate the government for the change, was the substance of a resolution passed at a representative gathering of manufacturers, jobbers and retailers at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce to protest against the present luxury tax, which, it is claimed, is a hardship and which has been the cause of much falling off in sales in connection with many lines of goods. The resolution was unanimously adopted and will be forwarded to the government with a request that the matter be given immediate and proper consideration.

Lost Diamonds and Life In All-night Joy Ride

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 22.—Police investigation of the auto party which culminated in the ditching of the car and the killing of Miss Agnes Waterman, aged 25, a well-known young Detroit girl, has been ordered following the discovery that diamonds valued at \$4,000 worn by Miss Waterman disappeared between the time her body was picked up and that when it arrived at the receiving hospital. The young woman's companions agreed that she had her jewelry when they left Margolis's roadhouse, a river resort, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The accident which resulted in Miss Waterman's death was due, it is said, to an attempt to take a curve at excessive speed. The auto skidded into a deep ditch and overturned, pinning Miss Waterman and Miss Margaret Lassaline beneath. The two young men in the party escaped injury.

Doesn't Recall So Dense Fogs in Many Years

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 22.—Exceptionally thick fog, hanging over Buffalo and vicinity the last few nights and mornings, has held up night activities, it being impossible to move vessels at night, even with tugs, and in the mornings shipping in local harbors has been interfered with to some extent. Capt. Benjamin Cowan, President of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, said: "In the many years I have been in business at the port of Buffalo I don't recall ever having seen fog so dense as it has been during the last few nights. The much-talked-of London fog has nothing on our latest brand of Buffalo fog, to my way of thinking."

Haig Issues Plea To All Service Men

London, Oct. 22.—Large posters signed by Premier Lloyd George and General Haig, were displayed throughout the country yesterday, urging the public to support the government in resisting the efforts of the miners to gain their end by force. General Haig's signature is attached to the following plea to service men: "To all citizens, including my comrades of all ranks in the great war, the serious strike has begun and it is impossible to foresee what may happen before it ends. I hope all former service men will do their part in helping to preserve the best interests of the community."

Egyptian Nationalists Leave Paris for London

Paris, Oct. 22.—Leaders of the Egyptian nationalist party who have been conferring in Paris left for London Thursday. The delegation recently received from Lord Milner an invitation for a conference. The invitation was brought to Paris by an official of the British government, members of the Egyptian delegation informed the Associated Press. They expressed the belief that the British government would grant virtually all the demands which the nationalists have framed, and that Egyptian independence would soon be a reality.

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As a usual thing, London is allowed 10,000 horse-power, but this was reduced to 7,500 horse-power. For some hours domestic and other services were absolutely cut off in order that the factories might be kept going.

Earthquake shocks were felt in the Haute-Pyrenees department.

OIL STRIKE IN TYENDINAGA CAUSES STIR IN BELLEVILLE

Farmer Drilling Well Strikes Flow of Gas And Oil—Options Are Taken For English Company on Over One Thousand Acres.

Belleville, Oct. 22.—Startling events of the past few days uncover the possibility of this section of Ontario becoming an important oil-producing centre. In Tyendinaga township discovery have been made which are very promising, and one of the largest companies in the world interested in development of oil properties is already in possession of options on over one thousand acres of land in that township. The story of the Tyendinaga discovery of oil indications, like nearly every other discovery of new fields of fortune in minerals, oil or gas, has its romantic side. A farmer named Roach, living about three miles from Lonsdale, had a well which he could not use on account of the strong oil flavor, so he decided to drill another one. When down forty-two feet on the new well the rush of gas compelled suspension of operations, and there seemed more gas and oil than water. The farmer wanted water badly, but the recurrence of oil indications set him thinking. A relative from Pennsylvania, by profession an oil driller, had visited the farm a year or so ago, and noticing indications of oil, expressed great surprise that the oil scouts who cover the world looking for new fields had overlooked this locality.

Mr. Roach came to Belleville and told John Elliott, manager of the Standard bank, his story. Mr. Elliott at once communicated with his son-in-law, Mr. H. Reeves, travelling representative for the General Oil Fields, Limited, London, England, who is spending a vacation in Belleville, having recently returned from Mexico. Mr. Reeves never passes anything up without investigation, and at once set out for the Roach farm. What he saw convinced him that the prospects for an oil field here were excellent; in fact he states that indications were better than anything he saw in Mexico, one of the greatest oil countries in the world. Mr. Reeves thinks so well of the property that he at once secured options on the one thousand acres of land, including the Roach farm. If oil is discovered in quantity the farmers will be paid a good rental besides royalties, which means sudden fortune for a number of families in the vicinity of Marysville and Lonsdale. Geologists have been sent for by Mr. Reeves and a thorough examination will be made at once. If the property proves up as Mr. Reeves thinks it will be stated that his company will spend at least one million dollars in development within the next year.

AUTOMOBILES DESIGNED TO SOLVE HOUSING CRISIS

Working on Large Cars That May be Transformed Into Sitting or Bedrooms.

Paris, Oct. 22.—Automobile manufacturers are attempting to solve the housing crisis by manufacturing automobiles, which like Pullman cars, may be transformed into sitting or bedrooms at will and which will also contain small kitchenettes and bathrooms. Considering the number of people in France who wish to marry, but can't do so because they can't find any apartments or houses to live in, the new automobile apartment should prove a boon. Honeymoons will be but a delightful shifting of scenery, entirely at will, while settling down at home loses all terrors. An attractive site is chosen a little out of the city. Here the automobile stays at night. In the morning hubby and wife go to town together, he being brought to the office, she to the department store, her house waiting for her outside while she shops. Business men's lunches at home become the ordinary thing, while return to the suburbs at sundown, is a poem of house and family.

CANNOT DISPOSE OF ONE'S BODY BY WILL

Justice Latchford Makes a Ruling in Case at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—A corpse is not the property of any one person and no action thereon can be brought into for the recovery of any human remains, according to Justice Latchford at the session of the Ontario supreme court. The case in question was that of the parents of the late Horimias Gallien seeking to recover his remains where his desire, who had had the body buried contrary to the wishes of the parents. Justice Latchford dismissed the action without costs. According to Halsbury's Laws of England, as quoted by the judge: "There is no property in a dead body so that a man cannot by will or any other instrument, dispose of his own body, nor can he dispose of the body of any one else." His Lordship ruled that a widow has the right to bury the body of her husband where she desires. On the other hand, the parents of the deceased have some rights on the body, he said. The case in question is as follows: Louis Gallien and his wife, Marie R. Gallien, were demanding that the body of their son, Herimias, be reburied in the family plot in the family plot. The widow, Lida Gallien, and the Roman Catholic Episcopal corporation of the diocese of Ottawa were the defendants in the action. "The son died in January, 1918, and an oral agreement between the parents and the widow the body was interred in the family plot at Notre Dame cemetery. The agreement was to the effect that the widow and the dead husband's child should be buried alongside. This agreement was never repudiated by the parents of the deceased resulting in the widow having the body disinterred and re-buried in a separate plot. The parents were attempting to regain the body. The church was involved as co-defendant owing to its having permitted the transfer of the body from the family plot to the new grave.

"Unchastity Has Ceased to Stir the Conscience"

Southampton, England, Oct. 22.—Addressing an assembly of the Congregational Union on the subject "Christianity and Marriage", the Rev. George Shillito made some sensational statements in the world today. "We should not blind ourselves to this condition," he said. "It is everywhere; no class, no community can prove its exemption from it. It is a sad fact that this unchastity has ceased to stir the conscience of multitudes, who, in all other matters of law, are straightforward and honorable. "Probably the worst danger of all is the ignorance, levity and frivolity with which men and women marry. In thousands of marriages there is no deep love, no romance, no sense of the spiritual significance, no grasp of moral obligation and no understanding of reciprocal sacrifice and service. The gissing and crackling of middle-aged, fools at wedding feasts is the correct symbol of all that many understand by the sacrament of marriage."

May be Graded Scale For Ontario Auto Licenses

Toronto, Oct. 22.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, has under consideration plans for changing the licensing under which automobiles are licensed, with a view to making the larger cars pay a higher license than the smaller cars. At present all pay \$10 each. The stroke of the engine and the weight of the car may be the determining factors in the size of the license fee in future, although the minister has not yet definitely decided the matter.

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