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BOODLERS MUST DISGORGE.

The announcement made before Commissioner Stevens at St. John yesterday by Hon. W. P. Jones, that it was the intention of the Provincial Government to get after the Valley Railway boodlers has naturally created a stir in political circles throughout the province. The government will politely invite ex-Premier J. K. Flemming to hand over to the Province the sum of \$100,000 which A. R. Gould paid to him out of the Valley Railway funds just prior to the general election of 1912, and it will also institute criminal proceedings against W. B. Tennant and others who were concerned with him in framing up a fake tender for the lower section of the Valley Railway, by which transaction Tennant was able to gather in the snug sum of \$133,000. Mr. Jones also threw out a hint to the effect that possibly additional proceedings might be instituted against Tennant for contributing to a campaign fund while acting in the capacity of a contractor for the government.

There is very little sympathy among the people of this province for the grafters and boodlers, who have plundered the public treasury in connection with the Valley Railway enterprise, and therefore the announcement that the government is to demand restitution will be cordially approved, especially by those who desire honesty and decency in public life.

Having exposed the strong-arm methods of the politicians and their henchmen who misruled this province for some years prior to April last, the government feels—and rightly, too—that it would not be doing justice to the public interests if it were to stop at that. The money wrongfully diverted from the provincial treasury must be restored to it, and those guilty of this crime must be taught a lesson that will deter others from engaging in such shady transactions as have been brought to light by Commissioner Stevens. The fair name of New Brunswick has been dragged in the mire by knavish politicians and schemers and the people demand and must have a thorough housecleaning. As Hon. Mr. Jones, speaking with the full authority of Premier Foster, so well put it, "The time has come to put a stop to the practice of having middlemen in contracts and of attempting to bribe members of the Legislature or in other ways seeking to prejudice the interests of the people."

The proposition submitted to the City Council on Monday evening by the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company looks like a very reasonable one. The company contemplates the erection of a new factory for the manufacture of lines of goods not now handled by it, and ask for free water and sewerage and exemption from taxation for a term of years. It cannot be denied that the industry has been of enormous benefit to Fredericton, and its policy of expansion is one to which the City Council will be amply justified in lending reasonable encouragement. The aldermen appear to have taken a reasonable view of the matter, and the indications are that they will come to a decision satisfactory to the company as well as to the citizens.

During the debate on the Francoeur resolution in the Quebec Legislature the leader of the Tory opposition suggested an amendment to the effect that the Imperial Government be asked to disallow the Military Service Act. The Premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, in declining to accept the amendment, said: "I refused the amendment because it would have been out of order, and because I am not in the habit of giving the people of Quebec hopes that cannot be fulfilled."

Secretary of War Baker says that the United States will have an army of half a million men in France early this year, and there will be a million more trained and equipped and ready to follow as soon as ships are available. It is hoped that this interesting piece of news will be transmitted to the Huns.

Montreal Gazette: "It is proposed at the City Hall to tax bachelors and widowers without children. As \$5 a year is the figure suggested those concerned may not worry in the least. That is considerably cheaper than maintaining a wife and children."

Sales of whiskey at auction in London are prohibited unless authorized by the Food Controller. No one may deal in more than two gallons of whiskey unless he has authority, held a license before September 30, 1914, or is the manufacturer of the whiskey.

Sydney Record: Evidence so far given before Judge Drysdale at the inquiry into the Halifax disaster goes to show the necessity of inquiry, and fuller inquiry. There is evidently much to be cleared up.

Buffalo Express: "How to keep the house warm and still conserve the coal" is a headline in one of the papers. We suppose all that is necessary is to think of Dr. Garfield.

The average citizen is willing and anxious to stand by his country but he wants to be able to stand by his coal stove, too.

Through Our Sieve

Most cheerfully we bid farewell to January.

Butter in Berlin is now strong enough to bring \$2.25 a pound—when there is any.

When we hear that it is "quiet at Ypres" we recognize again that quietness is comparative.

Two people may be able to live as cheaply as one, but it depends on whether they are married or engaged.

A kind word is never spoken in vain. It has frequently saved a married man the cost of a new set of dishes.

If the provincial government can get Flemming to produce that hundred thousand plunks he picked up when he sandbagged Gould, that will be some greater production.

An automobile may be dangerous, but we have just heard of a man who was injured by a folded baby carriage which fell off the rack in the railroad car and bounced on him.

When a young cub marches up the aisle to get married these days, regardless of the perpendicular price of prunes and pie plant, we wonder who the sly dog was who put the "grin" in Lohengrin.

TO ORGANIZE A NEW PARTY

Vancouver, Jan. 30. — The decision to organize a labor political party and the holding of a conference immediately after the close of the present session, was decided on at the afternoon session of the British Columbia federation of labor convention, after a long discussion today. The approval of the formation of the political party was not unanimous. Twelve voted against and 84 for it.

IN A STATE OF SIEGE.
Copenhagen, Jan. 31. — A state of siege has been declared at Hamburg, Altona and Wandsbeck, according to the Hamburg Echo, a socialist newspaper.

LOCAL NEWS

Pastor Resigns.
Rev. F. Patrick Dennison, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, St. John, has resigned to accept a call from St. Thomas, Ont.

'Phone Operators Drive.
The operators of the Fredericton exchange of the New Brunswick Telephone Company held a most enjoyable drive last night going to Springhill Hall and returning to the city at an early hour this morning.

Mrs. G. C. Warren's Illness.
Mrs. G. C. Warren, wife of the Rev. G. C. Warren, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, will be taken to the Victoria Hospital this evening to undergo an operation for an internal trouble.

Miss Flewelling's Death.
Miss Ida May Flewelling, daughter of Hon. G. H. Flewelling, died at her home at Kingston, Kings county, on Monday, aged 52. She had kept house for her father since the death of her mother some months ago.

With the Curlers.
Play in the points competition will take place at the Fredericton Curling Rink tonight and Friday night. Skips for the foreign matches to St. John next week will be elected by the curling club Friday night. It is hoped that six rinks can be sent away to play the Thistles and Carleton.

A Bold Bootlegger.
A visitor from Sunbury county in the city recently says he met a stranger on Queen street who offered to sell him six bottles of whiskey. "Aren't you afraid of the police?" he asked the man. "No" was the reply. "They will have to travel some to catch me."

THE ITALIANS SPREAD HAVOC AMONG ENEMY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 30.—The Italian troops struck the enemy another hard blow in the mountain region west of the Brenta river, where his effort has been to push down the Freizela valley towards Bassano. The action lasted throughout the day, the Italians making an advance along the whole stretch from the Brenta to Asiago, and capturing 1500 of the enemy, including sixty officers. War material also was taken and havoc was spread among the enemy's trenches. The attack actually was especially lively during the first hours the Italians bringing down ten machine guns and the French two.

The action was still in progress today, with the enemy bringing forward large reserves in an attempt to save the day. The battle on the Italian side was fought by mountain troops, infantry and bersaglieri, with the support of Italian and Allied batteries and large fleets of airplanes manned by Italian, French and British aviators.

The Italians took the initiative in a surprise attack at daylight, the enemy trenches being reached and his lines driven back out along a front. Later in the day the enemy made a series of violent counter attacks which were broken up by the obstinance of the Italians, backed by allies batteries.

Towards night the enemy began the concentration of reinforcements, in an effort to redeem the situation. This brought on heavy fighting during the night which continued today. The latest reports show the Italians line holding well in the advanced positions occupied during the early hours of the engagement.

Prisoners Taken.
Bullentin, Rome, Jan. 30.—More than 2,600 prisoners have been taken by the Italians in their successful attacks upon the Austrian lines on the Asiago plateau, the war office announced today. Six guns and 100 machine guns also have been captured.

KAISER WILLING FOR PEACE BY AGREEMENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Rotterdam, Jan. 30.—Emperor William is in sympathy with the movement for peace by agreement according to Professor Hans Delbrueck, of the Berlin University, as quoted in an interview with the Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant's Berlin correspondent.

Professor Delbrueck who is himself a German advocate, said the warring nations were now divided into two camps, the first comprising those who, like Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Admiral Von Tirpitz of Germany, wanted a fight to a finish, and the second consisting of those who, like Emperor William, the German government the Reichstag and the great majority, were working for a negotiated peace.

Germany, declared Professor Delbrueck, has no thought of infringing upon the integrity or sovereignty of Belgium, and he regretted that Chancellor Von Hertling in his Reichstag speech does not say so more definitely. Nothing was further from the chancellor's intention than the carrying out of a policy of force, in Professor Delbrueck's view, and the masses of the people were behind him. The professor thought the fear that Admiral Von Tirpitz might get the power to shape things as he desired was unfounded.

Professor Delbrueck pointed to the furious attacks by the pan-Germans upon the emperor—something hitherto unheard of in Germany—as sufficient proof of the emperor's sympathy with peace by agreement.

PROHIBITION IN KENTUCKY

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—The state-wide prohibition bill, a Senate measure submitting the question to a vote of the people in November, 1919, passed the lower house of the Kentucky legislature today. If the voters ratify the measure prohibition in Kentucky will become effective July 1, 1920.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. W. S. Carter has returned after spending a week in St. John with Mrs. Melrose.

The Dean and Mrs. Neales entertained the Parish Delegates at luncheon yesterday. Covers were laid for thirty.

Miss Frances McNally who came here from Bromford, Ont., to enter Victoria Hospital for a critical operation, has been spending the past ten days with her aunt, Mrs. James G. McNally. She left last night for her home at Bromford, hoping in a short time to be able to resume her duties at the Collegiate Institute there.

The Sir Howard Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E., has adopted Pte. Alynne Clements as its war prisoner. He has been in Germany for some time.

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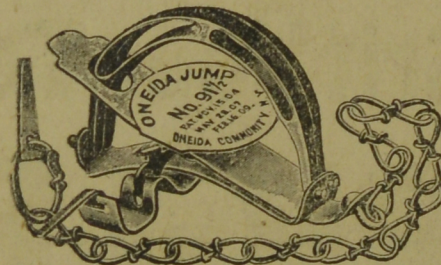
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PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF YORK,

To Ida Donally, of Cross Creek, in the Parish of Stanley, in the County of York, wife of John Donally; Scott McNeil, of the said Parish of Stanley, Farmer, and Charles McNeil of the same place, Farmer, and to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS Scott McNeil, of the Parish of Stanley, in the County of York, Farmer, and Charles McNeil of the same place, Farmer, have filed in this Court two certain Testamentary Papers purporting to be Wills of James Milford McNeil, late of the Parish of Stanley in the County of York aforesaid, and late of the 78th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Forces bearing date respectively the Thirtieth day of April, A. D. 1916, and Ninth day of August, A. D. 1916, and hath prayed that the said Testamentary Papers may be proved in solemn form, as together containing the last Will of the said James Milford McNeil you are therefore required to appear before me, if you so desire, at the Court of Probate to be held in and for the County of York at the office of the Judge of Probate for the County of York at the City of Fredericton in the said County on Thursday the Seventh day of February next at the hour of half past two o'clock in the afternoon to show cause, if any, why such Will should or should not be proved in solemn form.

Given under my hand this thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1917.

(Sgd) PETER J. HUGHES, Judge of Probate for the County of York.

(Sgd) JAMES HOLLAND, Registrar of Probates for the County of York.

CONDUCTOR WAS KILLED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Hamilton, Jan. 29.—A fatal collision occurred tonight between two coal laden freight trains on the T. H. & B. Railway at Red Hill Bridge, about four miles east of this city. Conductor Charles Darche, of this city was killed.

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