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FEWER UNEMPLOYED

Moscow, Oct. 27—Unemployed workers registered on trade union lists in Soviet Russia numbered 1,339,000 when the latest statistics were issued. A year ago the figure exceeded 1,500,000.

Made Brief Visit

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture motored to the city from St. John last evening and was at his office this morning attending to departmental matters. He left at noon today for his home at Coverdale, Albert County.

QUEENS COUNTY COUPLE ARE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

Gagetown, Oct. 26—Ford Henderson and his wife, Lizzie Henderson, of Henderson's Settlement, Queens County, appeared before Magistrate O. A. Adamson here in the Queens County Court House, today, on the charge of conspiring to extort three sums of money and a note amounting to \$150 from Arnold S. Atkinson, a school teacher through threats on his life because of injuries which they claimed he had done to their son, Frank, at school. The information was laid by Sergeant John Bird, of the New Brunswick provincial police. The two accused were committed for trial at the next sitting of the criminal court in the county. A. B. Gilbert, clerk of the peace for Queens County, conducted the prosecution, and G. H. V. Belyea, K. C., appeared for the defence.

Edward K. Cripps, bank clerk in the Provincial Bank at Norton, told of cashing two checks drawn by Atkinson and presented by Ford Henderson, one for \$100 and the other for \$18.

John McCrea, mail driver at Shannon, told of being asked by Ford Henderson to convey a message to Mr. Atkinson to come to his house and that if he would apologize for punishing the Henderson boy everything would be all right.

Dana Ellison, former pupil at the Henderson Settlement school, told of being at school the day the Henderson boy was corrected by the teacher and of walking home with him at dinner time afterward. Ellison said the Henderson boy had not seemed to have any injuries. Cross-examined by Mr. Belyea, he said he did not see the boy dragged out of his seat and thrown on the floor, as claimed by the defence. The Henderson boy did not again return to school.

Strikes at Teacher.

The crowd in the court room listened with special interest to the evidence of the plaintiff, Arnold S. Atkinson, of Sackville, the teacher. He told of the Henderson boy resenting his request to keep quiet and of the box striking at him with a pencil box. He had told the boy to stand up, he said, and when the boy refused, had taken him by the shoulder and pulled him to his feet and Frank had thrown himself on the floor, hurting his knee. Mrs. Henderson had come to the school at noon and had said her boy had never been punished before.

Gruesome Evidence.

Some stir had been created among the family and on the evening of June 14, in response to a message delivered by John McCrea, he (Atkinson) had gone to the Henderson home, where he had been invited into the living room and seated at the end of a long table. He claimed that Mrs. Henderson had removed the lamp to the opposite end of the table and taking a rifle from the corner, had bolted the kitchen door and had clicked the rifle as if putting in cartridges, and had returned to mount guard in the doorway at the same time asking her husband if the place had been fixed down in the cellar. Mr. Henderson had replied that it was and that there was lime to remove any objectionable evidences of the disposal of the remains of Atkinson.

Demanded \$100.

The witness then alleged that Henderson had lighted a cigar and had told him (Atkinson) he would give him until he (Henderson) had smoked the cigar to make up his mind to give a check for \$100, and charged him not to mention the occurrence to anyone. He had given the check and the next day he alleged the Hendersons had called him to their home and demanded \$50 more. He had given them a check for \$18, paid \$7 in cash and given a note for \$25. He had kept quiet about the matter until Sept. 11, when he decided to write to the provincial police.

Atkinson underwent a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Belyea in which he denied saying to Mr. Henderson: "Ford, I know I went too far and if you need any more money let me know." The money was supposed to be for hospital treatment in Saint John which the defence claimed was required by the Henderson boy. He also denied that Mr. Henderson offered him \$100 back again and asked him to pay the boy's doctor's bill himself.

Mr. Belyea moved for the dismissal on the grounds that the chief witness had several times given contradictory evidence and because he had taken so long to act after the incident occurred.

Mr. Gilbert claimed that the unusual proceedings at the Henderson home made it necessary to take the case to trial and on being asked Henderson replied he had nothing to say. Mrs. Henderson stated very emphatically, "Nothing to say and not guilty." No witnesses were called for the defence.

W.M. BURNS WAS MADE PRESIDENT BIBLE SOCIETY

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years as Treasurer, vice-president and president. His removal is also greatly felt by the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, the city and state.

Other Officers Elected.

The Secretary will communicate regret at his removal.

The selection of a successor as president fell upon vice-president Burns upon motion of Mr. J. S. Armstrong after Mrs. W. G. Clark, senior vice-president declined the honor.

The other officers chosen were Mrs. W. M. Clark, associate vice-president; Auditor, A. Sterling McFarlane; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. Sampson.

The city churches are expected to be responsible for collections in the city as usual. Several new members were added to the Society's roll.

It is intended that the city collections will begin on Wednesday, 7th, November. Cards for collectors and literature may be had upon application to Secretary Sampson, 124 Saint John Street.

AUTOS AID BIG GAME HUNTERS IN THE WEST

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 27—Lions, zebras, giraffes and other wild animals of Africa's hinterlands pay absolutely no attention to explorers when they drive on to the scene in automobiles, according to Carvets Wells, first member of the Cudahy-Massee-Milwaukee museum expedition to return from Tanganyika.

"We were able to drive up close enough to a herd of zebras to pick out the ones best suited for specimens," Wells explained "and when we stopped six feet away from some giraffes they simply high tailed us. We drove up to 18 lions in one group and they paid not the slightest attention to us."

Wells disclaimed any lion taming prowess. "It's the automobile that has taken the thrill out of big game hunting. Those silly beasts simply refuse to pay any attention to a car whether its standing still or whizzing past them. The only way to scare them with a car is to try to camouflage it with bushes or leaves. We drove close to one giraffe which was fast asleep standing up. I approached near enough to have patted his shoulder and took a 'worm's eye' photograph of him from the ground."

The animals' indifference to the explorers was equalled only by the explorers' sang froid, according to Wells.

"We were in absolutely no danger from the beasts during our stay there," he said "and took no extraordinary precautions against them. The only thing we were afraid of was the deadly tsetse fly which carries germs of sleeping sickness. In spite of our precautions we were constantly bitten by the insect, but luckily none of us contracted the disease."

Kiel, Germany, Oct. 27—So popular have sports become in the German navy that for the first time in German naval history, sailors have taken to running their own sporting events outside the regular service athletic competitions.

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SAYS CARIBOU NOT RETURNING TO THE PROVINCE

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Pringle, "and I do not believe that they ever will. If you want my opinion I will say that the caribou did not migrate from New Brunswick, but were wiped out by death. It may have been due to scarcity of feed or some other cause, but there are now no caribou in this province, and are not likely to be again."

A Veteran Guide.

It is now forty-one years since Mr. Pringle started in the guiding business in company with the late "Uncle" Henry Braithwaite of this city. "This is the first year since I started that I have missed being out in the woods with non-resident sportsmen at the opening of the hunting season". He went on to explain that he fell on a concrete walk at his home in September and injured one knee very severely. Lameness developed which made it impossible to follow his occupation as guide. He has a number of sportsmen at his camp and has made one trip in to see them but had to travel on horse back.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATION

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 27—Frances Holliday, 16, and her mother, Mrs. Edith Wray Holliday, have entered into a reciprocal agreement which dispels the idea that every 16 year old girl in this age of flappers thinks only of herself.

Frances and her mother have entered into a compact whereby the girl will work for one year so that her mother might go to a library school to qualify as a librarian.

Mrs. Holliday has been a school teacher for 14 years, but recently decided to take a library course. So that she might do this Frances is going to work for a year as a waitress.

Then, when Mrs. Holliday will have finished her course, Frances will enter Kenka College where she is already registered.

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