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Mr. Maxwell's Speech

A question of international importance has been settled, and a crisis has been avoided. Ex-Ald. W. J. Maxwell is not in favor of paying aldermen for their services at City Hall. At a dinner given the other night at the Queen Hotel Ald. Maxwell made a speech. In this particular speech Ald. Maxwell brought up the question of the payment of the aldermen. He pointed out to those present that from time to time he had been in favor of a small financial stipend but at the present time, in his opinion, such a move would be highly undesirable as it would tend to produce men of the type that were not wanted at City Hall. In this opinion Ald. Maxwell for once was right.

The dinner was a little family affair pulled off by His Worship the Mayor in honor of the retirement of Ald. Warren Maxwell and others from the council board, and the press was not invited. We had to depend on what was told us about the proceedings. The reporter of The Daily Mail, who wrote the story of the dinner, was informed by an alderman who was present that Ald. Maxwell had expressed himself as being in favor of a stipend to the aldermen. It seems that we were wrongly informed and that ex-Ald. Maxwell said the very opposite. We are very sorry that when ex-Ald. Maxwell makes an important utterance that we would be the one to misquote the dear ex-Alderman.

While regretting the error that occurred The Daily Mail does not feel inclined to accept Alderman Maxwell's views on etiquette and good manners. Ald. Maxwell may think that he is in the Emily Post class, especially since on one occasion he figured in the official set at City Hall, but a good many people will not be inclined to accept him as their authority on good manners. Four years ago Ald. Maxwell went to the city hall by acclamation because nobody else wanted to tackle the job. The service which he has given the city has been up to the ordinary but it has been no better than what Ald. Maxwell imagines it has been. If there's one thing that Ald. Maxwell excels in, that is that he has a high opinion of his own abilities. This is not unanimously shared in by the citizens. He is not universally thought to be any "ball of fire."

Now that Ald. Maxwell has retired from the civic political arena and will probably stay retired for some time to come, the public will have a rest from hearing any more about his speeches. It is a consolation to know, however, that Ald. Maxwell's opinion in regard to the payment of aldermen coincides with that of the ordinary everyday citizen. The world has once again been made "safe for democracy."

The Police Commission

It is up to the Aldermen who have ninety per cent. of the citizens at their back to see that there is no hitch in the bill to abolish the Police Commission. It is up to the City Council to get busy now so that proper legislation can be introduced. Delays are always dangerous in cases like this. There is no reason why the administration of justice committee of the City Council could not control the seven members of our police force. One thing is sure, and that is that the citizens have had enough and more than enough of the present condition of affairs at the police headquarters.

Feudal Days Recalled

A 16-year-old Scottish lassie is making Highland history by endeavoring to obtain a declaration from Lord Lyon, King of Arms at his Majesty's Register House, Edinburgh, that she is the lawful chieftain—no doubt she would object to being called "chieftainess"—of the Clan Maclean of Ardgour.

The Lord Lyon is examining her claim with befitting solemnity, but tradition is against her, for the chieftainship of the Scottish clans always has descended in the male line, and traditions of the kind are not broken lightly.

Whether or not the claimant is appearing personally to present her demand is not stated, but she has brought to life a chapter from medieval times, for it probably is centuries since the Lord Lyon, King of Arms; his three heralds, Marchmont, Albany and Rothesay; his three pursuivants, Carrick, Falkland and Unicorn; his Lyon clerk and keeper of his records; his procurator fiscal and possibly his herald painter were called upon to decide a similar problem.

Incidentally, the Lord Lyon is but one of several Kings of Arms who, first given their titles in the time of Edward IV, nearly five hundred years ago, still hold official office. The others are: Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy in London, and Ulster in Dublin. Each of these has his heralds and pursuivants, the four attached to the London court bearing the titles of Blue-mantle, Rouge Dragon, Rouge Croix and Portcullis, respectively.

Reading such names, one almost regrets that the present claimant is debarred from appointing a champion to challenge her cousin, the holder of the title, to mortal combat in order to prove or disprove the justice of her cause.

Not Safe to Brag

Fredericton is a little inclined to plume itself upon the mildness of its winter—so far; but a survey shows that similar conditions are widely prevalent.

Vancouver reports June-like weather; but Vancouver generally does that. In Nova Scotia lilacs and other flowers are blooming and farmers are beginning their spring plowing. Even the prairies are free from blizzards and arctic temperatures, and Quebec has no "young man who was buried in snow to his neck."

Similar reports come from Europe, where it is said that only Switzerland and the Austrian Tyrol are cold. Britain blames the unusual warmth for an epidemic of influenza which is raging there, and has ordered its navy men to avoid crowds while on shore leave.

Europeans probably would prefer heavy frost and snow, for winter weather is a great help in persuading the pugnaciously inclined to put off any military expeditions, and Europe at present needs every reassurance it can get.

The weather forecaster's job is simplified this year, since it can scarcely be milder, he has only to predict "colder" each day, with a fair assurance of being correct.

But experience has shown that Winter seldom forgets. It may be tardy in arriving; but it will be better to postpone bragging about its mildness until a few months hence.

SNAPSHOTS

We have a couple of letters regarding live local topics. It's too bad that the people who sent them in did not think enough of us to forward their names in confidence. Then we could use the articles.

"Last week one man was putting sand on a back street with his hands. Today on the same street we have four men in one place with shovels, and the work is properly done. "Thanks to The Daily Mail," said a lady who phoned us today.

A correspondent sends a list of what he calls "gambling dens." The list would surprise you. It includes a business place on King street, a private house on Queen street and another on York street, and a third on George street. Wouldn't that cramp you?

What a wonderful world this would be if every father of a small boy were the man every small boy thinks his father is.

If you can't have your own way about anything, what's the difference whether it is called Fascism or matrimony?

Stanley Baldwin likens his critics to "insects." That's being mildly restrained in a British sort of way.

Wedding—That point in Love's Young Dream at which a man wakes himself up—by plunging over a precipice.

Comparison always spoils a compliment. People say you are as wonderful as Jones, and you despise Jones.

In these days of cigarettes, cock-tails and scented lipsticks a quaint, old-fashioned man is one who can recall the delight of a kiss—flavored with nothing but girl.

Police

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your attention so that the attention of the City Council may be directed to it.

In 1871 an Act was passed (34 Vic. Chap. 1) for the setting up of a Police Establishment in the City of Fredericton. This Act provided for an appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of a Police Magistrate for Fredericton and it authorized the Police Magistrate to appoint a Police Force for the City to make regulations for their guidance.

This Act continued in force until the present Police Commission Act (8 Edward VII Chap. 42) was brought into effect. This Act as amended provides as you know for a Board consisting of the Mayor, the Police Magistrate and another resident of Fredericton appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council who shall appoint the Police Force and make rules and regulations for their government. The Statute also deals with a number of other matters with respect to the conduct of the police, etc. This Act contains a section by which all the provisions of any other Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed.

It is now proposed to repeal this Act without making any provision to take its place. The repeal of the Act will not revive any previous legislation which was repealed by it. If then the Act of 1908 is repealed without some other provision being made we will have no Police Force and no provision for the creation or the regulation of one.

All that I can see that will be left to the City in that respect will be a provision in the Act of 1859 by which the City was incorporated by which the City Council may appoint constables though it is possible that a Court might hold that even this authority was repealed by the Act of 1908 as being inconsistent with the terms of that Act.

You will understand, therefore, why I regard this as a very serious matter and again direct your attention to it.

Yours very truly,
PETER J. HUGHES

The present system of Police Commission came into being away back in 1908 when the old Temperance Council of that day did not seem to have much faith in the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council. The Police Commission which consists first of the Mayor, the Police Magistrate and the Judge of the County Court finally changed to consist of the Mayor, the Police Magistrate and one other citizen. This Commission as time went on became a most arbitrary organization. It was appointed by the Government, was not responsible to the citizens or to any one else, and carried on its meetings behind closed doors. Did business in secret, contracted bills which the City had to pay and which the aldermen knew nothing about and generally acted in the manner in which Hitler would have acted had he been here. It was stated that the Police Magistrate practically controlled the Board and occupied the peculiar position of a Judge of the City Court and also head of the Police of the City. The Daily Mail brought this peculiar position of affairs before the citizens and before the members of the City Council. After some fighting the City Council at

Fishermen

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the "poachers" that the boat would be in at a certain time and they went down to meet the boat. He did not know the buyer's name. Asked why he fished illegally, he said he did so "to get a bite to eat." The witness said that he had seen patrol boats in the area, but that they never had found any lobsters on the boat he was fishing from. He never had seen any officer in the vicinity of where the sales were made.

Philip Lloyd then testified, his story being similar to that of his father and brother. He said he had delivered lobsters four or five times, but added that he did not know who the man was that paid him for them, and he was not sure if he could identify him.

The buyer had been in Escuminac Village on several occasions and would advise some of the "poachers" when the boat would come to take their catch. The buyer drove a car and was not a member of the boat crew, he said. On one occasion after selling his lobsters he had driven back to the village with the buyer in the latter's car. He said that the buyer would go to a designated spot, the fishermen with their catch would go there, and the boat on which they loaded their catch would signal and the signal would be returned, following which the boat would come to shore and take on the illegally caught lobsters.

"Will you try to find out who that buyer was?" asked Mr. Bridges. "No."

"Why?" "That's not my job. I don't have to."

"Do you want to stop illegal fishing of lobsters?" "I'm not particular."

To the commissioner the witness said that on the occasion he drove to Escuminac after selling his lobsters the driver of the car, the buyer, did not turn the car lights on for some little distance. He was of the opinion that had there been patrol boats handy, they could not have seen the "poachers" and the buying boat, as the transactions were made in a cove.

The final witness of the afternoon was Clarence Jimmo, another Escuminac fisherman. He admitted fishing illegally last fall and said that he had 65 traps out. He said that he had lost some traps, possibly half. They were destroyed by Mr. Hubbard, captain of a patrol boat.

Asked how many lobsters he sold last year, the witness said he did not know.

"How much money did you receive then?" "I would say around \$400 without taking out expenses. I mean that was split between Eldon Lloyd and myself."

He said that he sold lobsters to a truck one night. He later was informed the man was Clovis King, but he did not know him. He said that he later heard the truck and lobsters had been seized.

Asked if the man he sold the lobsters to was Emery Hebert, the witness answered he did not know the man's last name.

He continued that he had been on board the boat, and the name on it was Theresa. He added that the crew had told him on different occasions they were going to Prince Edward Island and on another occasion had told him they were coming from the Island.

At the conclusion of the testimony of the witness the inquiry adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

KING WITH 75 WIVES OUTWED BY MERE CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—Troubles of kings in Africa held attention of the American Anthropological association here today.

One king of the Yoruba tribe, West African Slave coast, has 75 wives and has lost prestige among his 60,000 people, the anthropologists were told by Rev. Edward Ward of the Catholic University of America. The criticism was that he should have more wives for sake of appearances. One of his chiefs, with 205 wives, far outshines the king.

A king of the Babudja tribe, in Southern Rhodesia, has to take advice from a council of elders, and in addition, he must get approval of a mysterious and powerful priestess on every important decision. Heinz Wieschhoff of the University of Pennsylvania reported.

the November meeting passed with only two dissenting voices a resolution providing for the abolition of this Commission: The City Solicitor was appointed to prepare legislation leading to the abolition of the Commission. This legislation is now being prepared. Notice of legislation should be given at once. And nothing should be allowed to hold up the routine which is necessary to have this Police Commission Bill go through. If there is anything required to make the law complete the City Council should do so at once. In our opinion the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council is perfectly able to handle the seven policemen of the City of Fredericton without any more unnecessary machinery. It is now up to the City Council to get busy at once and decide what they should have to do so as the legislation can be proceeded with.

Frozen Body

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would "use all the resources at our command to apprehend and bring to justice the kidnapper and slayer of the Mattson boy."

The Washington State Patrol indicated its policemen would be given full authority to resume the search they abandoned last week at Dr. Mattson's request to permit ransom negotiations.

Department of justice agents and Seattle police, armed with shotguns, made what observers believed to be a kidnap raid within two hours after the body was found, but did not disclose their destination or exact purpose.

Paul H. Sceva, close friend of the Mattson family and one of the men who identified the body, issued a statement for Dr. Mattson in which he said the demanded \$28,000 ransom had not been paid, although there had been three contacts with the kidnapper by mail and by telephone.

Sceva declined to state whether there had been any clues to the identity of the abductors. He added, however, that telephone calls had not been traced.

Asked if Dr. Mattson had "gone out to try to make personal contact with the kidnappers," Sceva said he would not "deny this."

In Seattle, King County coroner Otto Mittelstadt, who minutely examined Charles' body before it was removed from the snow-covered depressions where it was found, said he "judged the boy had been dead for four or five days."

Evidence was, he said, that the boy had been bound and roughly treated before he was killed.

"Besides an ugly wound on the left side of the head, where the boy had been struck with some blunt object, there were other marks and bruises on his body," the coroner said.

One of the clues yielded by the body, Coroner Mittelstadt said, consisted of abrasions and marks of dirt and grease in the skin, indicated the frozen body had been transported on the floor of a dirty, jolting old automobile.

Blue-gray clay that caked the fingers indicated the body had been dumped along some river bank before it was removed to the brushlands where it was found.

Charles' body remained at the Tacoma mortuary, wrapped in the burlap placed around it when lifted from the snow. The funeral director said he had been ordered to leave it in a locked room, allowing no one to view it, until told differently by the federal agents.

Gordon Morrow, 19, discovered the Mattson boy's body tumbled in deep brush and snow 600 feet from the Morrow ranch and called his father, who notified the authorities.

Dr. Mattson, notified of the discovery in his Tacoma office, started the 50-mile drive to Everett, but was spared the necessity of viewing the crushed body of his son by federal agents, who intercepted him en route and turned back with him to Tacoma.

He returned to his home to comfort his wife and their other two children, William, 16 and Muriel, 14.

Mrs. Mattson was placed under the care of a nurse.

When first told the bruised little body had been found by Gordon Morrow, a hunter, Dr. Mattson refused to believe it was his son "until I see that boy with my own eyes."

"I feared when they pulled that boy out into the night that something like this would happen," he said.

Fears of Dr. Mattson, prominent Tacoma physician, were expressed previously last Saturday night in a plea to the kidnapper for "new proof that my son is alive and well."

The child victim bore evidence of having suffered a terrible beating. Several front teeth had been knocked out and there appeared to be a large hole in the head. Exact cause of death, however, could not be determined immediately.

Footprints of one person led from the roadway to the spot where the body lay in the snow. The area is heavily covered with brush and populated mostly by chicken ranchers.

Charles Morrow, whose son made the discovery, said he believed the body was brought there about 9 o'clock last night. Dogs of several residents nearby started barking then, he said.

Tracks indicated an automobile brought the body to about 150 feet from where the child was found.

The body was found frozen to the snow. Hands and face were covered with what appeared to be river salt, as though the body had first been placed in water along the edge of a stream or mudflat.

J. H. Connelly, second in command of the federal bureau of investigation agents here, arrived in Everett less than an hour after the first report with seven agents, he closed the area around the spot where the body was found, allowing no one to approach. Later the body was placed in an ambulance for Tacoma.

Discovery of the child's body ended one of the United States' strangest kidnappings, the only major "snatch" of the year. Charles was kidnapped from the living room of his father's home at 8:45 p.m. Sunday night, Dec. 27. A masked man having a pistol,

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broke the glass in a French window and forced William Mattson, 16, to release the latch.

Inside, he terrorized William, Muriel Mattson 14, and Virginia Chatfield 16, of Seattle, a house guest. These three, with Charles, the curly-haired, brown-eyed youngest son of Dr. Mattson were all in the living room and were alone in the house except for Oke Pilsen, aged retainer, who was sleeping above the garage wing.

Charles was wearing blue knickers, a blue blazer and house slippers.

The children described the intruder as foreign looking, of medium height and swarthy complexion. He had several days growth of beard which the children saw when his mask slipped temporarily. He was dressed roughly in dark blue trousers, a blue jacket and a light tan cap, they said.

Brandishing the pistol, he searched each child quickly, muttering: "This place ought to be good for some money."

Finding no money, the man suddenly grasped Charles, who weighed only about 70 pounds.

"This will be better than money," the intruder said. With the boy in his arms, he backed toward the French window, paused to pull a soiled paper from his pocket and throw it on the floor, then ran back through the window and down to the brink of the terrace.

The scrap of paper the intruder left on the floor proved to be a ransom note obviously carried in a pocket for several days. Making no mention of the Mattson family by name, the note

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demanded \$28,000 ransom for release of "the boy;" promised he was being held safely; issued directions for making contact with the kidnapper, and included other details.

CROOKS MORE PROSPEROUS

EDMONTON, Jan. 12—Police report suspects now being taken into custody are carrying large sums of money, more than \$100 in many cases. Last year, the usual pre-lockup "frisk" yielded only occasional dollar bills.

"The economic experts of the League of Nations find that a cycle of overproduction, crisis and depression has occurred on an average every four and a quarter years."—Sherwood Eddy.

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