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DYNAMITE BOMB
FOR CHICAGO JUDGE

Chicago, Jan. 11. — A dynamite bomb was found today in the vestibule of the home of County Judge John E. Owens, recently elected on the Democratic ticket. It was about seven inches long and one inch in diameter, had covered, and its fuse appeared to have been fired, but burned out.

BANK OF COMMERCE
INCREASES DIVIDEND

Toronto, Jan. 10.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has increased its dividend rate to 10 per cent per annum. Last year this bank increased its dividend from 8 to 9 per cent. Capt A. H. Borden of Halifax is at the Queen Hotel.

APPLICATION MADE FOR AMENDMENT OF CHARGE

Police Commission will Give Decision on Matter Tonight—Policeman Boulter Cross-Examined and Ex-Ald. Kelly on Stand Last Night—Great Interest in Proceedings.

The investigation before the Police Commission was adjourned last night until eight o'clock tonight, in order to give the Commission an opportunity to decide whether permission will be given to amend the second part of the charge preferred by Ald. Hooper against Special Policeman Gunter. Mr. R. B. Hanson, Ald. Hooper's counsel in asking for permission to amend the charge, said that his client had depended on Policeman Hartt's statement, made in R. T. Mack's drug store, to prove that Gunter had been untruthful to the Commission in stating that neither he nor his wife had received a present from a mail-order house. He admitted that in the face of Policeman Hartt's evidence, the charge in that particular could not be proven. He could prove, however, by the evidence of three reputable citizens that there was untruthfulness in another particular.

Policeman Boulter and Ex-Ald. Cornelius Kelly were the witnesses examined. Mr. Phinney, in cross-examination of the policeman, made him correct some statements he had made concerning Gunter's duties and his own. Mr. Kelly's evidence was to the effect that Gunter had told him of the cheapness of the goods bought from mail-order houses.

The proceedings lacked the fireworks of the previous session, but were enlivened by some brushes between counsel.

Mr. Hanson intimated that he would have to devote some attention to his learned friend.

"You tried it last night, and did not get far," was the reply.

Mr. Hanson—"I can protect myself very well."

Mr. Phinney—"Well, you may find yourself in the charge of a policeman."

On another occasion Mr. Hanson said:

"I don't have to appeal to the Commission for protection."

Voice—"Hear! Hear!"

Mr. Phinney, turning to spectators, "Come in and help him, boys."

There was the usual large attendance and proceedings began at eight o'clock.

POLICEMAN BOULTER.

Policeman Boulter again went on the stand. He said that in conversation with Gunter last week he had said that if put on the stand he would have to tell the truth. Witness had told Gunter what he would likely say. Gunter had said that he did not think that he (Gunter) had said that. Gunter had not suggested that there were things that witness had better forget. Gunter had not attempted to tamper with witness. Since Gunter had gone on the force his work had been principally connected with the enforcement of the Scott Act. He had other duties however. Other members of the police force had done Scott Act work.

Mr. Hanson objected to the subject of cross-examination as not pertinent to the investigation.

Mr. Phinney replied that he had a right to test the veracity of a witness. He had noticed certain things in Policeman Boulter's evidence that led him into this line of cross-examination.

Mr. Phinney proceeded with his cross-examination. Witness said that he had made an error in stating he had not bothered his head in connection with the enforcement of the Scott Act. His evidence given before had reference to Scott Act raids and not to other work in connection with the enforcement of the Act.

Mr. Hanson to Mr. Phinney—"Why don't you read a little farther in the evidence and be fair, you're so eminently fair?"

Witness had not been asked to take part in Scott Act raids since Gunter had come on the force.

"HE'S COMING NOW."

Witness thought Gunter believed he had influenced him to buy from a mail-order house when he had said: "He's coming now."

Mr. Phinney continued his examination.

Mr. Hanson remarked that his learned friend was attempting to advertise the mail-order house.

Mr. Phinney said he thought that house was being well advertised. (Laughter.)

Witness, continuing, said Gunter when showing the catalogue to him, had said that the merchants were robbing the people.

There were a few clashes between counsel.

Ald. Clark remarked that Mr. Hanson and Mr. Phinney had better confine their attention to the investigation.

tion, and stop making remarks to one another.

Witness, continuing, said that Gunter had not intimated that if witness ordered goods from the mail-order house it would benefit him or his wife. Gunter had said to witness, "You boys are foolish to buy in Fredericton."

WITNESS OBJECTED.

Mr. Phinney asked witness if he were away in November. Witness said he had been.

Mr. Phinney continued questions along this time. Witness stated that he had been to his wife's funeral and objected to any further questions on the matter.

Mr. Hanson strongly supported the objection and there were cries of "Hear! Hear!" from the spectators.

Ald. Clark warned spectators to refrain from remarks and also requested Mr. Phinney to refrain from questioning, he witness on the subject mentioned.

To Mr. Hanson—Gunter had duties connected with the Scott Act and other duties. Witness, since Gunter's appointment, had not taken part in Scott Act raids. Witness could not understand why Gunter was so busy getting orders for the mail-order house unless he got something out of it. Gunter had said his wife sent orders away for the neighbors. Gunter had never asked for an order from witness.

To Ald. Clark—Witness had never personally heard of complaints that Gunter was an agent for a mail-order house.

CORNELIUS KELLY.

Ex-Ald. Cornelius Kelly was sworn. He said he had been an alderman of the City and was mail-collector and milkman. He knew A. D. Gunter well. During October he met Gunter on George street. Gunter had a new hat on and so had witness. (Laughter.) Gunter said he got his hat for \$1.25 from a mail-order house. Witness had paid W. E. Farrell \$1.50 for his. Gunter had said every stitch he wore came from a mail-order house. Witness was sure the conversation took place after October 10th. Witness saw Gunter on Westmorland street yesterday, (Tuesday.) Gunter had said witness was to be called to give evidence and referred to the conversation. Gunter had tried to make witness think conversation took place in September. Witness had offered to bet on the subject of the time of the conversation. Gunter had thought about the bet and was thinking yet. (Laughter.)

To Mr. Phinney—Witness was on friendly terms with Gunter. Latter had referred to boots he was wearing saying that he got them cheap from the mail-order house.

To Ald. Clark—Gunter had told him he would save money by getting goods from a mail-order house.

ASKS LEAVE TO AMEND.

Mr. Hanson, addressing the commission, said that he would like to amend the second part of the charge, not in its essence but with regard to the incident of untruthfulness.

Mr. Phinney objected. He had never heard of a charge being amended after the trial was partly over. He was not there to defend Mr. Gunter on any other charge but that laid. The prosecution could not prove the second part of the charge and should be mainly enough to admit as much.

In reply Mr. Hanson said that the commission should remember that he had not been counsel since the beginning of the action. The subject of investigation was the alleged untruthfulness of Mr. Gunter and it was not material what the instance of untruthfulness was. He was prepared to prove untruthfulness by the evidence of three reputable citizens. The charges were distinct and separate.

That of being an agent he thought had already been proven. He was prepared to prove untruthfulness in connection with a matter other than mail-order business. He would not state in what the untruthfulness consisted until he was sure the amendment to the charge would be entertained. In view of the evidence of Policeman Hartt, the second charge as made could not be proven.

Mr. Phinney stated that Mr. Gunter had some rights in regard to the matter.

Mr. Hanson said the charge would not be withdrawn unless the amendment were entertained.

Ald. Clark said the investigation would be adjourned until Thursday, at 8 p. m., when the commission would give their decision concerning Mr. Hanson's request.

C. P. R. SECRET OF DIVIDEND JUMP WELL GUARDED

(Montreal Herald)

Never was a secret better kept than that which swept through the city with whirlwind rapidity after the closing of the stock exchange yesterday afternoon, that two per cent. had been added to the Canadian Pacific dividend out of the land account and other extraneous assets of the company.

The C. P. R. dividends have mounted up with extraordinary rapidity in recent years but they have never taken so great a single upward leap as this. The company remains nominally a seven per cent. dividend earner as far as its ordinary earnings are concerned, but actually it is now on the basis of a ten per cent. security.

At the close of the meeting of the directors which was held in the afternoon under the presidency of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy the official announcement was given out in these terms:

"At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held in Montreal today it was decided that in view of the position of the land account and of other extraneous assets of the Company, the distribution from those sources, commencing with the payment of the next quarterly dividend, will be at the rate of three per cent. per annum instead of one per cent. as heretofore."

CAME AS SURPRISE

It was known that some plan for dealing with the extraneous assets of the company and the creation of a small bond was talked of, but outside the executive it was not expected it would take the form of an increase in the dividend so soon after the advance in the distribution on the ordinary stock decided upon in August last.

The significance of the statement by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy at the annual meeting is now remembered. It was just after his declaration that in such a contingency as leap years coming upon them, a large cash reserve would be a source of convenience and strength and the references were in these words. "But then apart from your surplus earnings you have extraneous assets in deferred payments of land mortgages, cash proceeds of land sales, and other items of a like character in process of realization that may be roughly estimated at fifty million dollars, without taking into account your unsold lands and in ordinary course this amount should be substantially augmented within the next few years. In the opinion of your directors, the best interests of the company and its shareholders will be subserved by keeping intact a considerable portion of these assets instead of resorting to the policy ordinarily characterized as melon cutting, which is not always a boon to the beneficiaries. At the same time there is every reason why the shareholders of the present day should expect such advantage in the way of income from these assets as may be possible without unduly encroaching upon the principal and it is the intention of your directors to determine during the coming year how this can be brought about."

WON'T TOUCH CAPITAL

After the meeting yesterday afternoon The Herald was informed by a high official of the company that the increase of two per cent. in the dividend could be brought about practically without encroaching upon the capital.

In reply to the possible suggestion that the dividend may have been given out of the interest on the extraneous assets in order to avoid the condition in the charter that when a ten per cent. dividend paying basis on the ordinary stock is reached its rates shall be subject to government revision, that since the passing of the Railway Act it is practically so now as all rates are now under the supervision of the Railway Commission.

POLICEMEN GUARD A BANKING HOUSE

New York, Jan. 11.—A cordon of policemen stood guard this morning outside the closed banking house of Cleto Scandone on 106th street, as the result of a demonstration last night by several hundred frantic foreigners who had placed their savings on deposit there. It was feared that an attempt would be made to blow up the building.

The banker has been missing, the police say, since Monday afternoon. He had been in the business for five years and had won the confidence of the Italian colony, and his depositors numbered more than 3,500.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Commander John F. Luby of the Protected Cruiser Des Moines died on board that vessel January 8 in the vicinity of Cape Verde Islands. The Navy Department was advised of Commander Luby's death in a despatch received today from the executive officer of the Des Moines.

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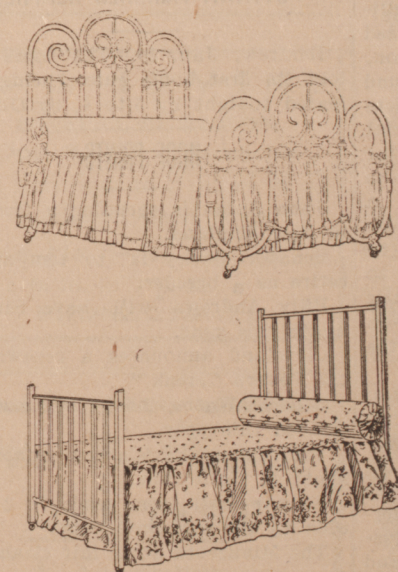
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