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Booze Cruiser "Alert" Under Fire at Ottawa

Minister of Customs Tacitly Admits Departmental Vessel was Used to Carry Liquor in Cape Breton By-election—Government Official Distributed Rum in Chateauguay—Interesting Revelations

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—"It will now be fitting for the minister of customs and his party following to transfer the vocabulary of invective which they have for years devoted to the exploits of the Arctic and the Minnie M. and apply it in all its forcefulness to the 1914 exploits of the Borden government steamer Alert," declared Mr. MacDonald of Pictou, in concluding the parliamentary revelations which in the Commons today followed Mr. Carroll's charges of last week.

Mr. MacDonald summarized the facts in the first of a series of scandals brought before the House. The revenue steamer Alert had been taken off her route, sent into waters in which she had no business and where there was no possibility of smuggling operations, she had been loaded with whiskey and other intoxicating liquors in direct violation of the provincial prohibition act, and became the private yacht of the Conservative organizer and the Conservative candidate in the pending by-election at Victoria, N.S., to convey them on a political mission and entertain their friends and enlist supporters.

Mr. Carroll pursued his demand for some explanation or report from the government, when the customs estimates were under consideration tonight. When the matter was before the House last week, Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of customs, was declared by his colleague, Hon. Mr. Hazen, to be the minister responsible for the operations of the Alert in her official capacity and the former promised to look into the matter. As no report had been forthcoming, the Cape Breton man, reinforced by Mr. MacLean of Halifax, renewed his charges and demanded the results of the minister's enquiry, if such had really been made.

WILL "DISCIPLINE" OFFICIALS.

Hon. Dr. Reid tacitly admitted that the vessel had been employed in the manner charged. He said the Alert had no doubt been there upon her regular business and had simply taken the Conservatives in question on board as passengers. As to the conveyance of the liquor, the minister said he had to take the word of his officials on the spot. He would, however, "look into it."

Mr. MacLean said that was not definite enough. What did the minister propose to do as a result of the very serious scandal?

Mr. MacDonald demanded an unequivocal answer and in response to his definite demands, Hon. Dr. Reid promised to hold a full investigation, to look up the records of official work by the steamer since December 1st last, and to "deal with and discipline the men responsible, without gloves."

ANOTHER ONE TO "DISCIPLINE"

No sooner was the story of the Alert completed than another story to the discredit of the government

was told. This one dealt with the election operations of a government employee in Chateauguay and in the Quebec provincial riding of Huntingdon.

"We are prepared to prove in the courts," said Mr. Robb, the Liberal member for Huntingdon, "that an employee of this government, a man appointed by this government, who has an office next the customs office in Valleyfield, operated in the by-election in the County of Chateauguay in the interests of the government candidate. We have the evidence and are prepared to prove that this man was distributing green goods and whiskey opposite a polling booth on election day."

"It may be possibly to be said in his defence," Mr. Robb continued, "that he was on his holidays at the time but whether or not that is true, it is true that one month later the same man was operating in the provincial riding in Huntingdon in the interests of the Tory candidate there."

"The government had been claiming the result in Chateauguay as a great victory for its naval policy and its trade policy," Mr. Robb went on, "but in view of the fact that the government candidate ran away from the naval question and that the postmaster general, when he spoke at Ormstown, refrained from discussing it, and in view of the conduct of officials of the government my friends opposite will have to revise their claim."

At this point Hon. Mr. Crothers essayed to come to the rescue of the minister.

"Does my friend speak of his own personal knowledge or from hearsay, when he makes this charge concerning a government official?" he asked.

"We have the evidence of a man who was sent out with two witnesses to watch and caught the official in the act," was Mr. Robb's reply.

No further attempts at meeting Mr. Robb's charge were made by the government. The charge had been made clearly and emphatically but through several ministers were in the House at the time, it went absolutely unanswered.

Mr. Law of Yarmouth, drew attention to the fact that on the first trip of the lightship Lurcher to Yarmouth after the 1911 elections the steward who had the contract to supply the vessel with food, was met by a member of the Conservative patronage committee and told that he must buy from certain people only. When he attempted to do this he found that he could not carry out his contract with any profit and so retired from it. Such a condition, Mr. Law declared, was clearly most unfair.

"There was no reason for such action by the steward," said Mr. Hazen. "Stewards can purchase from anybody they like."

PURCHASE FROM FRIENDS.
"It is true," he added a little later (Continued on page five)

CRISIS IN MEXICO IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

New York, Feb. 4.—The lifting of the embargo on shipments of arms from this country into Mexico is expected to hasten the crisis in the Southern republic and bring hostilities to a speedy termination. In the absence of outside political complications as a result of this move, the step should be interpreted as a constructive factor in the securities markets. Cables indicate that the German bank rate will be further reduced tomorrow, thus attesting to the world-wide ease of money. Sound financial conditions are the first essential to trade recovery and there

BAND AT RINK TONIGHT.
Twelve bands with moonlight skating at the Arctic Rink tonight.

OHIO TRYING TO TAX ROCKFELLER'S PERSONAL ESTATE

New York, Feb. 4.—President Wilson rescinds embargo placed on exportation of arms and ammunition from United States into Mexico.

Hearings on Stock Exchange bill before senate banking and currency committee today.

President Hanna for Northern Pacific looks for prosperous year in the northwest.

Ohio trying to tax John D. Rockefeller on \$900,000,000 personal estate.

Estimates of increase in copper stocks which producers report is expected to show for January, run from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds.

Youngstown Mills of Carnegie Steel Company working at full capacity for the first time in four months.

Attorney General McReynolds grant request of California congressional delegation against filing of Southern Pacific-Central Pacific separation suit. Arguments to be heard Tuesday.

12 industrials advanced .64.

20 active rails advanced .48.

American stocks in London irregular, C.P.R. down 3/4.

TAP LINE CASES ARE REOPENED IN U. S. COURT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Double appeals in the so-called tap line cases, in which the Commerce Court decided against the Interstate Commerce Commission, came up for hearing in the Supreme Court of the United States today. The Government hopes for an early decision in the cases, owing to their importance and the fact that they have been dragging through the courts for several years.

The tap line cases involve the rights and privileges of sawmill railroads in the Southwest, particularly Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas, turning back from trunk railroads to lumber camps. The point at issue is whether such lines shall be considered as common carriers and be subject to the same regulations as to rates and other matters as the regular railroads. The development of the lumber business in various sections of the country is said to depend in large measure upon the outcome of the litigation.

EAST YORK COUNTY L. O. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

Increased Thirty Nine Members and One Lodge Reported During Past Year

The annual meeting of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of York East, was held in the Orange Hall in this city last evening. The meeting was largely attended and new officers were elected. The officers' reports showed an increase of thirty-nine members and one lodge. Officers elected were as follows:

A. Brewer, W.M.
J. M. Chappell, D.M.
Rev. J. E. VanWart, Chap.
M. Brewer, R.S.
Dow Jones, J.S.
C. E. Brennan, D. of C.
E. Boone, 1 Elect.
W. Hay, 2 Elect.
F. Seymour, 3 Elect.
R. Baxter and P. A. Guthrie were elected auditors.

TAMPA TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 4.—From many parts of the United States and Canada delegates are arriving in Tampa to attend the midwinter sessions of the National Association of real estate exchanges. The gathering will open tomorrow and continue through the remainder of the week. The local trade organizations have provided elaborate entertainment for the visiting real estate men, many of whom are accompanied by their wives and families.

WILL COME TO CANADA

Dominion Royal Commission Sails For South Africa Saturday

Session in Canada to Begin in July—Immigration and Labor Problems Receiving Attention

London, Feb. 4.—Having completed the consideration of their report on Australia and New Zealand, the Dominions Royal Commission, of which Sir Edgar Vincent is chairman, will sail next Saturday for South Africa to take evidence there. The commission expresses itself as well satisfied with the progress it has made thus far in gathering information on the great question of empire development and organization. In Australia particular investigation was made on the subjects of immigration and labor problem and the data obtained is expected to be of value when the same problems are investigated in Canada and other parts of the empire.

In South Africa the commissioners will hold sessions in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and one or two other centres. They expect to return to London in June. In July the commission will proceed to Canada, and, after taking evidence, will return in November to complete its Canadian report.

OPPOSE COLD STORAGE BILL AT WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C., Feb. 4.—With a view to ascertaining the opinions of those most closely concerned, the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce Commerce today began a series of public hearings on the McKellar cold storage bill, which proposes to limit the time of storage of perishable commodities from two to six months. The cold storage interests and the produce merchants of the country are protesting vigorously against the measure. It is claimed that its enactment will discourage production, destroy the collateral value of perishable products and be detrimental to the consumer in the end, because cold storage warehouses are necessary, to not regulate prices and are used to store goods in times of overproduction to meet the necessity of the time of a short supply. Norway, Sweden and other foreign countries have also protested through the State Department against the provisions of the bill, alleging that it would seriously embarrass their trade with the United States in salt and preserved fish.

MERCHANTS GO TO SCHOOL

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 4.—What is believed to be the first school for merchants ever conducted in this auspices of the extension department of the University of Minnesota. The course is modeled after the short courses conducted in the various states for farmers. The instruction will be carried over a period of five days and will embrace lectures by experts on important questions connected with the buying, selling and displaying of goods. Salesmanship, store management, pricing, advertising, window trimming, store accounting and methods of meeting mail order competition are some of the subjects that will be dealt with in the lectures.

FARMER GRAIN DEALERS MEET

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 4.—Closer co-operation is the leading subject selected for discussion at the seventh annual convention of the Minnesota Farmers' Grain Dealers' association, which met at the West Hotel in this city today for a three days' session. President H. R. Meisch presided at the opening of the gathering today and Mayor Nye delivered an address of welcome.

WESTERN INSURGENTS TALK VERY PLAINLY

Manitoba Conservatives Tell Caucus That Wheat Duty Must be Removed or Party Will be Wiped out in the West—Eastern Tories Oppose any Reduction as the Beginning of General Lowering of Tariff

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—West and east interests, locked horns at the first government caucus of the session, held today. Ever since the defeat of the Liberal free wheat amendment last Thursday there have been ominous rumors of insurgency brewing among the Manitoba Conservatives, who on that occasion obeyed the party whip and voted against the proposition for which their own provincial legislature had pledged itself.

This morning these men undertook to place their views before the government and their colleagues behind the closed doors of caucus. They declared that unless the administration acceded to the demands of organized agriculture and removed the existing duties on wheat and wheat products they could not guarantee the return of a single Conservative member between the head of the lakes and the Rocky Mountains.

The Manitoba members were backed in their demands by a solitary member from Quebec, A. A. Mondou, Nationalist member for Yamaska, who has a large interest in a land syndicate in Western Canada and who is convinced that the throwing open of the American market would add to the profits of the farmer and increase the cost of lands. It is not recorded that a single member from Ontario expressed any sympathy with their views.

Mr. Aikins concluded by saying that a refusal on the part of the government to grant this demand of the western farmers would seriously affect the good relations which now prevailed between east and west.

Eastern Conservatives who spoke, were inclined to make light of the demand. They took the ground that the farmers would not receive any higher price for their wheat if the American market were thrown open. They declared that the eastern farmer, who was engaged in mixed farming, was prosperous and well to do, and that the western farmer should be encouraged to turn the surplus of his grain into cattle and live stock. The sending of the wheat across the border would not only injure the Canadian millers but would also take from Canada the by-products, which were needed for feed and dairy purposes.

Among more pronounced protectionist members of party, opinion was expressed that granting of such request would encourage further embarrassing demands for tariff reductions.

WHITE NOT PRESENT.

Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, was not present, being still confined to his home with a severe cold and the effects of a slight operation. The prime minister and the other members of the cabinet, while inviting opinions, did not express themselves on the question, and no vote was taken. Though the question is still left open, the general impression prevails that the great majority of the government members are opposed to any tariff changes this session.

Several rural members from both western and eastern constituencies expressed the opinion that a reduction in the duties on agricultural implements was both desirable and expedient. The discussion was not encouraged by the ministers, however, and the proposal was strongly opposed by such representatives of the protected interests as W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford, and others. Though the latter element predominated nothing definite was decided on as to the policy which the government was likely to pursue.

AIKINS SOUNDS A WARNING.

J. A. M. Aikins, member for Brandon, was the chief spokesman for the insurgent western members. Mr. Aikins made a speech of fifteen minutes' duration and emphasized the various conditions which made it expedient and even imperative upon the part of the government to remove the wheat and flour duties.

He declared that the government had prevailed in Manitoba last election through an appeal to loyalty, which had overcome the desire of the people for the southern market; that appeal could never be used with effect again and he did not hesitate to state that unless the government granted the request Manitoba would not return a government member at the next election. He declared that the granting of the demand would not prejudice seriously any eastern

CITY COUNCIL HAD SHORT SESSION LAST NIGHT

The regular monthly session of the City Council which took place last night, was shorter than the average. The business before the council was chiefly of a routine nature. The proceedings were enlivened to some extent by tilts in which Ald. Farrell took the initiative. Ald. Everett and Ald. Mitchell replied to him. The council adopted the recommendation of the School Board to promote legislation for the issue of school debentures to the amount of \$50,400. The City Hall Committee was also empowered to make the necessary repairs to the electric wiring system of the City Opera House. The matter of better protection for shade-trees was referred to a special committee.

Ald. Farrell said that the item was being put through on false pretences. It was practically a gratuity to Mr. Edney. He would like to hear Ald. Everett say if he could certify to the bill.

Ald. Everett replied that he was satisfied that Mr. Edney had done sufficient extra work to make up twenty days' labor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the City Auditor upon monthly expenditures was adopted as follows:

Water	\$1,025.55
Sewerage	27.05
Roads and Streets	468.58
City Hall	138.89
Contingent	42.35
Agricultural Society No. 34	55.00
Fire	205.54
New Fire Station	1,521.65
Administration of Justice	2,287.97

MUNICIPAL HOME.

For the Municipal Home Committee Ald. Weddall reported a monthly expenditure of \$204.57 and a balance on hand of \$37.53. On his motion a cheque for \$225 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner Niles. The usual monthly and quarterly salaries and allowances were voted.

TAX COLLECTIONS.

Ald. Mitchell reported on tax collection.

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