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CITIZENS TO OPPOSE TELEPHONE CHARGES

Gather in Great Numbers at City Hall to Express Their Views.

PASS RESOLUTIONS

Local Bodies Promise Co-operation With the City Council.

If the officials of the Bell Telephone Co. had any doubts as to the attitude of the business men and citizens generally towards their application for power to increase the telephone rates, such doubts should have been set at rest at yesterday's mass meeting at the City Hall. The proposal to fight the application to the last ditch was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed, and Mr. C. F. Sise, vice-president of the company, was bombarded with questions when he undertook to explain the why and wherefore of the application.

The Conucil Chamber began to fill long before three o'clock, the advertised time of the meeting. A number of civic fathers were present, including Ald. F. M. Johnston, Ald. Beamish, Ald. Sam Ryding. The ladies were well represented both in the gallary and on the floor of the chamber.

Manager Kenneth Dunstan and C. F. Sise and Local Manager Frank Kennedy put in an early appearance.

Mayor Church sketched briefly the upward trend of railway and express rates and said for years the Telephone Company was a law unto itself. He told of the establishment of a flat rate for Toronto. He said the present application for increases should be postponed for a year.

He stated that the Board of Control had given instructions for the application to be strenuously opposed.

"In my opinion a cross application should be made for a decreased rate, because of the deplorable state of the service."

Mr. Marriott, president of the Board of Control, was called upon by the Mayor to set the ball rolling.

Are Surprising.

"The Bell Telephone Company has a monopoly by the very nature of its business," he said. "We have been considerably surprised by the recent demands for changes in its rates. They have a right to ask for changes, but must justify the request, while we have the right to oppose such application."

The company had enjoyed an eight per cent. dividend, and the speaker had not heard them complain of the return as "meagre." Being a monopoly the bondholders received their interest year in and year out, good times and bad. No stock that he knew of enjoyed greater permanence. Under the circumstances 8 per cent. was "ample reward" for the money invested and the service performed.

"There is no doubt that relatives of the stockholders would gladly take any further stock, should it be issued," declared Mr. Marriott, "and if they did not, I am sure the public would willingly subscribe for it."

The speaker dealt at length with the surpluses of the company. These gave sufficient basis for adequate issues of raw stock to carry on any needed extensions.

"It might be," went on the speaker, "that the company expects that the telephone systems will be taken over by the Government, and operated as a public utility, and they may be preparing for this time.

Bills Doubled.

He said Detroit had been suffering from a similar scale of rates and they claimed their bills had been doubled as a result. He suggested business firms keep an accurate record of their outgoing calls to find out for themselves how they would be hit by the new arrangement.

"The basic change in the case of business houses is one which the Board of Trade should strongly resist." If increases were justified it should be obtained by a policy of the same rates throughout the city and not one rate for business and another for private houses. Two rates would be vexatious. The company had no right to exploit the citizens.

It was an accounting matter. The company had a right to apply for these increases, but the public had a right to oppose. He claimed the public were entitled to a complete investigation of the Bell Telephone to see that they received only what they were justly entitled to.

Board in Line.

W. D. Dineen, of the Board of Education, briefly supported opposition.

W. C. Miller, Retail Merchants' Association, assured the meeting of the co-operation of his association. He said a record taken by seven merchants had shown by the new rates that the bills would be increased from 40 to 500 per cent.

He said his association had already engaged counsel to oppose the application of the company.

Trustee Dr. Hunter, representing the Board of Education, spoke strongly against the proposed rates. The board, he declared, "resented the proposal to increase the burden of the people."

W. W. Parry, president of the Toronto District Command of the O.W.V.A., championed the cause of the returned men who were slowly being re-established. Many were just "getting on their feet" in small businesses, and any increase in telephone rates would place a serious burden upon these men. Conditions were abnormal, and the rates should be based on normal conditions. The returned men had their own idea of what "public utility" meant, and if the company insisted on further increases the feeling in favor of taking over the telephone system to be publicly operated would grow.

The Mayor then called for a resolution expressing the feeling of the meeting. Mr. Sise, of the Telephone Company, rose to speak, but the Mayor stated the meeting "would hear the other side later."

Archie Draimin moved a resolution protesting against any increase in rates, but said he did not agree with the Mayor that the service was no good.

"We have a fairly good service—."

Cries of "No, we haven't."

W. D. Dineen seconded the resolution. It was passed unanimously, the only persons remaining seated being officials of the company.

A citizen who said he was a grocer wanted to know if the company would make any refund if telephone users did not make the full number of calls.

Text of Resolution.

The following is the text of the resolution: "That this meeting of citizens protests against the Bell Telephone Co. being granted any increase in rates or tolls, and decides to vigorously oppose the application when before the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and that adequate counsel be retained to oppose the application; and that experts be engaged to give evidence in opposition to the application.

"2. That the various organizations decide to combine and retain counsel, to assist the city's case and experts where necessary."

Mayor Church asked if there were any members of the Provincial Government present or anyone from the Attorney-General's Department. There was no response.

G. R. Ellis called on the city's representatives at Ottawa to "wake up and stop dreaming."

"To the corporate interests and all people, there was a responsibility to get together to meet troubled times that were possibly ahead, and not to do any thing to encourage Bolshevism, said Controller Maguire. The Bell Telephone should think twice before pressing the application.

Wild applause followed the declaration that "if the application was granted there would be a re-organization of the Railway Board, for the people from end to end of Canada would demand it."

A hint was also thrown out to the Bell Telephone Company to take warning from what happened to the Toronto Electric Light Company, when the Hydro paralleled its lines. The Bell would have a chance to sell out, as did the T.E.L., but—well, a hint should be sufficient.

A resolution asking for the Railway Board to hold a sitting in Toronto to hear protests and to allow Toronto to sate its case, was then passed.

A Disease.

Con. Gibbons said the making of profits was not now a business, it was a disease. Not only the Bell Telephone Company was looking for excessive profits. There were dozens of cases. That was what was making Bolshevists.

"Most of the great corporations are swimming in watered stock," said the controller.

Instead of a new democracy the returned soldiers had found that the profiteers were still hanging on after they came back.

"You'll have to go on strike and let the Bell Telephone Company take their instruments out if you cannot succeed any other way," continued Con. Gibbons amid great applause.

Mayor Church asked if it was the pleasure of the meeting to hear representatives of the company.

Cries of "yes."

Rev. Ben Spence, speaking on behalf of the Ontario Municipal Association, declared that the organization was strongly behind the move to oppose the application.

"I take it this is not a particularly friendly audience," began Mr. Sise, amid laughter.

The speaker declared that the company had absolutely nothing to hide.

"We are paying $3,800,000 more in wages than in November, 1918," declared Mr. Sise, "for the same service. We are paying exactly $1.95 for what we paid $1 in 1915."

The company had a book investment of 55,000,000 that could not be replaced for less than $80,000,000 to $90,000,000. The return on that $55,000,000 was only 8 per cent.

The speaker flatly denied that there was any "water" in the stock. This had been denied under oath before the aRilway Board and also in Parliament. To further support this statement Mr. Sise read a sworn statement from the auditor, in Montreal, that no stock had been "watered."

"We have been asked why we are not using our reserves for extensions," continued Mr. Sise. "All our reserves and surpluses have been reinvested in our own property."

Need More Money.

The need for further capital was shown, said the speaker, by the fact that there would be a demand for 10,000 telephones per year for the next ten years, services for 23,000 new subscribers could be placed in Toronto at once if they could be secured.

He gave the earnings of the company as 1916, 5.8%; 1917, 5.5%; 1918, 4.2;% 1919, 3.9% and this year one-fifth of one per cent.

"If we can't increase our service and come to a standstill what will happen?" he asked.

Cries of: "Hydro." "Hydro will start up."

"You ought to produce service if you expect revenue," shouted a citizen.

"That's another question," answered Mr. Sise.

Mr. Sise said he had figures of companies in the United States on message rate.

A voice: "Are any of them satisfied with it?"

He said there were 50 per cent. of users in Toronto would not be affected by the increases.

Controller Gibbons wanted further information when Mr. Sise stated that the company's investment now stood at $55,000,000. If, as had been only $22,000,000, where did the other $33,000,000 come from?

Mr. Sise: "We are entitled to invest our reserves either in outside securities or re-invest them in our own securities, and have adopted the latter course. However, we have not paid dividends on the surpluses."

"What have been the increases paid to the men who sit around the board room table?" a citizen demanded. "We do not object to the operators and other lower employes receiving increases, but we do oppose big increases to the president and vice-president and other high officials." (Applause.)

Other members of the audience were apparently all primed with questions, but the Mayor drew the discussion to a sudden close by declaring that the resolution was carried, and urging the people to be down at the City Hall when the application came before the Railway Board.

WAR VETERANS OWN FAIR DURING OPENING DAY

Sir Auckland Geddes and Sir Thomas Lipton are Principals at Ceremony.

The busiest spot in Toronto to-day is Exhibition Park. The grounds and buildings are thronged with hurrying people, making their last arrangements for exhibits.

Arrangements for the opening of the Fair are almost complete. Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to Washington, and Sir Thomas Lipton, the jovial yachting knight, are the main attractions. Sir Thomas arrived this morning and the British Ambassador arrives at 5.30 this evening.

The soldier is to be given the preference on opening day. The bandstand will be reserved for the V.C.'s and the next of kin of deceased winners of the medal, with members of the Veterans' Reunion Council. On the plaza in front of the stand will be lined up the soldiers and their kin. There will be few seats outside the bandstand this year. The general public will have to stand outside the soldier array, but the voice of Sir Auckland Geddes as he opens the Fair should be clearly heard all over the plaza, through the voice amplifier.

Everything has been subordinated to the veterans for opening day. They are to be the guests of the C. N. E., and the service button is the admission ticket. Relatives of any service men may obtain admission by simply writing his name, battalion and regimental number on a slip of paper and handing it in at the gate.

The grandstand Saturday night will be owned by the soldiers and their kin, and the veterans are to put on their own show. They will present a tableau and a trench raid, the girls from the Somers' Physical Culture school will give several dances and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police squad will do their stunt. No tickets will be sold for the grandstand show on Saturday night. The general public is not admitted. Boxes will be reserved for the V.C.'s and their families.

The program for Sir Auckland Geddes' stay in the city has been arranged in some detail. He will dine to-night at the King Edward Hotel with President Robert Fleming, ex-President T. A. Russell and General Manager J. G. Kent, of the Exhibition. To-morrow he will spend as quietly as possible, but he speaks to the Canadian Club and receives several deputations during the day. He will have dinner at the York Club, where the guests will be limited to about a dozen who are personal friends and acquaintances. Friday evening he goes to the private view of the pictures at the Art Gallery. Saturday he spends at the Fair, seeing the grandstand show at night, after which he leaves from the Exhibition siding for Ottawa.

"CUBS" TO HELP HARDING

Chicago Ball Team to Add Variety to Presidential Race.

Special to The Star by United Press.

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Big league baseball will be brought to Marion to add a little variety to the front porch campaign of Senator Harding. The Chicago Cubs will play the local semi-professional team here September 2 for the special benefit of Harding, who will pitch the first ball.

Senator Harding is a baseball crank of the purest ray, in which regard he is perhaps second only to Mrs. Harding.

Jailed For Vagrancy.

George Richie, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., was sent to the Jail Farm for two months by Magistrate Brunton in the County Police Court to-day for vagrancy. Samuel Davies and Geo. Higgins went down for six months on similar charges.

Issue $180,000 In Building Permits.

Building permits totalling $180,000 issued to-day included: T. A. Crow, 627 Yonge street, alter showroom, $40,000; Board of Education, addition to John Fisher school, Erskine avenue, $72,000; Board of Education, addition to Gledhill avenue school, $68,000.

Dog Owners Fined.

The county authorities are after those who fail to procure dog licenses for their canines. For failing to comply with this regulation the following paid $1 this morning: John Davies, John J. Kent, J. W. Stewart, Allan N. Price, R. Coe, Herbert Colley and H. Feast. The Toronto Taxi, Ltd., paid $9.25 for speeding.

Start Work on Breakwater.

Work has been begun on the laying of the 2,000 foot broken stone breakwater south of the Island shore, for which the Department of Public Works awarded the contract to Randolph and Macdonald. This breakwater is designed to protect the shore from the inroads of the waves, and the broken stone is to be laid on a bed of brush mattresses.

Remain as Union Members.

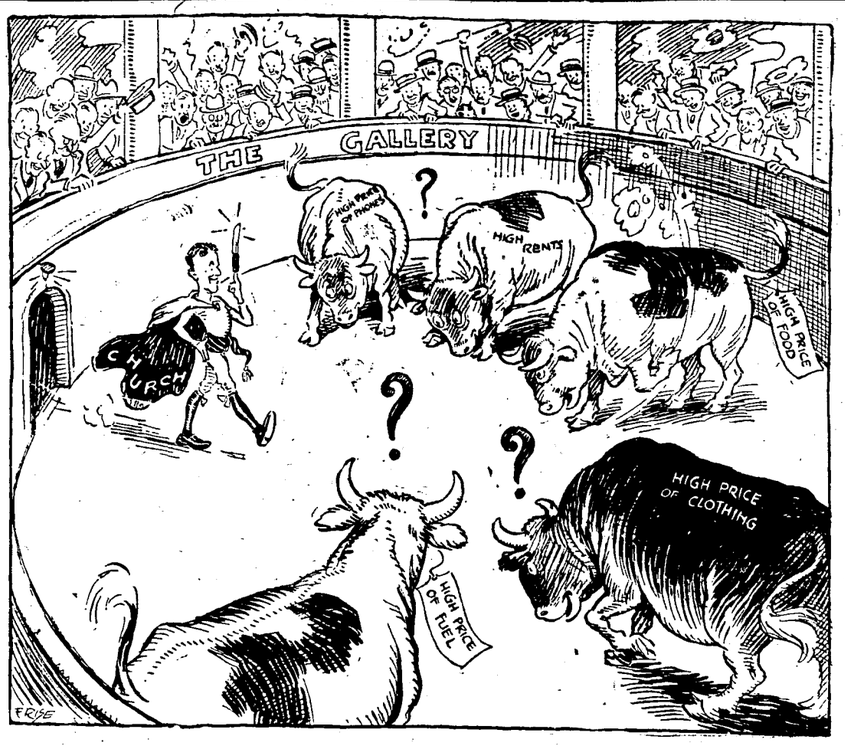
Renfrew, Ont., Aug. 25.—Council decided last night to permit employes in the municipal power and light plant to continue as members of the international union provided they give a pledge that all grievances that cannot be adjusted by negotiation shall be arbitrated, the men agreeing to abide by the decision of arbitration as their union constitution provides. The men were given an increase of $10 a month from May 1.

Expend $40,000 On Alterations.

T. J. Crow, who conducted a carriage manufacturing business for many years at 627-629 Yonge street, has leased these premises to the Dominion Automobile Co. of Bay street. The property is now being converted into a motor car showroom and repair shop at an estimated outlay of $40,000.

Property Committee Meets.

At a meeting of the Property Committee of the Board of Education this afternoon general accounts to the amount of $478.51 for the High School section and $15,417.36 for the public school section, were submitted.



WHAT'S A BULL MORE OR LESS?
Enter the Toreador

MUCH OF RAISIN CROP GOES INTO HOME BREW

Says W. J. de Corse, of Fresno —Is Here to Advise Grocers.

"There's a lot of background to the joke about the raisin in the United States these days," said Mr. W. J. de Corse, of Fresno, California, who came to Toronto to-day to advise the Canadian Wholesale Grocers Association concerning the method in which certain marketing problems are solved in the United States.

"The California Associated Raisin Co.," said Mr. de Corse, "will have an estimated crop this year of 200,000 tons of raisins. Yet so great has been the demand for the 'little raisin' in the United States this year that each merchant has been given only 37½ per cent. of his last year's allotment.

"And this unprecedented demand for raisins is entirely due to the popularity of the 'home brew.'

"The price is revolutionary. In former years we made our own price, based on the cost of production. Last year the wholesalers complained that the price was too high, so this year we decided to allow them to fix their own price, and sold our crop by auction. The average price was 23½c a pound. Normal prices were about 10c a pound.

"I may say with all sincerity that the California Associated Raisin Co. does not like this demand for raisins for the purpose of making 'home-brews.' We would be pleased if the Government would pass legislation making the 'home-brew' unlawful."

ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY

Geddes Denounces the Bolsheviki to American Barristers.

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Louis, Aug. 25.—The Bolsheviki were pictured as enemies of democracy, of Lincoln's deal of government of the people, by the people, in an address by Sir Auckland Geddes, delivered before the American Bar Association's annual convention here to-day. The British Ambassador declared that the Bolsheviki were the real reactionaries, endeavoring to establish a privileged class called the proletariat; to force on society a great idea, regardless of whether society wanted it.

Sir Auckland declared that Great Britain and the United States "are co-trustees for humanity, that the theory and practice of democracy shall not suffer distortion or diminution in spite of avalanches of assault loosed upon it by its enemies."

WOULDN'T TALK TO HIM

Lloyd George Refused Interview to Former Greek King.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lucerne, Aug. 25.—Former King Constantine of Greece is reported to have sought unsuccessfully for an interview with Premier Lloyd George yesterday. In refusing, the Premier said that such a meeting would be undesirable, especially in view of the recent attempt upon the life of Premier Venizelos of Greece.

Toronto Manufacturer's Estate.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—Manitoba property, aggregating $29,606, is included in the estate of Henry Abell, a wealthy Toronto manufacturer, who died some weeks ago, and whose will was probated in the Winnipeg Surrogate Court to-day. The property is to be sold and the proceeds incorporated in a general fund, out of which numerous small bequests to relatives will be paid.

Wages Up in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—Winnipeg jewelry employers have refused to accept the minimum weekly wage of $37, named by the Manitoba Council of Industry, claiming the sum is exorbitant. Employers would agree only to a minimum of $33 a week. Musicians in the theatres have accepted the offer of the managers of $50 a week in picture houses and legitimate operations.

WILL HE STRIKE?

Frostburg, Md., Aug. 25.—Patrick Flynn, a coal miner, recently received $264 for two weeks' work in a mine here. He averaged nine hours a day in the pit.

Went 200 Miles In a Rowboat

Women Collected Fossils for the Dominion Geological Department.

Special to The Star.

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Miss Alice E. Wilson, of Ottawa, returned to Winnipeg Tuesday, after a 200-mile trip by rowboat down the east shore of Lake Winnipeg, collecting fossils for the Dominion Geological Department. She was accompanied on her expedition, which was the first of its kind ever made by women, by Miss M. A. Fritz, school teacher who graduated from Royal Victoria College, Montreal, in 1919. The women took a month to make the trip.

DR. W. H. ELLIS LAID TO REST

Large Number of University Colleagues Attend Funeral.

Scores of friends and colleagues of the late Dr. W. H. Ellis, former dean of the faculty of applied science and engineering, were present at the funeral service held at St. James' Cathedral this afternoon. Many members of the University staff who are on vacation came from distant points in order to pay a last tribute to the memory of a man who spent so great a part of his life at the University and in scientific achievement. Canon Plumptre, of St. James' Cathedral, conducted the formal Anglican Church funeral service, assisted by Rev. F. J. Moore. Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, read the lesson. Interment was made at St. James' Cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were: Sir Robert Falconer, Dr. A. Primrose, dean of the faculty of medicine; Dr. R. D. Rudolf, Brig.-Gen. C. H. Mitchell, dean of the faculty of applied science and engineering; Sir Frederick Stupart and Professor James Mavor.

Besides the many personal tributes there were floral tributes from the following public organizations with which the late Dr. Ellis was prominently identified: Psi Delta Psi fraternity, Women's Canadian Historical Society and the Glen Major Fishing Club.

Canon Plumptre also conducted the private service held at Dr. Ellis' residence, 86 Woodlawn avenue, this morning.

SUPPORT NEW PACT

London Press Comments Favorably on New Polish Policy.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 25.—London newspapers, in commenting on decisions reached at Lucerne by Premiers Lloyd George and Giolitti, and the resulting British note to the Russian Soviet Government, strongly commend the position taken by the two statesmen.

The Daily Herald, the Labor organ, alone attacks Lloyd George, expressing the view that the victory of the Poles has revived the hopes of the French and British "capitalistic Governments," that they may be able to overthrow the Russian Soviet republic.

Farmers Want Increase.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 25.—A short session of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission was held here this morning at which an application for increased rates was received from the Farmers' Telephone Company, of Hartland, N.B.

Times Proprietor Assigns.

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 25.—According to an advertisement published in the Victoria Times, Griffith R. Hughes, proprietor of the Times, has made an assignment of his real and personal estate to David Leming and Eli Harrison for the general benefit of his creditors.

SAYS FOX NOT GUILTY OF THE TRUNK MURDER

Toronto Mother Declares Boy Arrested on Shipboard Was Never in Detroit.

"My boy was never in Detroit. He was always a good boy, and I see no reason why they should arrest him," said Mrs. Fox, of 225 Augusta avenue, to The Star to-day, when interviewed concerning the arrest of her son, Morris Fox, who was taken in custody on board the British steamer Dryden at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, suspected of being Eugene Leroy. Leroy is wanted by the police of Detroit, Michigan, in connection with the murder of Mrs. Katherine Lou Jackson, whose mutilated body was found in a trunk in a baggage warehouse in New York several weeks ago.

"My son went to New York to work, and had been away for several months," continued Mrs. Fox. "He was a little short of money some time ago, and I wanted to send him $10 to come home on, but he wrote and said that he would earn the money himself. He said that he intended to take a two weeks' sail soon. I don't see why they keep him in jail, for he has never done anything wrong," added the sobbing mother. "They have no reason for keeping him there. It's a mistake."

SEES NEW WAR MOVE

Council of Action Takes Issue With Lloyd George and Giolitti.

London, Aug. 25.—The Council of Action of the Labor party to-day, after full consideration of the Lucerne conference between Premier Lloyd George and Premier Giolitti of Italy, and the resultant note to Russia, issued the following:

"We are forced to the conclusion that the note must be read as a move in the direction of war, and as a reactionary policy, in which the civil-militia proposal is being used as a pretext. The reported Polish refusal of the Russian peace terms brings Lloyd George to a bona fide test. Will he apply to the Poles the same peremptory methods he had applied to the Russians when they seemed to him to transgress beyond what he had stated to be a reasonable policy?"

The Council of Action then reiterates its demand for immediate peace negotiations.

TO FIGHT BELL INCREASE

Municipal Union Engages Experts to Prepare the Case.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—The appointment of a committee of five representatives of various interested municipalities with a free hand to engage experts and generally to prepare the case for the municipalities against the Bell Telephone Company, was the chief decision reached this afternoon at the meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, held in the Administrative Council Room at the City Hall.

Those chosen to act on the committee are: Controller Ramsden, of Toronto; City Solicitor Proctor, of Ottawa; E. R. Decary, chairman of the Administrative Commission, Montreal; Mayor Samson, of Quebec, and a representative from Hamilton is to be chosen, as none was at the meeting and they will hold their first meeting this afternoon.

GREENWOOD TO LUCERNE

Irish Secretary Hurries to Confer With Lloyd George.

Associated Press Despatch.

Lucerne, Aug. 26.—Konstantine Fehrenbach, German Chancellor, and Dr. Walter Von Simons, Minister of Foreign Affairs, have recrossed the German frontier, having failed to obtain an interview here with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, according to reports. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, is expected here to-morrow to discuss the Irish situation with the British Premier.

MISSED HIS GOOD NAME WHEN IT HAD VANISHED

"I Was Drunk," But His Record Was Bad, and Latest Theft Brought 9 Months.

The value of a good name came home to Fred Reilly before Colonel Denison to-day, when Reilly was charged with theft. Reilly's good name was conspicuous by its absence, but the lesson, though late, was none the les sluri to Reilly.

An elderly woman told of placing her suitcase at the end of the seat, and then of going to the other end of the car.

"I thought people were honest," she said, simply.

Col. Denison was about to disillusion her, and then didn't.

The street car conductor was a witness, not only did he star, but he was decorated. When Reilly took the woman's suitcase, the conductor interfered, and called a policeman.

"Quite right," said Col. Denison. "You did well, very well. You couldn't have done better."

Reilly explained that he knew nothing of the incident.

"I was drunk," admitted Reilly.

Then fell a bolt from the blue.

"Five previous convictions," announced Mr. Wilson, assistant Crown Attorney.

Col. Denison: "Nine months at the Jail Farm."

Julius Kullosky, a Pole, lost his job on the boat. This misfortune was reported to Col. Denison to offset the bicycle thefts alleged against Kullosky.

"He got $5 on one wheel," said Kullosky's lawyer. "But the dealer will not lose a cent. He has fourteen dollars coming to him in wages."

"I'll remand him till to-morrow," said Col. Denison.

Assaulted Chinaman.

John Walker spotted a Chinaman's clean, white cafe suit. He did it with a glass cruet or something.

The polka dots were bloodstains, and Walker was fined $20 and costs for aggravated assault.

Three lightweight-bread $10 fines were imposed in Mr. Cohen's court. Those fined were Hyman Shoom, of 46 Centre avenue; Sam Grossman, of 49 Grange avenue, and B. Peakson, of 131 Yorkville avenue.

Childlike and Bland.

Policeman Edward Knox smiles rather more generally than did grave John Knox, but, even when he is taking his ease in a down-town theatre, Knox, the younger, is not asleep. In short, even a slick youth can't always pick the constable's pocket.

Chinese Harry Ming, childlike and bland, and only 21, sat beside the modern reformer. Knox was in plain clothes on his afternoon off. But, off duty or on, when Ming insinuated his hand into the policeman's pocket, guardian Knox seized the hand, which had done its sidling under Ming's sheltering hat or cap.

"What did you have in that pocket?" asked Ming's counsel.

"My police badge," answered Knox.

"Did Ming want to be a policeman?" asked Col. Denison.

Ming shook his head.

Ming didn't need an interpreter.

He spoke English slowly but clearly.

The "downy bird's" talk was not pigeon English.

"He offered me bills to let him go," said Knox.

Ming had never offended against the people or Government of Canada, he said. He hadn't tried to pick Policeman Knox's pocket.

Likewise, he denied an alleged attempt to bribe.

"I'll enter a conviction against him," was Col. Denison's conclusion.

As he was without record, the term was light, 40 days at the Jail Farm.

FREE OF SOVIET YOKE, CIVIL WAR WOULD END

Wrangel Declares Russia Anxious to Organize Different System of Government.

Associated Press Despatch.

Sebastopol, Crimea, Aug. 26.—Civil war in Russia would cease immediately if the Russian people were free to organize a Government according to their own wishes, General Baron Wrangel, who was recognized as head of the South Russian Government by France a few days ago, declared here to-day. They are not able to do this at present, however, because of the domination of the Soviet leaders, and the fight must go on until Russians are free to take matters in their own hands, he continued.

Asked as to the economic future of South Russia, General Wrangel said:

"Control of some surplus grain has already been gained by our Government and we will soon be able to export it, as transportation conditions are improving.

When we control the Kuban and Don territories, Russia's richest grain sections, we will be able to export large quantities of foodstuffs in exchange for needed manufactured articles."

General Wrangel insisted the Bolsheviki military and political strength was greatly over-estimated. Even when working as a subordinate to Gen. Denikine, he urged that an undemocratic Government, such as that led by Nikolai Lenine, could not live in Russia because the peasants would not tolerate it indefinitely, and he declared to-day he was still of the same opinion.

Climbs Ranier in 48 Hours.

Tacoma.—To win a bet, Frank Hayes, French globe-trotter, went from Seattle to the top of Mount Ranier—the most difficult mountain climb in the United States—and back in 48 hours.

COMPETITION FAILS TO REDUCE RATES

So Remarks Premier Drury to Brant Farmers in Reference to Radials.

Brantford, Aug. 25.—Premier Drury spoke at a rally of farmers of the rural Federal riding of Brant this afternoon.

He took advantage of the occasion to emphasize the Government's stand, which was for public ownership, but in the case of Hydro-radials only after proper investigation.

W. C. Good, U. F. O. candidate in the Federal elections, believed that the next Federal election would be one of the most momentous in the history of the Dominion.

The Premier stated that it had been hard work to form a Government out of what had been a class movement. But while a class, the Farmers had endeavored to show that their policy was excellent, and applicable to all classes. The Labor people now understood the Farmers, and the two parties made a strong alliance.

The great water powers already harnessed were a fitting tribute to public ownership. The Hydro radial project was another matter altogether. It had nothing to do with Hydro power development. It would provide competition between several Governments. Provincial roads would be competing with municipally and Federally owned lines, and more railroads would not by any means bring better service. Competition did not lower rates, as proven by the fact that three transcontinental lines were now raising rates.

DECENTRALIZE COURTS

Lawyers Complain About Necessary Journeys to Toronto.

yesterday, who do not wish to be E. A. Pocock, one of the commissioners appointed by the Ontario Government to inquire into the administration of justice, was quoted yesterday as being in favor of a greater decentralization of the high law courts of the Province.

"The jurisdiction of the lower courts has been greatly increased during the past few years," say the officers of the courts at Osgoode Hall to-day, who do not wish to be quoted.

"The powers of the county court have been greatly increased, and it is able to deal with matters now that it could not touch a few years ago. The legal profession are said to complain about coming to Toronto to make motions which must go before a judge of the Supreme Court. Except during vacation, they may go to London or Ottawa, where a judge of the Supreme Court goes every week for the purpose of hearing motions. If the volume of business warranted it, these centres outside of Toronto could be increased.

NO WAR OF AGGRESSION

Poland Will Respect Wish of the U.S., Says Washington.

Special to The Star by United Press.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Whether or not Poland's statesmen wish to do so, they will probably be forced to issue a declaration that they will carry on no war of aggression against Russia, it was confidently believed here to-day.

This Government has requested such a declaration and on its issuance depends whether or not Poland gets material assistance from America, according to authoritative opinion here.

Great Britain and France are reported to entertain views similar to those held by this Government.

The American attitude was made known to Poland in a note sent through the American legation at Warsaw. The State Department announced that "informal assurances" had been received that Poland would abide by this expressed attitude.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The War Service Memorial Club yesterday entertained fifty patients and their friends from the Christie Street Hospital at 21 Gerrard street east.

The Royal Templars of Temperance have been granted the use of the Exhibition race track on the afternoon of Saturday, October 2, for their field day.

Coroner G. W. Graham, owing to his connection with the D.S.C.R., has secured an adjournment in the inquest on the death of Harry Dear, a returned soldier, pending the appointment of another coroner.

No agreements have been reached by the Government regarding the date of the north-east Toronto by-election, the appointment of a minimum wage board or disposal of University of Toronto estimates.

Rev. G. H. Sandwell, of London, Eng., formerly pastor of Zion Congregational Church, College street, for nearly thirty years, visited friends in the city yesterday.

Chief awards in the High Park Horticultural Society's flower competitions have been made to Martin J. Quinn, 59 Oakmount road; L. H. Powers, 47 Parkway avenue, and J. McGrath, 26 High Park Boulevard.

De Valera Sends Sympathy.

New York, Aug. 25.—Eamonn de Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," and his colleagues, to-day cabled a message of sympathy to the wife of Terence MacSweney, Lord Mayor of Cork, Ireland, who is reported near death in a London jail from a hunger strike.

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