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Named Pres. Of Pensions Appeal Court

Curtis Acquitted Of Charge Of Manslaughter

Jury Brings In Verdict Of "Not Guilty"—Accused On Stand.

Otto Curtis, Victoria, was yesterday acquitted of the charge of manslaughter for which he has been standing trial in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Saunders. The jury brought in its verdict late yesterday afternoon, after deliberating about fifteen minutes.

Before the case was opened for the defense, Mr. J. J. Johnston, Counsel for the accused, requested that the Court instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal on the grounds that the Crown had not produced any evidence. The Court declined to do so.

Mr. R. R. Bell reviewed the case for the defence, and called as his first witness the prisoner, Otto Curtis, who had not given sworn evidence at the time of the preliminary trial. He testified that he was twenty years of age, lived at Victoria, that he travelled all over the Island by car or truck trading mats for congoleum squares. His father carried on the same business. He knew Herbert Clow and lived about eleven miles from him. On November 15th, he had his car at Hedley Woodside's, Bradalbane. He got the car out that morning and went to Kensington, returning the same night. He put on his load of mats and congoleum, about four or five hundred pounds. He asked the time and was told it was ten minutes to nine or ten after. He started for home, taking the road from Bradalbane to Rose Valley. About a mile from Bradalbane as he was going down grade, he saw some object ahead of him. He was going about 25 or 30 miles an hour. He took his foot off the gas when about the length of witness box to end of building. When he saw it first, it looked like seaweed or bunch of sticks. When about ten feet away it looked to him like a body of a person. He pulled car to let and put on the brakes. He felt a jolt. The object was in the centre of the road across the road. There is just about room for two cars to pass. Witness got frightened, as he thought something was going to get into the car with him. He thought that perhaps the object was a dummy such as he had seen on the road on a previous occasion. The witness then went home, and next day, Sunday, he went to Summerside, returning home about dark, when he heard for the first time that Clow had been injured.

Witness went as far as Murray Harbor on Monday, where he saw something in the paper there of Clow being hurt. He returned home about 22nd and heard about Coroner's inquest when he came home. Later on Mr. Jay, Provincial Police Officer, came out. He thought it was on Wednesday. He came to witness' place, arriving about 3.30. Witness was home. Jay asked if witness was Otto Curtis and asked if witness went over the road last night. Witnes replied that he had. In answer to questions he told the officer that he ran over an object which he saw on the road. Witness was very nervous, he stated. He had never been in a car accident before, nor had he ever been arrested before. Witness told the officer that he felt a jolt and that he did not stop because he was frightened. The officer told him that he had better change his clothes and come into town with him. Witness requested Jay not to let his, Curtis' mother to hear too much about the matter. On hearing of the affair, the mother fainted. She was not very strong. Witness' neice was with her. On inquiry of witness' father, Jay stated that papers were not necessary in making the arrest. In going to town they went by a roundabout way through Bradalbane. Jay told him that he had forgotten to give him the customary warning, and did so after they were ten miles on the road, which he thought corresponded to those about which the officer questioned him.

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CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OUT ON BAIL

Montreal Men Arrested In Connection With Alleged Frauds Put Up $5,000 Each.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 20.—With the police investigation shifted to Montreal, additional arrests are expected shortly in connection with alleged frauds in examinations held by the Civil Service Commission. Two Ottawa Government employees, Leo Buchard, and Lionel Chartrand, are out under $5,000 bail each on charges of conspiracy, it being alleged they were members of a "job-ring" that bargained for Civil Service positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETCS.

**Races at Vernon Saturday, Jan. 24th. 1645-1-21-21

**Dance in St. Charles Hall, Friday, January 23rd. 1650-1i.

**Annual meeting Brooklyn Egg Circle Friday, Jan. 23rd at 7.30 1630-1-20-2i

**Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves, at Albany Thursday, Jan. 22. Hours 12 to 3. 1640-3i

**Reserve Thursday, Jan. 29th, for Burns' Anniversary Concert in the Oddfellows' Hall, Montague. 1632-1-20

Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trival reasons.—Bertrand Russell.

**Hockey at Rustico tonight, New Glasgow vs. Rustico Rangers. Regular skating nights, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 502

**Hear Hope River play "Captain Racket" at Stanley Bridge Friday, Jan. 23rd, proceeds in aid of Rink. Come and help the boys. 501-3i

**Carnival at Cornwall Rink, Wednesday, Jan. 28th. If stormy Thursday. Only those in costume allowed on ice until after judging. Prizes given. 1653-1-21-2i

**Hockey—Montague Rink, Thursday, Jan. 22nd. Markers, Charlottetown vs. Imps, Montague, One hour's skating after game. 500-2i

**Hunter River Club loading hogs Thursday, 22nd and annual meeting New Glasgow Hall, Friday at 2 p. m. 1616-1-20-2i.

**Come to the Box Social and concert in Marshfield Hall on Jan. 22nd, in aid of Y. P. S. of Central United Church. If not fine, following night. Excellent program. Ladies with

**The Annual Meeting of the Belfast Egg Circle will be held at Eldon Wednesday, January 21st, after meeting of Federal Dairying Co. W. J. MacInnes, Secretary. 1649-1i.

**The P.E.I. Poultry Association will be holding their annual poultry show on Jan. 27th, 28th and 29th, 1931. Prize lists are now available by applying to F. A. Driscoll, Sec'y. 1577-1-17-7i

**Notice—Annual Meeting of Emerald Dairying Association will take place on Wednesday, 21st inst., at one o'clock p. m. in Hall, Emerald. A. F. Hughes, Secretary. 1606-1-20-2i.

Chief Officials In Bankrupty

Following recent bankruptcy proceedings involving G. A. Stimson companies, chief officials of the firms were arrested upon charges of conspiracy by instruction of the attorney-general's department. They are: (1) Laurence E. Clark, vice-president and general manager; (2) Frederick G. Johnston, president of the parent company, and (3) W. J. Dow, secretary-treasurer.

THINKS THE BRITISH GOVT WAS TOO HASTY

Sir Michael Dwyer Deplores Marked Willingness of England To Abandon British Rule In India.

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Round Table Conference was "summoned to divide the skin of the dying British lion," said Sir Michael Dwyer, former Governor of the Punjab, in a speech at Cheltenham today. Sir Michael deplored what he termed "the marked willingness of the present Government to abandon British rule and British responsibility in India." Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill who, during a brilliant political career, had held nine distinct Cabniet positions, claimed in an interview today that the "eloquent and well-meant speeches at the close of the Conference do not represent a very large body of British opinion."

Prime Minister And Ferguson Cross Swords

In Good-Natured Repartee At Big Conservative Banquet—High Commissioner And Premier In Jocular Mood.

(Special to the Guardian)

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 20.—With Premier Bennett and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson crossing swords in repartee, it was under particularly happy auspices that more than 300 of the city's leading Conservatives saw the new quarters of the Albany Club opened last night on King Street east and heard the new Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain make his final speech in Toronto.

References by Mr. Bennett to some of ex-Premier Ferguson's recent speeches started the fun. Mr. Bennett jocularly reminded the new High Commissioner of the recall suffered by Sackville West. Sackville West was British Ambassador at Washington from 1881 to 1888 in which year he retired after what history records, as an unfortunate interference in American domestic politics. Were sabres rattling behind the curtain of badinage?

To many, it seemed so; to some, it sounded ominously like Mr. Bennett cautioning Mr. Ferguson, that recall was the common penalty of diplomatic error and as though Mr. Ferguson were making a blunt retort, and in the vernacular, smiling as he said it, in any event Mr. Ferguson said that he was going to be

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COMMISSION UNDECIDED ON PROHIBITION

Members Unable To Agree as to Enforcement of 18th Amendment.

(By Ken Clark, Canadian Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The National Commission on law observance and enforcement has reported to President Hoover its members are unable to agree as to whether prohibition can be enforced under the Eighteenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States. Some commissioners think the amendment should immediately be revised to give Congress power to "regulate or prohibit." Some favor a further trial with increased provision for enforcement. Commissioner Newton D. Baker declares himself for repeal as does Monte Lemman, who did not sign the general report.

After eleven years of prohibition, "the Commission is of the opinion that there is yet no adequate observance or enforcement. In individual reports, Henry W. Anderson and

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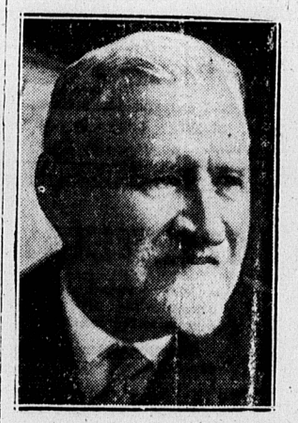
Former Islander Heads Tribunal

Hon. Justice James D. Hyndman Of Alberta Resigns From Bench To Become President Of Pensions Appeal Court.

EDMONTON Alta., Jan. 20.—Hon. Justice J. D. Hyndman of the appellate division of the Alberta Supreme Court who has resigned to become president of the Pensions Appeal Court, is a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he was born in 1874. His appointment to the new office was announced yesterday at Ottawa.

Was Secretary



Acton Burrows of Guelph, Ont., veteran journalist, who was secretary of convention in far-off days of 1878, when Sir John A. Macdonald penned his motion creating national policy.

LIFE SENTENCE COMMUTED

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Mercy tempered stern British justice today and the death sentence of pretty Olive Catherine Wise, condemned to hang for the murder of her baby, was commuted to life imprisonment. Miss Wise, an unmarried mother with four children, chopped wood and hawked it through the streets in a desparate effort to feed her brood. When she discovered that she was to have another child she gave up her losing fight, placed her youngest baby in an oven and turned on the gas. A storm of indignation against the old inflexible laws of England followed the Judge's pronouncement that she must die.

CANADA AND RUSSIA MAY COME TOGETHER

With a View To Stabilizing The World Price of Wheat — Guarded Statement By Alberta Premier.

(Canadian Press)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20—There is reason to believe Russia has made tentative proposals to Canada with a view to co-operation in stabilizing the world price of wheat. Such was the guarded statement made by Premier John E. Brownlee of Alberta, in the course of an interview here last night. "Is there any chance that Russia will cooperate with other nations to stop the depression in wheat prices?" the Premier was asked. "I have reason to believe certain approaches have been made by Russia to that end," declared Alberta's Chief Minister. "To Canada or to Britain?" "To Canada," he replied. "The policy of trying to dump can only have disastrous effects on them as well as on the rest of the world," continued Premier Brownlee. "Personally I am not as pessimistic over the wheat situation as seems to be the trend of the general discussion."

IS TAKEN TO TASK

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 20.—Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and C. N. R. director was taken to task today by R. K. Smith, M. P., for Cumberland County. As a delegate to the coal industry conference, he united in deploring the use on the Canadian National of coal mined in Ohio and by non union men. We have recently had a Nova Scotia director appointed to the C. N. R. Board, said Mr. Smith. J. T. Cumming is a business man and a patriot, and we should appeal to him to have this open shop stopped. We also have on the C. N. R. directorate, the President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and as a director of the C. N. R. he is just as much responsible for the open shop as are the operators of the Rail and River Coal Co. It is my opinion he should be taken to task by the U. M. W. and other labor organizations. The Rail and River Coal Co., in Ohio was acquired by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1919.

Unparalleled Generosity Of Great Britain

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Great Britain by a voluntary act of unparalleled generosity, gave up the sum of $2,550,000,000 in war debts in 1922, when she advised her war debtors that she would only collect what she had to pay to the United States, F. C. Goodenough, chairman, declared at the annual general meeting of Barclays Bank, Limited, here today. This action, he said, had enabled the debtor countries and their peoples to continue their economic existence and thereby Great Britain and indeed every exporting and trading country is gaining the benefit now to some extent and should gain a greater benefit now to some-anCSHMFWYP benefit in the future. The same would happen in the case of the United States of America, if she should cancel the war debts due to her which amounts to nearly $2,400,000,000, Mr. Goodenough said. The gain to her as a great exporting country through having solvent customers for her goods and through the increase of their purchasing power, would be immense. While Great Britain would not benefit directly from such a cancellation on the part of the United States, as she would pass along the cancellation to her own debtors, it would certainly pay as a purely business proposition, as all countries would immediately have a better purchasing power, he said.

CATTLE ARE STARVING IN ARKANSAS

(Special to the Guardian)

FORREST CITY, Ark., Jan. 20.—The Red Cross campaign to provide stock feed to destitute farmers of Arkansas was opened today. Many farmers had begun to butcher their stock, believing that stock feed would not arrive in time to do them any good. At one farm near Earle, investigators found fifteen head of mules had died out of a herd of thirty Reports say 7,000 head of cows and mules are starving.

To Interview The Prime Minister

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 20.—J. G. Harrison, Saint John and C. H. Wright, Halifax, will be members of the Canada-wide delegation of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which will interview Premier R. B. Bennett at Ottawa on Thursday, it is announced. George C. MacDonald, Montreal, chairman of the National Executive, and W. McL. Clarke, secretary, will head the delegation.

U. S. Pres. May Visit Ottawa To Lay Corner Stone

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—President Herbert Hoover may come to the capital to lay the cornerstone of the new legation chancery building which the United States Government proposes to erect here, the Ottawa Evening Citizen says today. The newspaper states there is a strong possibility of the President attending the special ceremony. The building is to be erected on Wellington Street, facing the Dominion's Parliament buildings. The U. S. Government is now negotiating for land adjacent to that which it now owns on Wellington Street. Plans under consideration call for a structure with 132 foot frontage and costing in the neighborhood of $400,000.

Conference Of Exhibition Men At St. John

(Canadian Press)

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 20.—Closer co-operation among the class A exhibition associations of the Maritimes will be sought at a conference between representatives of the St. John, Prince Edward Island, Fredericton and Halifax Exhibitions and Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, to be held here tomorrow afternoon.

Newcastle Rink Falls Apart

(Canadian Press)

NEWCASTLE, N. B. Jan. 20.—The Arena Rink which was conceded one of the finest in the Maritimes upon its completion here last year, collapsed here this morning under the the weight of the heavy snow which fell last night, and which turned to rain this morning.

There was no sudden crash, but the roof could be observed to sag as early as seven o'clock this morning. The cavein was completed by ten o'clock. Only the middle part of the roof was wrecked and the ends of the rink are still intact. The work of reconstruction was begun this afternoon.

No Application Yet Received

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 20.—No application has yet been received by the Board of Railway Commissioners in connection with the conference held here last week between a number of Cabniet Ministers and representatives of the railways on the matter of a lower rate on grain products for cattle feed. This is a question with which the Board is already dealing inasmuch as request for downward revision in the freight rate on these commodities was argued on behalf of the legislative committee of the Nova Scotian Legislature some months ago. The Board's judgment in this application is now due and will be published within the next few days.

The Princes On Good Will Tour

(Canadian Press)

HAVANA, Jan. 20.—The Prince of Wales and Prince George, two days at sea on their "good will" journey to South America, will see Havana only from the decks of the liner Oropesa, when it docks here Jan. 31. The British Legation announced today that a change in their original plan to visit Havana was necessitated by the shortness of the time available here.

Sackville Elections

MONCTON, N. B., an. 20.—Senator A. B. Copp, was elected Mayor of Sackville, N. B., today by a majority of sixteen over Mayor Allister Cameron. The Aldermen elected were: John E. Fillmore and Professor H. E. Bigelow, in north ward, Col. L. C. Carey, and Chester Maxwell in south ward; Henry Berman and Gordon Avard, in east ward.

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.Fresh winds, probably increasing in force at night, fair with stationery or somewhat lower temperature, probably followed by some local snow or part rain.

Temperatures

Maximum	37
Minimum	30

High tide this afternoon at 1.16 and tomorrow morning at 12.22.

Sun rises this morning at 7.25 and sets this afternoon at 4.55.

First Quarter Moon Monday, Jan. 26, 8.06 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.