TWO VERSIONS ABOUT LEEDS CONTRACT.

Joiner Claims £490 from a Debtor.

GAMBLING LOSSES.

Among the debtors examined yesterday in Leeds Bankruptcy Court (before Mr. George Pulman) was William Lancaster, of 27, Joiner, of School Villas, Hunslet, a structural joiner, commencing to £700, with a deficiency of £433, which he attributed to "bad trade and gambling." According to the Official Receiver's statement the debtor had lost at horse-racing (the part of it borrowed money). Lancaster lost £1,000 at dog-racing. In December last he had obtained a contract for the erecting and reconstruction of the balcony of a cinema for £430, and sublet part of the work to another joiner, but although he received £250 (out of which he paid his men) payments amounting to £180) he had not paid the sub-contractor. The latter had taken proceedings against him to recover £125.

Replying to the Official Receiver (Mr. Lloyd Hardcastle), the debtor admitted that he was an inveterate gambler, but denied that he had neglected his business to go horse-racing.

Asked why he handed over £40 to a friend a few days before his receiving order was made, he replied that it was "a good blackmail" than anything else, and he had not paid the money he owed but got a "hiding."

ANOTHER VERSION OF CONTRACT.

Questioned with regard to the cinema contract (at the Scala in Leeds), debtor said the sub-contractor went so far as to sue him, and then left it, and he had to pay. The creditor (the debtor) knew he was insolvent years ago, but thought he was good for the money. His wife claimed the goods in question.

The principal creditor, Mr. Snowden, who was connected with the debtor in the cinema contract, declared that the story he had told about it was fictitious, and stated that Lancaster and his sons were employed by him.

Mr. Snowden (to debtor): Did I press you for my money, and you said you had not got it? Debtor: I had not got it.

Mr. Snowden asked the debtor if he had not actually received £200 on account when he represented that he had not received anything, and if he did not owe another £150 within eight days of being served with a writ.

Lancaster said he thought three months had elapsed between the two payments.

Mr. Snowden: So he (debtor) had drawn your three months before he wrote to me that he had not drawn anything.

The Registrar asked Mr. Snowden if his firm was busy during the whole of the time Lancaster and others were working for him. Mr. Snowden) paid the wages, and then Lancaster quietly got £350 on account of the contract and gave Mr. Snowden nothing.

Mr. Snowden: That's right, sir.

The examination was adjourned.

OTHER CASES.

The examinations of the following other debtors were closed:—

William Fyfe Cameron, painter and decorator, Cambridge Avenue, Chapeltown Road, whose deficiency was £231, who admitted that one of the causes of his insolvency was caused through underestimating for contracts.

Gerald and Ronald Greenwood, paint and varnish merchants, Neville Street, whose deficiency was £1,185. The debtors said they got business through having to remove from Meadow Lane to Neville Street.

Thomas Edmund Potts, watchmaker and jeweler, Woodhouse Lane, whose deficiency was £325, caused by illness, lack of capital, heavy expenses, and bad debts, borrowed money.

Fred Henry Hind and Harry Sheffield, of Farsley, who had been in partnership as grocers in Marsh Lane, and whose deficiency was £87. The debtors said they took over the business without seeing the books.

INVISIBLE INK BET.

Trick by York Bookmaker Which Failed.

At York yesterday, Jesse Coldwell (25), bookmaker, 25, Lockwood Road, Goldthorpe, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for attempting to steal £5 by means of a trick from Long-staffe and Houlden, bookmakers, 22, Market Street, York, on September 22.

The Chief Constable said that the prisoner called at Messrs. Longstaffe and Houlden's premises about 3.5 p.m. and handed in a betting slip, which, so far as Mr. Longstaffe could ascertain, bore only the words "10s. Bunch Grass, 4.30." At the following morning when he arrived at his office he examined the slip again and noticed the further entry "10s. King Cole."

Mr. Cole stated the Chief Constable, had won three clock race at 10 to 1 on the day on which the slip was handed in, the amount, when the prisoner put in the slip at 4.5 p.m. with this horse's name was invisible only he knew, or could have seen, that it had already won."

Mr. Walter Longstaffe, in evidence, said he was no suspicion of the slip that he produced it on the back "Query," meaning that there was only one bet on it.

There were previous convictions against the prisoner for similar offences and for gambling between 1922 and 1926.

ROTHWELL SEWAGE.

Rivers Board Withdraw Application by Consent.

There was an adjourned application at Wakefield County Court yesterday, in the West Riding Rivers Board against for recovery of penalties from Rothwell Urban Council in respect to the discharge of liquid sewage into the Oulton Beck.

It was appeared that a definite beginning had been made by Rothwell Council for a comprehensive scheme for the treatment of Rothwell and Hunslet sewage, and on other conditions, by consent of the parties the application was withdrawn, defendants pay the day's costs.

Mr. H. E. After represented the Rivers Board and Mr. J. A. Greene, K.C., appeared for the Rothwell Council.

"CHEEKIEST" BOY.

Intercepted Postal Orders Sent to His Father.

A fourteen-year-old boy, who was charged at the Leeds Juvenile Court, yesterday, with false pretences and with stealing two postal orders, was described by Chief Constable Jones, Superintendent of the Leeds Juvenile Detention Home, as "the cheekiest, laziest boy he had ever come across."

The boy intercepted two letters addressed to his father. In them were postal orders valued at £2, which he spent in two days. On a previous occasion, it was stated, he falsely told a shopkeeper that he had been sent by another shopkeeper to borrow half-a-crown. He got the money and then made off.

The Magistrates committed the boy to a Borstal boys' school at Hayes, Middlesex, until he is nineteen years of age.

POSED AS AIRMAN AND RIDER.

Frauds at Harrogate and Leeds Hotels.

LUNCH FOR FIVE.

Anthony Starmer Kelly (24), of Dragon Avenue, Harrogate, who was stated to have posed successively as a rider in the A.C.U. international trials and as an airman who had crashed, was sentenced at Harrogate yesterday to six months' hard labour for a remarkable series of thefts and frauds.

Prisoner was arrested by Detective Jannaway. It was stated that he called upon Mr. H. Wyles, dentist, Royal Crescent, Harrogate, posing as a representative of the Sunbeam Motor Company taking part in the six days' international trials, and complaining of violent toothache. Mr. Wyles administered a palliative; but prisoner called again the following day, saying the pain was much worse. Mr. Wyles went for a doctor to give an anæsthetic, under which a tooth was drawn.

It was afterwards found that prisoner had taken six blank cheques from Mr. Wyles's cheque book, and £3 in notes from Mrs. Wyles's handbag. He left the dentist's in a taxi, ostensibly to return to the A.C.U. headquarters at a Harrogate hotel, but he was next heard of at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, posing as "Lieut.-Commander Doggett." Stating that his aeroplane had crashed between Harrogate and Sherburn, he said he was on his way to London to attend a court of inquiry.

WORTHLESS CHEQUE.

He cashed a worthless cheque for £3 at the hotel, and met there a Mr. C. K. Parker, of Warrington, to whom he said he was the son of the managing director of a big hotel in London, where he would be happy to see him when in town. Mr. Parker later took the prisoner to Warrington in his car, and introduced him to his club, where he spent the night. Mr. Parker lent him £5, and after breakfast the prisoner induced the steward to cash a worthless cheque for £4. He then went to Southampton and London, and finished up at Hereford, destitute.

Mr. Parker said he had been playing in the Cheshire v. Yorkshire golf match at Keighley and met the prisoner in Leeds the same night. Prisoner, who smelled of chloroform, described how he had crashed. He made himself exceedingly agreeable, accompanied him to Keighley the following day, and insisted on standing lunch for five men. Asked his opinion of prisoner's mentality, Mr. Parker said, "I should say he is perfectly normal and very clever."

The Mayor read a letter from the Medical Officer at Armley Gaol, where the prisoner had been under remand and observation, saying that, although prisoner was somewhat neurotic, he was not insane or mentally deficient.

Inspector Herman said the prisoner had been previously convicted of theft. He followed no employment, living on an aunt who had brought him up. He was full of self-assurance, was a plausible and convincing liar, and was possessed of a low cunning and shrewdness which enabled him to deceive people.

The Mayor said the Bench had decided to send him to prison for a long time to give the authorities a chance to make something of him.

MAYOR AS WITNESS.

Heifer's Tail Twisted on Harrogate Stray.

The Mayor of Harrogate (Capt. C. W. Whitworth) was a witness in a case at Harrogate yesterday, in which two Hampsthwaite farmers, Arthur Ellis Fawcett and James Herbert Fawcett, were respectively summoned for cruelty to a heifer and aiding and abetting.

The Mayor said he saw the defendants with the heifer on the Stray, one holding a halter, the other behind, repeatedly bending its tail. The animal seemed to be in considerable pain, and he reported the matter to the police.

Mr. C. A. Barber, for the defendants, suggested that the animal was very stubborn, and asked the Mayor if he could think of another method of making it move.

The Mayor: The beast certainly appeared to be stubborn, but as I am not a cattle drover I cannot tell you what should be done in such circumstances.

P. S. Smith said the twisting of the heifer's tail undoubtedly caused it pain.

Inspector Matthews, of the R.S.P.C.A., in reply to Mr. Barber, said that if the beast would not move the defendants could have got a float.

Defendants said the animal would not be driven from the Stray, and they had to put a halter on it. Not being used to this, it showed a stubborn temper, and the one of them behind moved its tail to make it move forward, as was commonly done at auction marts.

Each defendant was fined 10s. including costs.

LINCOLN JOY RIDE.

Accused's Early Morning Visit to Police Station.

At Lincoln yesterday, Ernest Blanchard (18), of 274, Burton Road, painter, pleaded guilty to stealing a motor car from Robert Chatterton, of Welbourn Hall, and a quantity of petrol.

The car disappeared from the park in St. Benedict's Square, on Monday evening, and about 11.30 p.m. was found lying upside down in a ditch at Fenton. Shortly before one o'clock that morning the prisoner went into the Central Police Station with his face covered with blood, and said he had taken the car away for a "joy ride," and in attempting to negotiate a corner somewhere between Lincoln and Gainsborough, the steering gear went wrong and the vehicle overturned. The vehicle was not insured.

The prisoner, who, in March last year, was bound over for a similar offence concerning a motor-cycle combination, was placed on probation for three years in his own recognisance of £10, a condition being that he should not drive any motor vehicle during that period. He also had to pay £2 10s. costs.

VICAR COMMENDED.

Duty of Every Good Citizen to Assist the Police.

The Rev. Charles Downman, Vicar of St. Paul's, Lambeth Road, London, was commended by the Tower Bridge magistrate, yesterday, for going to the assistance of a police constable who, it was alleged, was being assaulted by a man. "It is the duty of every good citizen to help the police on such occasions," said the magistrate.

The constable said that there was a large hostile crowd, and Mr. Downman was pulled away. He (witness) was kicked in the stomach, and had been twelve days on the sick list.

Over 1,200 summonses for non-payment of rates were returnable at Newcastle Police Court yesterday. It was announced that in 400 cases the rates had since been paid, and in the majority of the other cases the usual warrants were issued.

POLICE SERGEANT'S FALSE TEETH.

Resignation Soon After Receiving Grant.

HULL PROTEST.

When it was reported, at yesterday's meeting of the Hull Watch Committee, that Police-Sergeant Nixon had retired on a superannuation allowance of £195 per annum, on having completed 26 years' service, Mr. Mell reminded the Committee that this was the man whose behalf a claim was made for £14 14s. for a set of artificial teeth in June last.

The Committee, after discussion, agreed to pay £7 7s. on the understanding that the new dentures, which had been recommended by the police surgeon, would keep him physically fit for duty.

At that time, said Mr. Mell, Sergeant Nixon must have known that he was going to resign, therefore in his opinion he had "swindled" the Watch Committee.

Other employers did not provide their employees with with artificial teeth, and this man had done a morally wrong thing in accepting the new dentures.

It was stated in reply to questions that the teeth were paid for on July 24, and the man resigned two days afterwards.

HOME OFFICE SILENCE.

The Chairman (Alderman Crook) said there was no uniformity in this matter, and the Home Office would give no ruling. It was left to the local police authority to decide.

Alderman Raine: Can we do anything, knowing we have been swindled? Is it not possible to pass a resolution demanding the return of the money? Could we not reprimand him.

Mr. Frank Finn: We agreed to pay the money because we understood it would keep him fit for duty, and yet he gave notice two days after that he was going to leave the force.

Mr. Mell: He got his false teeth under false pretences.

Mr. Stark: I object to being had. I want the opinion of the Town Clerk. The money was given expressly on the understanding that he would remain on duty. He moved "that they ask the Town Clerk as to whether any method can be adopted to get the money back seeing it was got by false pretences."

Alderman Raine seconded, and the resolution was carried by seven votes to three.

The Chairman said: "This is one of the most stupid things we have ever done."

CINEMA IN SHOP.

The Committee agreed to pay Mrs. Woods, the widow of the late Chief Constable, the pension of £50 a year due on his length of service instead of a suggested gratuity of £425.

Permission was given the police to enter an appeal against the decision of the Stipendiary Magistrate dismissing the summons under the Lottery Act against Mrs. Janet Watt Radie for selling tea under a bonus scheme. The Stipendiary awarded 15 guineas costs against the police.

An application by Messrs. Thornton-Varley (Limited), drapers, Prospect Street, for a cinema licence for their premises for a month so that pictures could be shown morning and afternoon to amuse the children while their parents were doing their shopping in the establishment was granted subject to the arrangements satisfying the police.

On the recommendation of the Acting Chief Constable it was agreed to reverse the one-way traffic in Whitefriargate so that vehicles would enter the street from the Monument Bridge.

LICENCE REFUSED.

Maryport Conservative Club and State Control.

The Home Secretary has refused to sanction a liquor licence for the Maryport Conservative Club. The club is in the State Management area, the Advisory Committee of which declined to recommend the application.

The members of the club intend bringing the position before the Association of Conservative Clubs and Conservative members. Their contention is that as the Conservative, Liberal and Labour clubs in Carlisle have licences, it is illogical, unreasonable, undemocratic and arbitrary to refuse one to a political club at Maryport.

Moreover, they hold that the Advisory Committee is non-representative, and a less bureaucratic and more popular system of management is required.

VAGRANT PROBLEM.

Lincoln Guardians and Men Willing to Work.

The Chairman (the Rev. S. Wild) at the Lincoln Guardians meeting yesterday commented on the large number of vagrants relieved during the fortnight. The total, he said, was 460, an increase of 133 over the number for the corresponding period of last year. On Sunday there were over 70 vagrants in their wards. Why were these men in such increased numbers on the road at the present time? The Guardians had only to go in the labour yard that morning to see how crowded it was with hefty young chaps willing, apparently, to work. The Master informed him that they were excellent workmen.

Mr. J. B. Anderson said that a very obvious explanation why so many young men were on the roads was that the Labour Exchanges turned down so many applicants after a certain period. Young fellows, mostly single men, with no means, started off tramping in the hope of getting work harvesting or in connection with the sugar beet industry, and so on. The result was they got strong, healthy young men on the roads, whereas years ago ne'er-do-wells were practically the only people on tramp.

Mr. J. J. Leamy remarked that seven or eight months ago an Inspector of the Ministry of Health attempted to compel the Lincoln Guardians to turn young single men adrift. The Guardians told the Inspector clearly that that would mean making these young men "roadsters." He was pleased to say the Lincoln Board took up the right attitude.

No resolution was submitted.

UNDERFED CHILDREN.

Milk and Cod Liver Oil for West Riding Scholars.

Mr. W. Brigg, presiding at the meeting of the West Riding Education Committee at Wakefield yesterday, said the report of the County Medical Officer on the question of malnutrition in certain elementary schools, and the Canteen Committee had resolved that in cases in which the need was established the provision of subsidiary nourishment as outlined in the memorandum submitted, be approved. Mr. Brigg said inquiries showed that on the average about 8 per cent. of the children were under-nourished or not sufficiently nourished, and the suggestion was that milk or cod liver oil should be provided where the need was established, and where parents were not in a position to supply it themselves.

Albert John Bartlett, who disappeared from his home in Revelstoke Road, Southfields, London, following his release on licence from Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, has been taken back to that institution on instructions from the Home Office.

BUILDING A BRIDGE OF EMPIRE TRADE

THE SYDNEY BRIDGE

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The first stage of an Empire Bridge is complete

Now follow the ships across the seas; far away to the other side of the World, but still within the limits of this great Empire.

Over the beautiful Harbour of Sydney in New South Wales is rising a mighty Bridge. For weeks and months the ramps and approaches have been levelled and prepared, the great flanking towers built, and now from either bank the largest arch in the World, a single span of sixteen hundred and fifty feet, is slowly reaching towards the centre.

One hundred and seventy feet it will hang above the Harbour, carrying on its massive girders no less than four railway tracks, a fifty-seven foot roadway and two footways, while the greatest Ocean Liners pass easily beneath it. Day by day the fitting and riveting of the shiploads of steel plates and girders from England bring it nearer to completion.

Here is indeed a Bridge of Empire!

In competition with the whole World the order to build the Sydney Bridge was given to Britain by the Empire Overseas. It will cost £4,250,000, and the making of its 50,000 tons of steel will have provided employment for thousands of British workers for five years.

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