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HAROLD CLARK IS FOUND GUILTY

Interesting and Amusing Mock
Trial by the Knights of Pythias

One of the most amusing entertainments that has been held in Hartland for a long time was the mock trial put on by the Knights of Pythias on Friday night, in conjunction with the three-act comedy, "A Rival by Request," by the Amateur Dramatic club. The entertainment was to help the Women's Institute in lighting the streets and their fund will be increased by about \$50 as a result.

The court was made up of A. A. Nevers, judge; M. L. Hayward, Ward Ginson and Wendell Nixon, lawyers for the prosecution; A. D. Colwell, W. E. Nevers and Alfred Moore for the defence; T. Simms, clerk; Geo. Stevens, crier. Harold Clark of Clark's hotel was the prisoner at the bar.

After the formal opening of the court clerk Simms called out the docket.

A great many cases of local interest and screaming jest were stood over. When the case of Harold Clark was called Hayward moved for trial, which proceeded. Clark was charged that in or about the month of December last past he did unlawfully, fraudulently and maliciously harbor a certain German spy, Herr Von Bung of Hamburg in the Kingdom of Germany, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace of our sovereign lords the County Councilors for the Parish of Brighton.

The jury being impanelled Mr. Hayward opens the case for the prosecution and calls Fred Hayward and Geo. Henderson as witnesses. Their evidence, both in direct and cross examination drew forth hilarious applause as the names of local parties and incidents of recent dates were brought in.

The case for the defense was opened by A. D. Colwell in a short speech in which he said in part: The prisoner is a respectable, upright, God-fearing, law-abiding citizen, a temperate and industrious citizen of the town who never did anything more than haul a few pianos for Mrs. Adney and run a temperance hotel. As a hotel keeper it was his duty to provide accommodation for the traveling public, and he had refused to take in Mr. Von Bung we know what would have happened—Hayward would have taken the German's case and entered suit against the prisoner and declared that Hers Von Bung was a British subject in good and regular standing. I do not want to say anything up-parliamentary or to be severe on my learned friend, but if he cannot make out any stronger case than this he had better stop reading law and devote his attention to studying a Centreville poem entitled "Hayward the Orator," which now reposes in the Observer waste basket.

Vernon Noddin and Perley Clark were called to shatter the prosecution's case and some genuine fun was the result of their examination by the prosecuting and defending counsel.

The hour being late there were no addresses of counsel to the jury, who were then charged by the judge as follows:

It is now up to you, gentlemen of the jury to decide this case according to the evidence adduced and the ignorance of the lawyers on both sides. Remember that the motto of this court is that no innocent man escapes and no guilty man suffers. You will now consider your verdict.

The jury returning delivered the following verdict: "We find the prisoner guilty with a strong recommendation to the mercy of the court on account of the high cost of living." Judge: "Prisoner you have been found guilty by a jury, and I believe it is a jury of your peers, for I know they are all as big criminals as you are. Now the sentence of the court is that you pay a fine of twenty five cents and be imprisoned in H. Y. Tommy's laundry for one half hour. And may Allan Day have mercy on the bluing."

The young people in the comedy acquitted themselves in fine style and drew forth much favorable comment on their acting. There were many amusing incidents and the players portrayed their parts in a very creditable manner. The costumes were very good.

EAST FLORENCEVILLE

Last Wednesday evening Freeman Haughn of Florenceville entertained a number of people by giving a magic lantern show and lecture entitled "A Trip Through Ireland." Mr. Haughn took his audience on board the steamer at New York, from there describing the trips and the different ways to enjoy ones-self while on board a large steamer. He showed the different ways of seeing Ireland by the tourist such as the different styles of jaunting carts, boats and cars. Some pictures of interest were the beautiful lakes, the wishing chair, kissing the Blarney Stone and some old ruins as well as some very fine buildings more modern. The pictures were very interesting and instructive. A silver collection was taken. The proceeds will go toward new hymn books for the United Baptist church.

Last Thursday evening a number of young folk drove to Centreville to attend the Bachelors At Home. About seventy couples were present. The music was furnished by the Woodstock orchestra.

This evening will be held the Bachelors At Home in the Star Theater. About fifty couples are invited. The chaperons are to be Mrs. Thomas McCain; Mrs. F. T. Atkinson and Mrs. W. R. Trafford.

The literary class will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. R. Trafford on Maple street.

Perley B. Shaw of Hartland spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Theo.

On Friday evening at Bath a dance will be given to aid the Belgians. After the dance supper will be served. The price is 35 cents and all are invited.

A. D. Colwell of The Observer office was in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. Willmot Hunter and Mrs. Caspar Caldwell are on the sick list.

Reduced price in all Winter goods at Baird's.

HARTLAND HARBORS A REAL DESERTER

Private Lindsay, Absent from Regiment for Two Weeks, Arrested
by A. R. Foster

For two weeks Hartland harbored a really truly deserter from His Majesty's ranks. This was in the person of Ralph Lindsay, who last autumn enlisted with the 26th Battalion at St. John.

It seems the man, who had been here on leave on a former occasion, left his regiment, this time without leave, and remained absent for two weeks. His superior officers, evidently knowing Hartland had attractions for him, communicated with Justice R. W. Cameron and asked him to locate the fellow. It was known that Lindsay had a girl friend here, and a little detective work brought forth evidence that the girl was sheltering him in her home.

Late on Saturday night A. R. Foster was asked to arrest Lindsay, which he did without meeting with resistance. Knocking at the door he was admitted by the young woman and Lindsay was found partly disrobed in another room. He claimed he came here a fortnight ago and had not since been out of the house.

Mr. Foster held the man in custody until Tuesday, when Sergt. Lallanc and Pte. McNutt came from St. John and escorted him back. At the time of going to press it could not be learned what punishment was meted out to him. It will in all likelihood be severe since, it is said, this is his third absence without leave. Moreover, it is stated that he named the girl in the case as his wife and that she has been drawing a wife's allowance from the militia department.

The correspondent of the Standard made such a sensational report of this that Hun Yee Tommy the Chinese laundryman is sorely vexed that the name of his wife and little daughter were brought into the case.

Tommy told The Observer that information of the man's whereabouts did not come through him and he had no part in the harboring of him. His little girl, he said, may have known of his hiding place, and may have told enquirers about it, but to him she denied having done so. Lindsay, Tommy says, was married to a cousin of his wife's and on a former occasion visited at his house; but the couple are now parted and Lindsay afterward made his rendezvous at another house in the village, a house, Tommy took pains to inform The Observer, he had never set foot in since it has been occupied by the present tenants.

Lindsay claims to be a native of Indiana.

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