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## HYDRO POWER LINES EXTENDED 22 MILES

### Two Months For Farmer Who Assaulted Home Boy

#### CONVICT COX FOR WHIPPING BULPITT

Colborne Man Found Guilty of Assaulting English Home Boy.

#### BRIEF TESTIMONY IN GODERICH PROSECUTION

Entire Case Hinged On Whether Boy Was Hired Man Or "Apprentice."

By Staff Reporter.

GODERICH, Feb. 1.—J. Benson Cox, prominent Colborne Township farmer, was sentenced to two months in the county jail by Magistrate Reid this afternoon when he was found guilty of assaulting Charles Bulpitt, 15-year-old English home boy, who, late on the afternoon of the same day committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn of Cox, to whom the lad had been hired by the Marchmont Home, at Belleville. The evidence submitted by the crown was in brief that given at the inquest and showed that Cox had admitted whipping the boy not only on the day of the suicide, but frequently prior to that. Only one witness was put in the box by the defense, Dr. A. H. Macklin, who testified that there were no marks on the body which would indicate that the boy had been beaten.

#### NO APPRENTICESHIP.

The entire case hinged on whether Charles Bulpitt was apprenticed to Cox, whether he was merely hired. The defense contended strongly that the lad was apprenticed, which, under the statutes, would have given Cox the right to punish him within reason. Magistrate Reid found there was no apprenticeship. The city hall chamber, in which the trial was held, was filled with spectators long before the arrival of the accused, who followed his counsel, R. C. Hays, jun., into the room, 20 minutes after 11 o'clock, to some 100 persons. Among the other counsel was J. Killoran, who admitted that he held "watching" brief, but declined to say whose interests, although it is understood that he represented the Marchmont Home.

#### CORONER TESTIFIES.

Dr. A. C. Hunter, coroner, who went (Continued On Page Twelve)



By The Free Press Camera Man.

#### WILSON'S ILLNESS LIKELY TO BE FATAL

Former U. S. President Takes Turn For Worse and Doctors Are Alarmed.

#### MAY NOT SURVIVE THE DAY, IS REPORT

#### Alarming Indications of Relapse After Restless Night.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Woodrow Wilson's illness has taken a sudden turn for the worse and his condition is regarded by his physicians as very serious. Already weakened by more than four years of suffering, he has sustained during the last few days a digestive disorder, at first regarded as more or less harmless, but now threatening to prove too much for him to master.

#### NOT UNEXPECTED.

The present complication although a surprise to those who have been accustomed to see Mr. Wilson taking his daily automobile ride through the city, or his weekly trip to the theater, was not wholly unexpected to his physicians. Outwardly, the former president had appeared to be in large part his old self, except for a deepening of the lines of his face and the lingering affliction to his left leg, which prevented him from walking as usual with evident difficulty. He has gained in weight and at a distance has the appearance of having taken on a new robustness during his long months of semi-seclusion.

#### ACTIVE RECENTLY.

During the last few weeks he has taken an increasing part in public affairs of the night. He has been very active in the exchange of letters with old friends and admirers over the country and many of his letters have been on matters of current political interest and have been published.

#### EIGHT MISSING AFTER COLLISION OF SHIPS

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 1.—The Norwegian steamer Perene, which left here early this morning for Havana, was in collision about 3:30 o'clock below Partridge Island with the schooner Maid of Scotland bound here from New York with coal. The schooner was sunk. Eight men are missing from the schooner and several from the steamer may have been lost.

#### MOTHER AND 3 CHILDREN DIE IN EAST AKRON FIRE

Family Trapped In Beds When House Catches Fire.

All were trapped in their beds when the house caught fire. Haynes made an unsuccessful effort to save his sister and her children.

#### MICHIGAN FAMILY PERISH

UNIONVILLE, Mich., Feb. 1.—A man, his wife and their two children were burned to death in their farmhouse five miles west of here to-day when a five-gallon can of kerosene tipped over and set the place on fire.

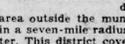
#### Training Future Teachers As Drillmasters



Students of the London Normal School, with a few teachers of the public schools in rear, who are taking a special course of instruction leading to certificates of qualification as cadet instructors. Sergt.-Major White, M.C., R.C.R. (W. O. 1), is the instructor under the district cadet officer, of which Lieut.-Col. Gillespie is the chief. He is shown near the center of the front row. He is also in charge of the Normal School instructors' class at Stratford.

#### Hydro Service Given By City To Suburban Area Taken Over By Township

Official Opening of New 22-Mile Line Marks Beginning of End of Local Utilities Service To District of 1,000 People.



R. E. HUGHES, formerly of Woodstock, has been appointed superintendent of the district and he has taken deep space in the office occupied by the district electrical inspector, W. E. Rider.

#### COURT SUITS AT \$700 PER NOT IN DEMAND

LONDON, Feb. 1.—British tailors, anxious to supply the new Cabinet ministers with court dress, official functions, are bombarding members of the Government with circulars advertising their wares. Most of these missives have found an unhonored grave in the waste basket and as the lowest figure quoted for a conventional court suit with knee breeches and silk stockings is £150, it is not expected the tailors will reap a big harvest.

#### \$1,000 IN FINES PAID IN QUARTER

O. T. A. Convictions Net Court Large Sum.

More than \$1,000 in fines was collected during the fiscal quarter ending January 31, by License Inspector Walter Bolton following convictions in London and Middlesex County on violations of the O. T. A. Through this amount is considerably less than that collected during the previous three months, it represents an average volume of business.

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#### EX-KAISER ILL

Gossip Says He is Just Tired Celebrating His Birthday.

#### THE BIG PRIZES.

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#### SANSONE FREED ON BAIL OF \$10,000

Driver of Truck Which Caused Fatal Injuries To Mrs. E. Lucas Is Released.

#### CORONER WILL HOLD INQUEST ON MONDAY

#### Elderly Lady and Her Daughter, Mrs. George Tume, Knocked Down By Motor.

Robert Sansone, 131 Maple street, charged with manslaughter as the result of death late yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Emeline Lucas, 380 Dundas street, who was struck by a truck Sansone was driving on King street near the central fire station, was allowed his liberty on bail of \$10,000, when he appeared before Magistrate A. H. Graydon in police court to-day. Sansone had been held in custody since his arrest following the death of the victim. He will appear in court again a week hence. A. H. Murphy, of the law firm of Murphy, Gunn & Murphy, is acting on his behalf.

#### BRITAIN FIRST TO SCORE ON GRANITES

Slip Two In During Semi-Final Game At Chamoni—Canada Wins 19 To 2.

#### SWEDEN OUTCLASSED BY UNITED STATES

Britain Scored the Only Two Counters During First Period.

#### 30-HOUR JOURNEY TOOK FIVE DAYS

Londoner Meets Severe Weather In Newfoundland.

#### TRAIN HELD UP BY STORM

A. D. Heffernan Has Unusual Experiences.

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