

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Demented Greek on Street in Nightgown; Wants Mail Over L. E. & N.

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, March 5.—Those who visited the police court on Saturday afternoon to hear a review of the Kent St. fiasco of a week ago, got a disappointment shortly after two o'clock when the principals, Geo. Boughner, of Woodhouse, and Carmen W. McCreedy, of Windham and their lawyers, H. P. Innes, K.C., and T. J. Agar, surrounded Magistrate Ganton's table and getting their heads together, pulled off the cases as a draw. Each of the combatants charged the other with assault, each pleaded not guilty to the charge, and each withdrew his charge. The magistrate declared the program off and allowed each to pay his costs. By entering the complaints each moreover escaped possibly a considerable fine for Chief Canning was ready to lay information against both of them had they not taken the matter up themselves.

Made a Good Impression. The King St. citizen charged with an infraction of the temperance act, next appeared. He played the man squarely. It was refreshing to see one come up with a plea of "guilty" and a square story as opposed to the childish and ridiculous pretensions that are often advanced in such cases. The gentleman in question had taken a rather large draft in his own home and had been affected while on the street some hours afterwards. There were suspicious circumstances in connection with the matter and the court, with the plea of guilty recorded, could do nothing but impose the nominal \$10.00 and costs.

Chas. Harakas, a well-known Greek, of Brantford, who has been during the winter engaged with James Valouos at 120 Colborne St., and who drives a peanut wagon in the summer, is in Simcoe seriously demented. Something has been going wrong with Chas. for some weeks for a fortnight ago he made ugly threats against his wife and children. Recently he determined to enlist for military service and on Thursday, after placing his wife and five children aboard a trolley with instructions to come to Simcoe and remain with his father, Saratos Harakas during his absence, he left for Toronto. Next day his father, feeling that something was wrong, set out to investigate. He met Charles at Brantford and brought him to Simcoe. The big square built, more than six-foot fellow, was evidently unwell. He was put to bed. A Greek priest was called over from Toronto and a sister and her husband from Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Diamond. The latter arrived at four a.m. Saturday and were recognized



SERGT. GEO. BLAKE AND SON, 230 WEST STREET, SIMCOE

and greeted by Charles on arrival. He became unruly in his bed however and at twelve o'clock noon escaped from the house and ran up Robinson street barefoot in his night gown. He was temporarily confined in a cell at the county buildings and the sanitary inspector summoned from Port Dover. This officer had not arrived at 9 o'clock Saturday night. The gail surgeon, Dr. Bowley, called in the evening. He spoke in Greek, talking considerably at times, but always on religious topics, so his relatives say. The family are a very thrifty and law abiding people, and two younger children, in their upper teens, at home, are quite clever and well informed. It is possible that Harakas has been over-worked. He is said to have been working almost 18 hours daily for some time. His young sister tells us that Chas. is an expert candy maker and produces no less than 62 kinds.

Customs Returns Drop. February customs returns were \$32,987.32, an abrupt falling off due to the fact that during the month freights were not moving.

For Better Mail Service. There is considerable discontent through Southern Norfolk with the present mail service. The mail of the eastern mail is reaching Simcoe on the second day after being postmarked in Toronto. At best, the Simcoe morning mail is not distributed to the boxes by 12 o'clock, and the general delivery is not available for business men, laborers or school children on their way to dinner.

Rural Routes Get a Late Start. The six rural routes out of Simcoe, some of them very long, get a late start, and it is impossible to get mail in from the country in time to go out on the afternoon mail. In winter, there is some delivery after dark.

North and South Isolated. There are two very bad connections between the north and the south of the county, Simcoe weeklies, published Wednesday and Thursday, get to this district as late as Monday at times. The bulk of the newspapers have come in by express, and are here three to five hours ahead of the mail train. Tenders for the purchasing of the Town of Simcoe debentures, post-marked at Toronto on the 28th of February, were distributed at the Simcoe post office on the forenoon of March 2nd after tenders had been opened. It is quite probable that they were routed via Woodstock, and the afternoon mail train southbound on this line has been cut off. There is a general agitation for a service over the L. E. & N., and we are told that Brantford, Waterford and Port Dover are also interested.

Does the Motor Man See His Whistle? In the matter of last summer's accident at Cherry Valley crossing on the L. E. & N., it was freely stated that there were passengers on the train ready to see the whistle when it was blown from the approaching car. Guy Marston, C.E., Engineer for Simcoe, the townships, and several minor municipalities, and whose business and experience in connection with cases arising out of such accidents, and the general temperance of the men on the line, is a servant in matters which many are apt to overlook, informed us a few days ago that he had rode to Brantford and back a few days since and took occasion to pay particular attention to the giving of signals.

More Than the Law Requires. He informed us that he observed that the motorman did not miss a single private or public crossing, that he signalled twice for the latter, and that on approaching the "Townline" crossing, southbound, gave a continuous blast till he had reached this dangerous crossing.

And More Yet. In passing over the same road on Saturday, we ourselves noted the performance of all these precautions except that at the Townline, but the car stopped there. But we noted curves, where the track ahead was hidden by an embankment, and that the foot bell is used also at most crossings passed without stopping. Seen later, Mr. M. agreed to this although he had not mentioned it in our conversation.

Do Passengers Hear the Whistle? Passengers sitting in the forward compartment, southbound, can hear the whistle very distinctly. Those in the rear compartment not at all, or very faintly, even when they have full view of the motor man, and can see his grasp of the whistle strap. So in this compartment, it is safer for a passenger to say, "I did not hear it, than "it did not blow."

Whistle Heard Eight Miles. There is a lady in Dover who has learned all the crossings and stops

from Simcoe south, by listening to the whistle, and was confused only in the matter of the signal for the diamond at the G. T. R. crossing. Taking it as we hear matters, and we have no reason to believe that either Mr. Marston or ourselves, was marked for "special delivery" nor that an ordinary passenger, nor that the man at the coal was a special over-conscious employee, we are forced to the conclusion that except for the blind and deaf the degree of danger lurking about any single crossing on this road varies directly with the carelessness or heedlessness of those who approach them, and there is no danger except for the very careless, moreover we note that when a pedestrian appeared on the track in front of the motorman blew continuously till the individual got clear.

We may add that these observations are made without the knowledge or suggestion of any one concerned, except in so far as they may be of value in urging the travelling public to be as careful at railway crossings as the trolley men are.

Heard at the Depot. (1st traveller) "I want a ticket, how much is it?" "To where, please?" "To Waterford." "Single?" "Yes, but I'm coming back." "35 cents." (2nd traveller) "Brantford and return."

"One dollar." And still people continue to wonder how it takes so much time to sell a few tickets, and why the car is late occasionally.

The Corporation of Simcoe has advertised for the construction of sewerage works. This work has been urged for the past two years. Mrs. Jackson of Brantford, wife of Capt. Jackson of the 27th, accompanied by her children, spent the week-end in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Marston.

Senator McCall left for Ottawa yesterday afternoon. Dan Mackenzie writes us from Shornham, requesting us to remind Dr. Burt and W. Smith to get the trout streams well stocked if possible, for he hopes to have a few weeks fishing in Norfolk yet.

A company of wounded soldiers from Stobhill Hospital was entertained by the Brantford Women's Unionist Association.

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SIMCOE BROKER DEAD IN TORONTO

J. Lorne Campbell Passes Away; Was Born in Norfolk County

Toronto, Mar. 5.—Mr. J. Lorne Campbell, a well known Toronto stockbroker, died early Saturday morning at his residence, 509 Huron street. He was at his office three days before his death, and was confined to his bed only one day.

The late Mr. Campbell was born in Simcoe, Ont., and was the son of the late Duncan Campbell of Lynwood, Simcoe. He moved to Toronto 20 years ago, and opened a brokerage office, becoming a member of the Toronto Stock Exchange. He had held the position of major in the local militia at Simcoe. Mr. Campbell was married twice, and is survived by his widow and three daughters, Miss Mary Campbell, New York, Miss Clara and Miss Marjory of Toronto, and one son, Lieut. Gordon Campbell who left the city recently with the 138th Battalion. Two sisters, Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. Geoffrey Hale, both of London, also survive him. Mr. Campbell Beecher of Toronto is a nephew.

Mr. Campbell was a great friend of the late Mr. R. A. Smith, and was injured in the automobile accident in which Mr. Smith lost his life a few years ago. He was a member of the Toronto R. C. Y. C. and Hunt Clubs, was a Conservative and an Anglican.

News Notes

William Nicol, of 2 Victoria St., Montreal, died in the Royal Infirmary from the effects of coal gas poisoning.

A scheme to entertain wounded sailors and soldiers each Saturday has been inaugurated by the Glasgow Liberal Club.

Lieut. Stewart H. Hastie, a tank commander, has been awarded the M. C. for great gallantry and for saving another tank.

A large quantity of fruit and vegetables has been contributed to the North Sea Fleet by the Horticultural Association of Edinburgh.

A fire at the Grangemouth sawmills did damage to the amount of \$40,000.

There has been a marked decrease in crime and other offences in Wigtownshire recently.

James Laing, Braeside, left £2,000 to the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Glasgow, and Bridge of Weir.

C. L. Foster the new secretary to the Secretary for Scotland, was formerly a teacher in the Airdreoch School, Crevin.

The insignia of the first class of the Red Cross has been conferred on Lady Buchanan by the Dowager Empress of Russia.

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See Our Window Display J. M. YOUNG & CO. Dress Making and Ladies Tailoring "QUALITY FIRST"

Just a Few Items From Our Carpet Department

At Special Prices for the First Week in March. The Carpets and Rugs will be Fully 35% Higher in the Course of the Next Ten Days

Brussels Rugs AT A GREAT SAVING

This line includes all this season's newest designs and colorings in neat, small designs. Colors are tan, brown and green, and combinations: 6-9x9-0, regular \$16.50, Special... \$13.75 9-9x9-0, regular \$25.00, Special... \$21.95 9-9x9-10, regular \$28.50, Special... \$25.00 11-3x12-0, regular \$36.00, Special... \$32.50

Brussels Carpets

Brussels Carpets, designs and colorings suitable for any room and some exceptionally good hall and stair patterns, green floral and scroll effects, hall and stair to match, worth to-day \$1.85, special \$1.50 Regular \$2.25, special at... \$1.85

Wilton and Axminster Rugs

Extra fine range of patterns and colorings, the very best yarns and dyes are used in these carpets, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50, Special... \$2.25 Odd Brussels Borders. Just the thing for runners and mats, special... .98c

AXMINSTER RUGS

48 Axminster Rugs at less than to-days wholesale prices. Rugs of a luxurious deep pile, colorings in the very softest tints and designs. Rugs suitable for any room.

Here Are Five Special Sizes to Choose From

- 4-6x7-6, regular price \$16.50, for... \$13.75 6-9x9-0, regular price \$25.00, for... \$21.50 9-9x9-0, regular price \$32.50, for... \$27.50 9-9x10-0, regular price \$36.50, for... \$31.50 9x12, regular price \$41.50, for... \$36.00

Big Range of Cretonnes, Art Sateens, Shadow Cloths, Tapestries, etc., for inside Curtains or covering boxes. All at special prices:

Carpet Sweepers and Vacuum Sweep Window Shades Made to order Cocoa Mats and Wire Mats

J. M. YOUNG & CO. Dress Making and Ladies' Tailoring Phone 351-805

BRITAIN ORGANIZES

(Continued from Page One) "Whether her next effort will consist of a Zeppelin attack on a huge scale or a desperate dash by the fleet cannot be foretold. Though the complete failure of the last Zeppelin raids might have been considered too discouraging for further attempts, Germany's first submarine campaign has resulted in just as great a failure and still she has doubled her efforts. The idea of a land and sea attack is probably most widely held here. "For the people of Britain, the year 1917 has already held three important periods—first, the Rome conference and the subsequent profound change in the attitude of the allies, the announcement of Germany's sing-along policy, which resulted in the immediate stiffening of Britain's spirit of determination and which united the allies in the policy of no peace without complete military victory and, lastly, when the people began to appreciate the full significance of the German withdrawal in the west during the last week.

ROLL OF HONOR

Several thousand officers and employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company enlisted for active military duty with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and the majority of them are now in Europe, bravely fighting for Canada and the Empire.

Table with columns for names, ranks, and locations. Includes names like West Toronto, Regina, Montreal, etc.

Simcoe Business College

A School of Business Efficiency

Typewriting Civil Service Preparatory Bookkeeping Shorthand Secretarial Education Employment Write for Terms J. W. Bouden, Principal.

Tenders

Are invited for bulk and spot trades for proposed additions to Lewis School, Brantford, Tp. Plans will close March 5th and are addressed to Hugh Atwell, Esq., 34, Tutela P. O. Plans can be obtained of the Architect F. C. Borden 68 Colborne St. The lowest or tender not necessarily accepted.

Auction Sale

Household Furniture, Tuesday March 6th. At 209 Bruce St., corner Raw the contents of Taylor, Dring, R. Kitchen and two Bedrooms. Goods are practically new and are sold. Terms cash, no reserve. JOHN VINCENT, W. J. BRAD Proprietor.

Spring Assize

Notice is hereby given that Court of Assize, Nisi Prius Over Terminer and General Gaol delict for the County of Brant, will hold at the Court House, Brantford on TUESDAY, MARCH 20th, at one o'clock p.m., at which the magistrates, coroners, constables and others interested, are required to take notice. JNO. W. WESTBROOK, Sheriff Brant Co. Brantford, March 1st, 1917.

FURNITURE AUCTION

Wednesday March 7th, at Central Auction Rooms, 811 Colborne Street, Opposite The Brant M Co., 1.30 p.m. Sharp. Terms: Cash, no reserve. The contents of two well equipped homes, consisting of sideboards, dressers, living-room, parlor, suites, one old-fashioned walnut sofa and oval table, lamps, dishes, books, etc. This is a rare opportunity to chase good goods. The Sale is Tuesday this week to make room for a consignment that comes in Tuesday. WALTER BLAG Auctioneer.

Tenders for Reinforced Concrete Arch

Sealed tenders, clearly and on the outside "Tenders for Reinforced Concrete Arch," will be received by Township of Brantford up till Saturday March 10th, 1917. The site of the proposed concrete foot span reinforced concrete is over Whiteman's Creek on the road between Lots six and a concession four, Township of Vernon, and about one and a half miles north of the Mt. Vernon town. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Jackson and number eleven Temple, Brantford. Tenders must be addressed to James Smith, Clerk of Town Brantford, Ont. The lowest or any tender necessarily accepted. JACKSON & LEE, Township Engineer.

Giving Up Farming

Auction Sale

Of Farm Stock (chatter) W. Almas has received instructions from J. T. Hewitt, to sell public auction, at his farm, situated one mile south of the city, on the shore of a beautiful bay, known as Waterous Farm, on Friday, March 9th at one o'clock sharp.

Horses—7—brown mare and grey, both 9 years, about 14 lbs; bay mare, 12 years old, good harness; bay colt, rising 4 old, a beauty; bay gelding, good purpose, good as holding, good as a dandy. We believe she is sound, good in all her chestnut filly, rising 2 years, dam by Red Elk, sire, Bold B. dam.

Cattle—14—6 supposed to be calf, all young, carrying their calf, one fresh; one springer, 2 years old; two two-year-old at grade Durham but rising, one grade holstein, better rising year, a beauty; 1 cow, due to about time of sale.

Hogs—2 brood Taworth pure bred, 9 throes pigs, 8 B. B. pure bred, papers go with. Harness—Two sets of heavy, set of single wagon harness, collars and bridles.

Implement—Good line of implements, new wagon box, spring, shelling harrow, plows, new plows, manure spreader, new two buggies, four sleigh, in everything in the implement usually found on a well equipped farm, and they are in good Agricultural kettle, a cooker or whiffletree, necklocks, forks, etc. chains, hoes, light set hoes, pole, a good set, one cutter, one Grain and Fodder—about bushels of oats and some barley not previously sold.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTOR OIL