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THREE YEARS FOR MILITANT

Mrs. Pankhurst Received Severe Sentence To-day. She Made Bitter Statement To the Court.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, April 3.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the militant suffragettes, was today found guilty and sentenced to three years penal servitude at the Old Bailey Sessions on the charge of inciting persons to commit damage.

The trial had lasted two days and when the judge, Sir Charles Montague Lush, pronounced sentence, his speech was received with loud cries of "shame" from the militant suffragettes, who crowded the court, and thus expressed their horror at the severe term of imprisonment inflicted on her.

The jury when it returned its verdict of guilty added a strong recommendation for mercy and when the judge pronounced the heavy sentence of three years the women rose in anti-protest. Mrs. Pankhurst stood in the prisoners' enclosure her sympathizers cheered wildly and then filed out of court, singing, "March on, march on," to the tune "Marseilles."

Case Close To-day. The case of the British Government this morning against Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette on trial on the charge of having "counselled certain persons, whose names are unknown, to place feloniously and maliciously certain gunpowder and other explosive substances with intent thereby to damage, David Lloyd George's country house, at Walton Heath, Mrs. Pankhurst had yesterday pleaded "not guilty."

The only interesting development in the evidence to-day was contained in the revelations made by the police who had fruitlessly tried to take Miss Forbes Robertson's finger prints in order to ascertain her real identity. She was imprisoned under the name of Margaret James and sentenced to six months in jail on February 25, on a charge of being a member of a conspiracy.

Would Not Testify. Mrs. Pankhurst today informed the court that she did not wish to testify or to call witnesses. Her only desire was to address the judge and jury. She spoke for 20 minutes, at which time she was taken in on a vagrancy charge and were this morning remanded till to-morrow until the chief could look up their careers, if they have any. Grant Jarvis had a get-rich-quick Wallingford scheme put up to him, by one Jane Land. The proposition was this: She made a touch of \$50 on the plaintiff in return for a share of the stock. Things did not turn out just as the plaintiff thought with the result Jane Land was charged with false pretences. The case was settled satisfactory to Mr. Jarvis in court this morning and she now has his fifty plunks under cover.

Women Disappear. CHICAGO—C. A. Dewoody, chief of the federal department of justice here, was notified yesterday of the alleged disappearance on March 26 of 20 young immigrant women en route here from New York. They were of a party of 150 men and women and are said to have been left behind in a small Pennsylvania town, apparently missing their train, and fears were expressed that they have fallen victims to an organized band of "white slavers." Officials refused to divulge the name of the town in which the young women are said to have been stranded. Dewoody will take up the matter with the immigration officials today.

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Five Nights, Commencing Monday—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, with special matinee Wednesday and Saturday—Ernie Marks and his big company of vaudeville and dramatic stars, in new and high-class repertoire. Friday—"Ishmael." Saturday, Matinee—"Happy Hooligan's Troubles." Saturday Night—"The Flopman." This is the first visit of Mr. Ernie Marks and Miss Kitty Marks to Brantford in years, so don't think you have seen this attraction before, for you haven't. Prices: 10, 20, 30c; Matinee, 10, 20c. Seats Saturday. See the high-class specialties between the acts.

Thursday, April 3—Werba and Luescher present a gala musical event, "THE ROSE MAID," the opera which enjoyed two seasons at the Globe Theatre, New York, through its captivating music, delicious comedy, tasteful settings and gorgeous gowns, and was proclaimed by all who witnessed this opera of fun and fashion as prettier than its sister opera, "The Spring Maid." Company of 75, with special orchestra. Two carloads scenery. The Kute Kiddies and the Rosebud Garden of Girls. Each girl a fashion plate. Prices: 14 rows, \$1.50; 8 rows, \$1; balance, 75c; balcony, \$1 and 75c; gallery, 50c and 25c. Seats Tuesday.

Will Penalize Hatpin Habit

BERLIN, April 3.—Women who persist in wearing pointed hatpins without protectors on the streets will be subject to a fine after April 15. Having failed to persuade the women to discard the sharp hatpins or provide protectors, Berlin's Police President announces that after the 15th transgressors will be fined up to \$15 for each offence, and if they cannot pay they will be imprisoned.

PHYSICIAN IS ASKED FOR

By Militant Suffragette Now in Prison on Hunger Strike

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, April 3.—A letter from Mrs. Emerson of Detroit, Mich., was handed by Josiah Wedgwood, Liberal member of parliament, to Reginald McKenna, the British Home Secretary, today. It demanded permission for Mrs. Emerson's own physician to examine into the condition of her daughter, Miss Zelle Emerson, the militant suffragette, who is said to be suffering greatly from the method of forcible feeding employed by the officials since she started her hunger strike in Holloway jail, where she is undergoing two months imprisonment for window breaking.

The United States Embassy, according to Mrs. Emerson, has promised in the event of the failure of Secretary McKenna to comply with her request, to place the matter before the British Foreign Office, or the ground that the life of the prisoner is being endangered.

A letter from another suffragette prisoner confined in the next cell to that of Zelle Emerson, states that the release of Miss Emerson within a few days is necessary in order to save her reason and perhaps her life. This fellow prisoner also asserts that Miss Emerson by giving her neighbor a portion of her food started her hunger strike fourteen days before the prison doctors discovered the ruse. The writer of the letter who had not declared a hunger strike was able to dispose of the food.

WITH THE POLICE

The session this morning at the Police Court was especially high. Frank Wilson, a well-dressed vagrant, was allowed to go. Peter Dallett and Mike Kelly, two "gents" from Toronto were taken in on a vagrancy charge and were this morning remanded till to-morrow until the chief could look up their careers, if they have any. Grant Jarvis had a get-rich-quick Wallingford scheme put up to him, by one Jane Land. The proposition was this: She made a touch of \$50 on the plaintiff in return for a share of the stock. Things did not turn out just as the plaintiff thought with the result Jane Land was charged with false pretences. The case was settled satisfactory to Mr. Jarvis in court this morning and she now has his fifty plunks under cover.

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Mr. A. C. Lyons Tells What Floods Were Like at Dayton

People Had Terrible Time Fighting Rats. Rescuing Cows Into Upstairs Bedrooms, and Horses Swimming The Streets

Mr. Arthur C. Lyons returned to Brantford last night from Dayton, at which city he arrived two days after the floods receded, to tell a graphic story to the Courier to-day of terrible conditions which he found there. "The press despatches were not exaggerated," said Mr. Lyons, "as it would be difficult even to imagine the havoc and loss caused by the raging floods in Dayton and Columbus."

Mr. Lyons went to Dayton under a special permit from the Governor of Ohio to see his sister, Mrs. Dr. Nelles, a former Brantfordite. He was accompanied by Mr. William L. Nelles of Michigan University. "Imagine if you can," he said, "pianos floating down street, automobiles as well, and cases of jewelry containing diamonds, watches, etc. Imagine if you can a board with a rat on one end and a hen on the other, horses swimming around until they were drowned from exhaustion. Cows were rescued from the current and placed in upstairs bedrooms where milk was secured for stricken families for a couple of days."

Mrs. Nelles, whom Mr. Lyons went to see, had a narrow escape. They were out in a motor car when a little water started to move down. In ten minutes it was several feet deep and a drug store where they stopped, was wrecked a few minutes after they left it.

The greatest precaution was taken against looters, said Mr. Lyons, and when he was there he heard shots all night long. If a man stooped to pick anything out of the mud, he immediately got a bullet. One man who wore a Red Cross badge was caught with watches in his pocket and was taken to the steps of the First National Bank and immediately shot. Another man who stooped to pick up

his own belongings received a bullet in the hand. The official photographer dropped some films and was unable to pick them up.

Mr. Lyons said that the water seemed to rush the wall paper of the houses off right up to the ceiling. Stores by dozens were caved in, and when he arrived there was a layer of mud on everything. He never imagined anything like it, and the loss will be millions. No one was allowed on the streets after 6 o'clock at night.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Nelles, many Brantford friends will be glad to know, was a couple of blocks out of the flood district. Mr. Lyons said further that everybody had a terrible time with rats, which appeared on stairways in droves and fought for admission into upstairs rooms above the flood, which were of course inhabited by many people seeking safety.

Five Swept Into the Sea

[Canadian Press Despatch] TOULON, France, April 3.—Two French naval officers, Lieutenant Achille Lavare and Ensign Louis Adam, and three petty officers, were swept overboard from the deck of the submarine Turquoise and drowned while engaged in maneuvers in the Mediterranean last night. The bodies were recovered and brought to port this morning.

MAY PROVE GREAT ROW

German Airships Captured By French Soldiers.

Aeronauts apparently were Watching Drill Movements.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LUNEVILLE, France, April 3.—One of the great German Zeppelin airship cruisers landed on French territory to-day coming down on the military parade grounds here at mid-day while a brigade of French riflemen were drilling. It was seized by the French authorities.

Six German officers alighted from the gondola and explained to Brigadier-General Antide Leon Jescot, who galloped up, that the motor of the airship had developed a defect. The ranking German officer said they had departed from Friedrichsafen on Lake Constance at 6:30 o'clock this morning and had lost their way in the clouds. They did not know they had crossed the French frontier.

Such crowds of French people had collected during the interrogation and excitement grew so intense that the commandant found it necessary to call the battalion of infantry to keep the indignant populace at a distance. The news of the descent of the German military dirigible was telegraphed to the Ministry of War, and Eugene Etienne, the Minister of War, ordered it to be seized. At the same time he sent the chief aerostatic officer at Lunville to represent him at the enquiry which was at once instituted.

LEGAL TANGLE HAS ARISEN

Proceedings are Threatened Against Bellevue School Trustees.

In connection with the meeting of School Section No. 23 the result is to leave matters somewhat in a tangle. The amendment to build a new school on another site, was out of order as a school site can only be changed after a resolution has been passed at a ratepayers meeting duly called for the purpose.

The demand for a poll of the ratepayers was in order under the statute if made within ten minutes of the announcement by the chairman of the decision of the ratepayers on the resolution. The statute provides that in a case where a poll is demanded, said poll shall not be closed before noon, and there is no provision for a poll at night except a meeting has been called for seven o'clock when a poll can be proceeded with immediately after demanded.

It is understood that legal proceedings are threatened against the Trustees to proceed under the resolution passed at last night's meeting.

GOAL PRICES DROP MAY 1ST

There May Be a Reduction in Brantford of \$1 per ton

The annual spring drop in the price of coal is expected to go into effect in this city about April 20 or May 1. At present coal is retailed at \$8.00 per ton. One local dealer said this morning that the price might drop a dollar at the end of the month, although it was not a certainty. With the opening of navigation there is a terrific demand from the West for coal. In fact the demand is bigger than the supply. The situation seems to be getting more acute each year.

Obituary

The Late James H. Crompton. Yesterday evening there passed out in this city Mr. James H. Crompton, who had been a resident of Brantford now for some years, having been employed in connection with the firm of E. B. Crompton & Co. during that time. He was the youngest son of the late Rev. Thos. Crompton, and a brother of Messrs. Thomas and E. B. Crompton of this city. While of a quiet and retiring disposition, he manifested always the characteristics of a true friend, being staunch, loyal and true. He had remained unmarried. For some months past he had been in failing health, showing signs of general breakdown. The interment will take place in the family burial plot, in Burlington Cemetery, Hamilton, to-morrow.

One Pat Ouer at Trial

[Canadian Press Despatch] PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—A new trial was granted in Common Pleas Court yesterday after it had been discovered that a deaf mute had sat as a member of the jury during the hearing of an indictment suit. How the man became a member of the jury, and why he sat through the trial unable to hear or speak, is a mystery which none of the court attaches could explain.

A BIG PRIZE IS OFFERED

London Daily Mail Will Give \$50,000 to First Aero Trip Across Ocean

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, April 3.—The London Daily Mail's offer of \$50,000 for the first trans-Atlantic aeroplane flight was given hearty endorsement by the Aero Club of America at a meeting of the board of governors last night.

"Crossing the Atlantic in an airship now is only a question of time, and the offer will do much to shorten that time," said Allan R. Hawley, president of the club. "Flights are being made daily which show the aeroplane's ability to stay in the air for longer and longer periods. And there is no reason why the flight should not be made over the ocean, instead of over a marked track."

Members of the club were optimistic in the prospects of an early fulfillment of the conditions of the offer. Some even predicted that the flight will be within the year.

The two main difficulties to be overcome are the carrying of sufficient fuel and the keeping of a direct course. This latter, it has been suggested, might be overcome by enlisting the co-operation of the Government and having relays of torpedo destroyers to keep within wireless communication of the aeroplanes and so serve as beacons.

As for the fuel, a year ago the Aero Club mapped out trans-Atlantic air routes, one of which had no jump greater than 900 miles. Distances within a few miles as great as this have been covered by continuous flights in France.

RILEY TRIED FOR HIS LIFE

Murderer Case Being Heard at Hamilton To-day.

[Canadian Press Despatch] HAMILTON, Ont., April 3.—Before to-night Thomas Riley, charged with the murder of his wife in January last, will know his fate. The case for the Crown closed before adjournment at 1 o'clock. Several witnesses told how the prisoner, on the night of January 30, walked unannounced into the Durfee home on Bay street and blazed away at his wife. She fell a corpse, with a bullet through her heart. Sanford Durfee, who was in the home at the time, told how he struggled with the prisoner. Riley said he was glad he had killed his wife and was sorry he had not got sight of Durfee first. Durfee admitted living in Toronto with the woman for a year or more.

G. W. Bell, counsel for Riley, asked the judge to reduce the charge to manslaughter, but this was left for the jury to decide. It was evident from the line of examination an effort will be made to show Riley was not mentally responsible. He sustained a severe injury to his head some years ago.

THE LATE WILLIAM LANG

The funeral of the late William Lang, who met with such a sad death at the Mann brickyard on Tuesday, will be held from his mother's residence to-morrow afternoon and not Monday, as reported. Although a watch was found in Mr. Lang's possession which was stopped at 12:45, it was pointed out that he was at home until almost 2 o'clock, and that the accident must have suddenly happened on his return to work. The inquest will be resumed to-morrow evening.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. Montzambert—"There is nothing definite yet with regard to the Bank of Montreal erecting a new building on our present corner."

THE PROBS

TORONTO, April 3.—The depression mentioned yesterday is spreading gradually over the Great Lakes, attended by strong winds and gales and snow and rain. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair.

FORECASTS.

Strong breezes to moderate gales, easterly to southerly, showery with local thunderstorms to-day and on Friday.

J. P. PITCHER PASSES AWAY

He Made a Valiant Fight For His Life at Hospital.

The Shock from Terrible Accident Cause of Death.

Following the severe injuries he sustained Tuesday night in the terrible Grand Valley car accident, Mr. J. P. Pitcher lay in unconsciousness at the hospital early last evening and slept peacefully away at 10:15. The resultant shock from the terrible nature of the accident and the operation which followed proved too much for even the rugged constitution which Mr. Pitcher possessed. He was cheerful throughout the day to the immediate members of his family who attended his bedside, but a decided change for the worse set in late in the afternoon. It was the reaction, and after a consultation of the medical advisers the worst was feared. Mr. Pitcher gradually sank, and the end came shortly after 10 o'clock.

The deceased had resided in Brantford for 21 years, and was in his 52nd year. He was a son of the late Peter Pitcher, a pioneer of Nelson township, Wentworth county, where he received his early education. For the past 12 years he had been in the real estate business in Brantford—a business in which he was always considered successful. The late Mr. Pitcher was a man given to public service and was fond of doing something worth while for the city he resided in. He always took a prominent part in public affairs and served three years as alderman for Ward Two. At the time of his unfortunate death he was in his fifth year as a member of the Collegiate Institute Board, to which he was appointed by the City Council. He occupied the important and honorable position of chairman of the board last year—a position he filled with exactitude in the performance of his duty. Mr. Pitcher was one largely responsible for the great success of the technical school night classes in this city, on which he worked industriously and with great enthusiasm. His efforts in this regard resulted not only praise from the Ontario Department of Education, but from citizens in general. In his work as alderman Mr. Pitcher was no less faithful towards civic improvement.

He was an active, conservative, and industrious worker for many years, and had only recently been appointed chairman of Ward Two. His efforts were also directed towards carrying by-law in this city which were deemed essential to civic progress, and his efforts were given unsparingly and without reward. He will be greatly missed in this community.

An Inquest.

In connection with the unfortunate and most distressing accident which caused his death, an inquest will be held. A jury was empanelled by Coroner Ashton this morning and met at the undertaking parlors of H. S. Peirce. The inquest was adjourned until Monday night, at 8 o'clock. The following were the jurors: T. E. Ryerson (foreman), C. H. Ludlow, Edward James, Alex. Richardson, J. D. Hall, H. L. Conway, D. S. Searle, R. Butterworth.

Sympathy for Bereaved.

The greatest sympathy for the bereaved ones is expressed on all sides. Besides the heartbroken widow, Mr. Pitcher leaves three sons—Clinton (city), Alva F. (Pt. William), and Morley B. (Pt. George, B.C.). Two brothers, Mr. S. P. Pitcher and Mr. Frank Pitcher, also three sisters, Mrs. Rodge (city), Mrs. Nelles (Scotland) and Miss Hannah Pitcher (Detroit), survive the very sad loss. The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon next from the late residence, 170 William street, to Mount Hope Cemetery. The Courier begs leave to join in the heartfelt and general expression of sympathy to the sorrowing family in the hour of irreparable loss.

GO TO IT!

[Canadian Press Despatch] OTTAWA, April 3.—The Liberal party was in caucus to-day, and decided to continue the fight on the naval bill.

You Can Purchase.

Brantford Daily Courier at the following stores: Steedman Bros., Colborne St. Picketts' Book Store, 72 Market St. McCann Bros., 210 West St. W. Symons, 211 Market St. Leo J. Klinkhammer, 136 Albion St. M. & J. Kew, 15 Mohawk St. Higginbotham & Cameron, 373 Colborne St. F. J. Marx, 80 Eagle Ave. Geo. Bickell, cor. Arthur and Murray H. E. Ashby, 332 Colborne St. F. E. Morrison, 119 Oxford St. P. N. W. Farnsworth, 121 Oxford St. W. J. Mellen, cor. Brock and Chatham Sts.