

"LET IT BURN" SAYS LOCAL M.P. ON COURT FUSS

Dr. Stevenson Refuses Reply
to City Officials' Attacks
On Juvenile Court.

WENIGE PLANS ACTION

Promises End of the Present
"Camouflage" Court—
Wants Man as Judge.

Despite the fact that the city councilors have long since provided legislation for the establishment of a juvenile court in London, rival factions still battle for their favorite judges, with the natural result that while rooms have been leased for the new court room children still appear in the common police court.

There is no immediate relief in sight today. Mayor-Elect George Wenige stated decisively to The Advertiser that there was no juvenile court except in name.

Mayor Cameron Wilson repeats most emphatically that the court would be in full swing this morning if it had not been for the local member of the legislative assembly, Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, who, with his associates, he says, have brought pressure to bear upon Attorney-General W. E. Roney to halt all proceedings.

Will Not Discuss Matter. Replying to this charge this morning, Dr. Stevenson said, "No, I don't care to discuss the matter at all. Just let it lie."

Questioned directly if there was any truth in the charge, he replied, "I am not sure, but I am not sure." He said he had been urging the appointment of Mrs. J. F. Thompson, the member for London, to the position of judge, but that she had declined the offer. Others have picked this matter up. Just let it lie.

Mayor-Elect Wenige gave positive assurance that the entire question, if not settled here, will receive full consideration early in 1923.

"This issue has been handled about for long enough," he asserted emphatically. "It is too bad that the children should be brought before rival groups battle with each other as to whom should be appointed judge."

"We have no juvenile court at present, despite the fact that we have leased for a year ahead. It is all a 'camouflage' at present, nothing more or less."

Not Enthusiastic. From the mayor-elect's remarks it could be gathered that he is not particularly enthused with any of the prospective judges mentioned to date by the several groups.

"We certainly do not want a woman judge for the boys," he said. "We want a boy's man. It is imperative to have a female probation officer for the girls. That is the system employed practically everywhere else. I know the very type of man who would be the best choice, but while I gave this question certain consideration yesterday, I have not yet thought of the particular person who would be both suitable and willing to accept."

"I do know two or three men in this city who would be ideal, but unfortunately I know that they would not undertake the task. Several others have been championed from time to time. I do not regard them as suitable, however. We want a man who will do his duty, be unprejudiced, unconsciously or otherwise. The selection must be carefully made."

Problem Up Again. The juvenile court problem asserted itself again at the final meeting of the finance committee of the city council last night, and Mayor Wilson's charge directed toward Dr. Stevenson was greeted with some surprise and not a little concern.

The members all deplored the fact that after so much has been done by the authorities, the project should be held up by the provincial department through the interference of those who were prompted, as Mayor Wilson declared, by purely selfish motives.

"The attorney-general is certainly very particular," remarked Ald. Holmes, "when he makes flesh of one and fowl of another."

While the councillors readily recognized that the entire problem would necessarily be shelved until 1923, they were determined that Attorney-General Roney should be apprised of the true facts of the case and all data to that effect will be forwarded to him this week.

HOWARD FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE AT SON'S FARM

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Ridgetown, Dec. 14.—A gloom was cast over this district yesterday when it became known that Mr. Malcolm McGregor had committed suicide by hanging himself in the home of his son on the 8th concession. Mr. McGregor was 66 years old, and came to Howard from near Chatham a few years ago, and purchased a farm on the 11th concession, where he had since resided. He was a prosperous farmer and well liked by all who knew him. No cause can be ascribed for his rash act.

OVERJOYED AT LIBERTY, TRIES TO EMBRACE JUDGE

Windsor, Dec. 13.—Acquitted of violating the Ontario temperance act by being intoxicated, John Kulinski, Peter street, Sandwich, was so delighted at the decision of Magistrate Gundy that he made repeated attempts to kiss and embrace court officials. Failing to impose his carresses on the magistrate, he next offered to "soul kiss" Arthur Hannahan, the court stenographer. He finally was ejected from the court room.

SEEKS TO COLLECT TAX ARRARS THROUGH COURT

Kitchener, Dec. 14.—Assessment Commissioner Heunhergard stated today that \$20,000 was the total amount of outstanding taxes at the present time. He said that he had already adopted legal action for the purpose of gathering in the deficiency, and stated that he expected the books would be clear by the end of the present year.

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MANENTI RETURNS FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Asks for Interpreter in Court
This Morning—Faces
Double Charge.

When Joseph Manenti, alias Tony Ross, the Italian who made a getaway from the county jail three years ago, was brought before Magistrate Graydon today, he elected trial by jury.

"I want an Italian interpreter," Manenti remarked, when the charge of escaping from the custody of ex-Governor James Carter was read to him.

"Oh, I think you understand well enough to do without one," the court retorted. "From what I know of you, you understand the English language fairly well. However, if you want time to get an interpreter, I'll remand you."

At the request of the crown, the preliminary examination was postponed one week, in order to allow the police to summon their witnesses. Manenti did not pick trial by jury. Efforts will be made to speed his trial, and to have him stand trial on charges of forgery at the county court, which will hear the jail-breaking case.

Manenti, it is alleged, raised a number of \$2 American notes to \$10 and \$20 bills in June, 1919, and passed them.

At that time the city was flooded with the "phony" money. Italian storekeepers were the first victims. Manenti was arrested in Hamilton and returned to London. Later he was charged with passing the phony money. He was wanted in Hamilton for attempted murder. On September 7, while awaiting trial, he made a successful daylight break from the Middlesex jail. Three months ago he was sentenced to the jail farm at Ross, and arrested by Detective Harry Down when he left the farm. Comparison of finger prints taken at the time of his arrest with those of Joseph Manenti by the London police three years ago, tallied in every detail, and it was concluded that Manenti admitted his identity.

Daniel Black pleaded guilty to colluding with the auto driven by Manenti in the escape from the Middlesex jail. Black was charged with driving the car, and failing to stop to ascertain what damage had been done to the car. He was charged with driving the car, and failing to stop to ascertain what damage had been done to the car.

Lizmore claimed he was travelling about twenty miles an hour, and Black at about forty miles an hour, when the accident took place. "I was going right off the road," Lizmore declared.

Black was fined \$5 and costs.

ICE FORMING RAPIDLY BINDS SHIPS ON LAKES

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 14.—With the coming down of the storm, ice has been forming rapidly on the American locks downbound since yesterday noon. Ice is forming quickly on the lake, and two vessels, the Grant Morden and the Home-Smith, are stuck in the ice at Point Aux Pins, 6 miles above the Soo, and boats which passed through the locks, are being held up. The Home-Smith, owned by the Home-Smiths, is stuck in the ice at Point Aux Pins, 6 miles above the Soo, and boats which passed through the locks, are being held up.

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VICTORIA IS SATISFIED WITH UNIVERSITY ACT

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Toronto, Dec. 14.—In the opinion of Dr. Bowles, chancellor of Victoria College, the university act of 1906 has given the greatest possible satisfaction to the members of the university. He had heard no criticism from the members of his own board of faculty.

Dr. Bowles stated that the alumni had direct representation on the board of governors of Victoria College, and he favored this practice. His only fear, of course, would be that it might become less a provincial university than a national one. He expressed the opinion that the membership of the senate of Toronto University was not too large.

London Children Bring Forth Skates To Test Ice Out on Old River Thames

There are snows and snows. The weather prophets this morning proclaimed that the snow which fell in the night was a "packed" snow, which means that in all likelihood it will not melt readily, fulfilling the hope of every true Canadian for a "white Christmas."

The real thrill of winter comes when a sheet of ice bears up under the test of a battery of stones, and youngsters in the vicinity of both banks of the river, thrilled abundantly, have already ventured forth on skates, and reports from Pond Mills say there is sufficient ice for skating there.

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Mr. Hay had an excellent share in the boosting for the Ontario-Quebec district convention, held a few months ago in Windsor. He is one of the most efficient and popular members of the local branch, to whom his success as a businessman and the business of the old and the new year will be discussed.

Preparations are already under way for the annual Christmas tree and dinner for the Ki-Y boys, and members are asked to telephone any needs to the Kiwanis Club, 17153.

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Would Make Pt. Edward "Wild" With Song, But Instead Get "Wild" On Cider

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Sarnia, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy of no fixed abode, who claimed, in the hands of the circuit, to be a concert party, were to give in the Village of Point Edward, that they made the City of Montreal "wild" and intended to repeat history at the lake village on Friday night, but instead will spend the evening

and a few others in the Lambton County jail.

They tried to make Sarnia wild as a preliminary canter, after drinking a mixture of cider and lemon extract and the police took them in charge. Today the man was fined \$25 and costs, and his wife \$10, and as they had not the necessary amount they went to jail. While in the police cell Mrs. McCoy entertained the nearby residents with songs.

FOUND NOT GUILTY IN CHATHAM CASE

Frank Turner Exonerated On
Charge of Assaulting
School Teacher.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 14.—Frank Turner, colored, a resident of Chatham, was found not guilty of one of two charges of assault and doing actual bodily harm at the general sessions of the peace, which were held here yesterday before His Honor Judge Stanworth.

Turner was arrested on suspicion that he was the assailant of a local school teacher, who was severely beaten and maimed when only within a short distance of her home, near the city limits, on Victoria avenue, late on the night of October 30th.

He is also alleged to be the same man who molested a fourteen-year-old girl about 9 o'clock on the same night. Crown Attorney Col. H. D. Smith is acting for the crown, E. MacDonald and O. L. Lewis, K.C., are appearing for the defendant.

The 14-year-old girl gave evidence. Examined by Crown Attorney Smith she testified that on the night of Oct. 30 she was proceeding home, on St. Clair street about 9 o'clock, when she was confronted by a strange man. She claimed that the man seized her by the arm demanding her name. She further stated that the man struck her two or three times.

The girl then told of going to the police headquarters, at the request of Chief Rogers, where she was asked to identify a man arrested by the police. The girl alleged that her assailant was the man in custody now standing trial.

Cross-examined by O. L. Lewis, the girl said she had never seen the man before. The witness related the conversation which passed between her and the man prior to her arrest. She recognized the man's voice when she saw him in police headquarters, she asserted.

AWARD A. C. LYONS \$596 IN \$1,400 SUIT

Brantford Judge Decides
Legality of Promissory
Note Against J. B.
Rouse.

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Brantford, Dec. 14.—Suing for the sum of \$1,400 on a promissory note, A. C. Lyons was awarded \$596 by a judgment of Judge Hardy yesterday afternoon.

Lyons sued J. B. Rouse for the above sum, claiming it was due him on a note. Rouse counter-claimed that the note was merely in the form of accommodation. The case had its beginning in the request of Lyons that Rouse manufacture and install certain machinery, borrowing the money to do so. After having installed the machinery the contract fell through.

The jury's verdict was as follows: "Your jury having carefully considered the evidence, have decided that the note signed by J. B. Rouse is a legal document, but that he is entitled to consideration to the extent of \$800 as compensation for machinery installed on the promise of future goods, leaving a balance due A. C. Lyons of \$596.75."

Lyons was signed by eleven jurors as follows: F. W. Terhune, foreman; M. Marlett, J. Anderson, W. Adams, H. Woodson, W. F. Warner, E. L. Hume, J. H. Hume, Walker, A. C. Whitbread, and F. W. Weldon.

Herbert Taylor, charged with having liquor in an unauthorized place, was found guilty by Magistrate Blake in police court today and fined \$200 and costs. Defence given at previous hearings was that Taylor had home-made wine in the "propose" room at the Grand Opera House, but that it was legal to have wine in any place. Magistrate Blake ruled that it was an unlawful place.