

### G. W. V. A. MATTERS

Proceedings Relative to the Pension Charges.

Arrangements for Repatriation of Canadian Veterans Who Accepted Discharge in England—News of a Soldier Sought.

(By G. W. V. A. News Service)  
Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The evidence on the G. W. V. A. charges against the Board of Pensions Commissioners, presentation of which was started on August 28 before the royal commission at Ottawa, was concluded on the evening of October 10. The G. W. V. A. has been given until October 25 to prepare written argument, based upon the evidence, in support of its charges. This will be placed in the hands of the pension commissioners simultaneously and the latter will have until November 4 to formulate a reply. The royal commission will re-convene on November 13, when the verbal argument of counsel will be heard. The findings of the commission will be given later.

The final eight days of the hearing were occupied in the presentation of individual cases by the G. W. V. A. illustrating points in their contentions that disabled veterans and their dependents had not received the consideration that parliament had intended. The only evidence put in by the pension board was in rebuttal of the allegations as they affected the individual cases. Repatriation of Canadian Veterans.

In compliance with the decision of parliament to offer further assistance in returning to Canada Canadian ex-soldiers who accepted their discharges in England, a repatriation board has been established in Ottawa to decide upon the individual cases as they apply. The board is composed of one representative each from the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, the Department of National Defence and the Department of Immigration and Colonization. To expedite consideration of the cases decisions are to be called to the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London.

Those eligible for the provisions of the order-in-council include any ex-member of the C. E. F. who was discharged in the United Kingdom and has not since returned to Canada; widow, wife and children under eighteen years of age of any man who served in the Canadian Forces; widow, wife and children of men who served in the Imperial forces and who resided in Canada prior to August 4, 1914.

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### BABY GIANT TAPIR JOINS BRONX ZOO

Rarest Animal in the World, and First in Captivity, is on Invalid's Diet.

New York, Oct. 16.—The rarest big animal in the world and the only specimen of its kind that ever has been in captivity was languishing at the Bronx Zoological Gardens yesterday after a hard ocean trip, and may not live to be exhibited to the general public. The animal is known as Baird's giant tapir. The adults reach a weight of 700 or 800 pounds, and the largest animal to be found south of the United States, the only larger natives of the Western Hemisphere being the buffalo and moose.

There are only a few giant tapirs in the world and they are in the densest jungle of the mountainous parts of Panama and Guatemala. Dr. W. T. Hornaday, director of the Bronx Zoo, has sought for ten years to obtain a specimen of the giant tapir. Until a few years ago its existence was unsuspected, this being due to its extreme scarcity and to a fact that it lives in the thickest and most inaccessible mountain jungle regions.

The tapir has no ability to defend itself and can only save itself from mountain lions and jaguars by its ability to hide, and its speed in penetrating jungle.

"No full-grown specimen ever has been caught," said Dr. Hornaday. "The one we have is about eight months old. It was caught by a party of Indian hunters with dogs. The baby tapir was unable to escape. It arrived here much the worse for the hard trip. We have it now in the warmest part of the reptile house and are feeding it on milk, bananas and bread. We are hopeful that it will live. If it survives for two weeks, we will feel it is out of danger. It will not be put on public exhibition before next summer."

"This type, when it arrives at its full size, is enormously larger than the ordinary tapir. It has the long prehensile nose and wedge-shaped head. This head enabled it to bore through the densest jungle. It has no tusks or anything to interfere with its progress through thick interwoven vegetation."

About three years ago one of these animals was killed by David T. Abercrombie, president of the Camp-Fire Club, who presented the skin and head to the National Collection of Hides and Horns. It is the only mounted specimen in existence in this country.

"The tapir lives chiefly on roots, fruit and leaves. It is amphibious and can often escape a mountain lion by taking to water. It is found only in South America, Central America and in smaller areas of the Old World, principally Sumatra and Malacca."

Clarence Fitzpatrick of Upland, Kings county, was taken to the General Public Hospital on Saturday, and it was found necessary to amputate the thumb of his left hand, which had been caught in a saw that he was operating in Upland.

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Four Men, Using Racer's Auto Without Permission, Make 70 Miles an Hour.

New York, Oct. 16.—Traveling seventy miles an hour in Barney Oldfield's car, which had been taken from the garage without his permission, four men came to grief at Riverside Drive and Eighty-ninth street at 5:30 o'clock a. m. when the car struck the curb and crashed into a tree. Joseph Degman of 3 West Ninety-eighth street was killed and three others were injured, sustaining bruises and contusions. The injured were Edward S. O'Donnell of 444 West Twenty-sixth street, Edward McKee of 490 Eleventh avenue, and Joseph O'Dowd of 365 West Twenty-eighth street. They were arrested on a charge of homicide.

O'Dowd limped from the scene before a patrolman reached the wrecked machine, but was arrested later at his home and taken to the West 100th street station. O'Donnell was the most seriously injured. He was taken to Knickerbocker Hospital unconscious and placed under arrest.

The crash occurred when the driver apparently lost control at the curve near the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. The car leaped the sidewalk and almost tore a tree up by the roots. Degman, hurled from his seat by the impact, was picked up dead fifty feet away. O'Donnell and McKee, entangled in the wreckage, were rescued by Patrolmen Ryan and Halligan, whose attention had been attracted by the blowing of police whistles from neighboring windows.

Papers in the car established the fact that the owner was Barney Oldfield, the well-known racing driver. Mr. Oldfield, who is stopping at the Hotel Astor, visited the police station with his friend, Major Monte Stone, and told the police that he did not know how the men got his car from the Midtown garage at Forty-ninth street and Broadway, as he had not given any one but Stone permission to use it.

BOY, DEMANDING FEE AS AUTO GUARD, SHOT

Fighting With Lad in Car, Whose Uncle Appears and is Held for Assault.

New York, Oct. 16.—The attempt of Francis Greene, sixteen years old, of 253 Vandervill avenue, Brooklyn, to get a small fee for watching an automobile resulted in his getting a revolver bullet in his left thigh. Greene was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital and will recover. Glosie De Avanzo, thirty years old, a real estate broker, of 914 Metropolitan avenue, was arrested by Detective Hurling of the Classon avenue station on a charge of felonious assault.

### BURGLAR TORTURES WOMAN WITH FIRE

Burns Her With Cigarette to Compel Her to Tell Where Money is Hidden.

New York, Oct. 16.—Detectives and uniformed patrolmen have been searching the woods around Jamaica for a man who broke into the home of Chauncey Shultz, a patrolman, at 2 Hutton street, near Flushing avenue, and tortured his wife by burning her with a cigarette when she would not tell him where her money was hidden.

Mrs. Shultz was lying down in her bedroom in the afternoon when she heard a sound near her bed and looked up to see a young man, cap pulled down over his ears, and a cigarette in the corner of his mouth, scowling down at her. As she opened her mouth to scream he clamped his hand over it, forcing her back on the bed.

"Shut up, now," he growled. "Tell me where the money is, or I'll kill you." Mrs. Shultz, so frightened that she could hardly whisper, said that there was no money or valuables in the house. She had not been feeling well, and although the burglar was young and of slight physique, she was not strong enough to grapple with him.

"Quit your lying," he said. "Where's the money?" When she again refused to tell him he threw back the bedclothes and then ripped her nightgown from top to bottom. Mrs. Shultz, terrified, covered the side of the bed away from him, and the burglar took his cigarette from his mouth and held it over her.

"Come across, now, or you'll be sorry," he said, holding her down with one hand while he pressed the cigarette close to her skin. Mrs. Shultz was by then incapable of anything but a frightened silence, and the burglar slowly pressed the glowing end of the cigarette against her, holding it while she twisted and tried to get away from the grip of his other hand. It burned a deep and scrawling red scar across her body.

"I'll tell you, stop," Mrs. Shultz said, sobbing with pain and terror, seeking time to form a plan of escape. When the burglar drew back she told him that her money was in the dining room below, and that she would show him if he would let her go. He said he would find it himself, but before he went down he got several of her husband's neckties from a rack and tied her hands and feet with them, leaving her on the bed. Then with a warning not to move or make a sound he went downstairs.

As soon as he had left the room Mrs. Shultz hobbled to a small porch upstairs and called for help. Neighbors heard her and ran towards the house and the burglar dashed out the back door and escaped to the woods near by. When the neighbors entered they found Mrs. Shultz, faint and leaning in pain against the balcony railing, clad only in her torn nightgown.

When the police were notified of the attack upon the wife of a comrade every available detective and patrolman was sent to the house. Deputy Chief Inspector Cahillane, Captain of Detectives Moriarty and Detective Patenaude took charge of the hunt and under their direction squads of men beat the woods in every direction and hunted through the neighborhood streets for a trace of the burglar. Mrs. Shultz was able to give only a general description of the man, so that they had little to guide them.

A knife with which the burglar had threatened Mrs. Shultz was found on the floor of the bedroom. It was about three inches long with a curved handle, and it will be examined for fingerprints. The police say it is of such an unusual shape that they have hope of tracing it. The man got \$10 from Mrs. Shultz's pocket which he found in the dining room, but overlooked several Liberty bonds and \$38 in cash which was in a drawer in her bedroom.

Mrs. Shultz has just retired from the police force after twenty-five years in the department.

AWOKE IN DRUG STORE.

A strange story was told by a Fairville young man yesterday morning to Councillor John T. O'Brien. He said he had awakened suddenly early on Sunday morning and found himself in



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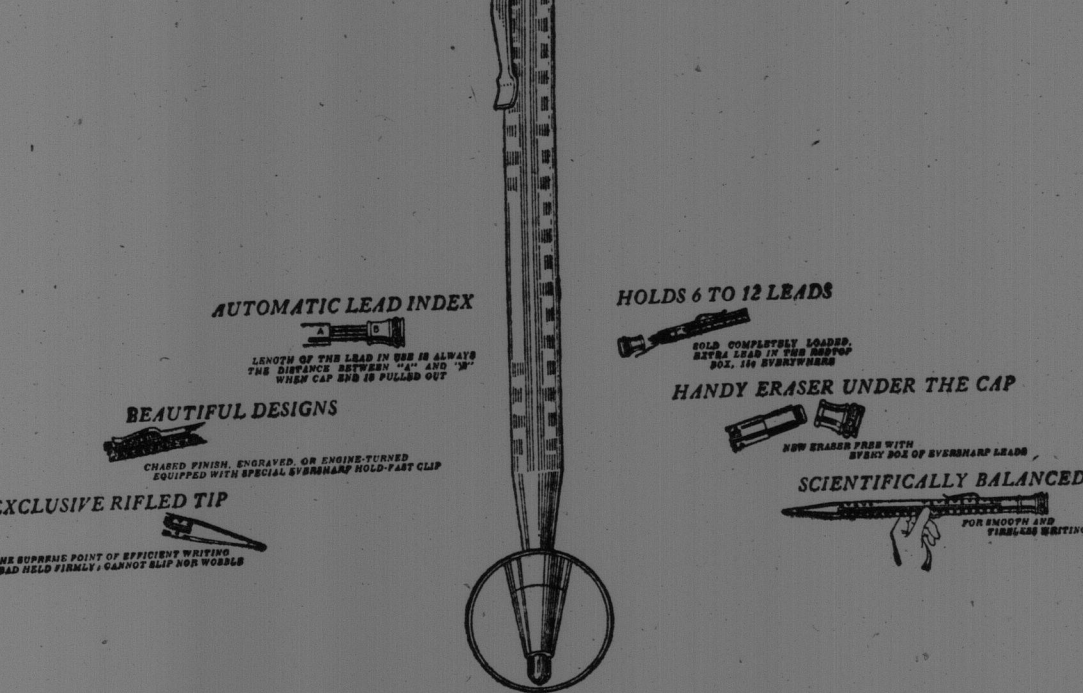
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Glendon H. Allen's drug store in Fairville. He got out into the street and looked for a policeman but being unable to find one went to Councillor O'Brien's house and told his story. This is not the first time Mr. Allen's store has been broken into and the councillor said yesterday that he thought all liquor vendors should take extra precautions and have heavy shutters placed on their windows. A clerk who visited the store yesterday was unable to find anything missing except a few nut bars. It was said that the night policeman in Fairville had gone on his holidays. As investigation may be held.

The annual business meeting of the German street Baptist church Y. M. A. was held last night, and the election of officers took place. The following were elected: president, H. E. McLean; vice-president, Ralph Pales; secretary-treasurer, Stanley Menley; corresponding secretary, Foster Duval; H. E. Hunt and H. C. Gunter were elected to the executive as additional members. The association will hold a banquet at Lock Lomond this week.

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