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The Magistrate's Court

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—

The comments of the Mail and Advocate on the peculiar condition of affairs existing in the Central District Court for some time past have given rise to much discussion since amongst citizens. Many fear that the peripatetic system, so to speak, as applied to this branch of the Judiciary will have a baneful effect on the inherent regard which we, as a people hold for law and order. While predisposing the pro tem judges to laxity, where under normal conditions the strict letter of the law would be observed, many consider it reprehensible that only fines are imposed for certain felonies deserving of far more drastic treatment and that such procedure will have the vicious effect of lessening the respect for and wholesome fear of the law that should prevail.

Recently cases of the most criminal character have been treated in a more or less perfunctory manner and the punishment meted out could not by the widest stretch of the imagination be said to adequately "fit the crime."

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

The police are now busy investigating the robbery at J. J. St. John's store Wednesday night exclusively reported in The Mail and Advocate. Rumor has it also that there is a suspicion of foul play in the burning of the Ingerman homestead, Heavytree Road, also exclusively reported by us, and that the police will give the matter attention also.

THE PROSPERO HERE

The S.S. Prospero, Capt. Joe Keen, arrived here at 1.30 p.m. Thursday from the Westward. She had a good run West except for a storm when at Burin, arrived at Channel Monday night and left Tuesday morning, having a good run to port, brought considerable freight in oil, halibut &c., and some 6 or 7 passengers.

DIED OF INJURIES

Mrs. Maud Bugden who was so severely burnt at her residence, Britannia Cove, as described in an other column, died at the hospital yesterday. She leaves a husband and 3 children, and the body will be sent home to-morrow for burial. The infant the poor woman held in her arms escaped almost by a miracle as the mother placed it on the floor when she found her clothing on fire.

LOST HER SAILS

The barqtn. Dunure, Capt. Connolly, arrived here at 8 p.m. yesterday, molasses laden, to A. S. Rendell & Co., from Barbados after a fair run. She had some stormy weather and on the run from Bahia lost nearly all her sails and refitted at Barbados. Captain and crew are well.

ANOTHER SCHOONER LOST

Mr. LeMessurier of the Customs had a wire yesterday afternoon saying that the schr. George Rose of Grand Bank, 79 tons, is a total wreck at Rose Blanche Harbor. She drove ashore yesterday morning in the gale. The crew were saved. She had 600 qts. fish on board which will be a total loss. They do not expect to save anything of the schooner or gear.

We have been informed by the Premier's office that Hon. Edgar Bowring, has on behalf of the Nfld. Government completed a charter to have the "Alceda" and another steamer bring 12,000 tons of salt during the spring.

DEATH

BURTON.—This morning, after a long illness, Matilda, loving wife of Robert Burton, leaving husband and one daughter to mourn their sad loss.

May Appeal to Privy Council

Government Wins Case Against Baird Estate—Chief Justice and Justice Johnson Agree that Act Was Retrospective and Enter Judgment Accordingly

This is an exceedingly important case under the Death Duties Act. The Crown side of the case was in charge of the Attorney General in person, R. A. Squires, K.C., and Mr. M. W. Furlong, K.C. After the passing of the first Death Duties Act and before the passing of last year's amendment, Hon. James Baird conveyed to his children the bulk of his estate. The Crown contended that the Death Duties Amendment Act which provided that the Death Duties Act covered conveyances made 3 years prior to the death of the deceased was retrospective, and that Baird's conveyance to his children was no good for the purpose of defeating the Government from collecting the estate duty. The Baird Estate was represented by Mr. Morine, K.C., and Mr. H. E. Knight. During Mr. Furlong's illness the case was adjourned several times and after his death it was considered before the Full Bench. Morine, K.C., for Baird, and Squires, K.C., for the Crown. The last step was taken with the examination of Mr. D. Baird who admitted on cross examination by Mr. Squires that the conveyance by his father was made for the express purpose of preventing the Crown from collecting the duty on the greater portion of his father's estate. The Chief Justice gave judgment this morning in favor of the Attorney General and stated that in the opinion of the Court the Act was retrospective and covered the entire estate. Mr. Squires then moved that costs of the proceedings be given against Baird on which the Chief Justice and Justice Johnson concurred. It would not be surprising if Bairds do not take the case to the Privy Council as it is rumored it involves some \$60,000.

In the Police Court to-day before Mr. Hutchings, K.C., three drunks were discharged and a fourth was fined \$5 or 14 days.

Says Von Tripitz Has Become Mad

LONDON, March 18.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its correspondent at Milan: "The Italian press hints that the reason for the retirement of Von Tripitz was that the Admiral had become mad and advocated the sinking of every ship on the high seas, regardless of whether they are belonging to belligerents or neutrals. This point seems to be borne out by the sinking of the Tutanlia, which was effected before new instructions could be sent to submarine commanders by Admiral Von Capelle."

Swede Liner Damaged

THE HAGUE, Mar. 18.—The Swedish steamer Ask has been damaged near Noordhinder Lightship and is now being towed into port by the Norwegian steamer Liesboth.

The Ask is 1,041 tons, and her home port is Stockholm.

"Kanawha" Sunk

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—News has been received in this city late to-day that the steamer Kanawha, bound from New York for Rio Janeiro, by way of Norfolk, Va., was sunk. A boat load of sailors from the ship was picked up by the steamer Santa Martha.

A wireless message from the Santa Martha received by the United Fruit Co., brought the news of the disaster. The message said the Santa Martha rescued 21 members of the crew. Another boat load of Kanawha sailors, consisting of the third officer and seven men, was still missing when the Santa Martha reported, but it was said the steamer was continuing the search for the missing.

The Kanawha sailed from Rio Janeiro, with coal. She is a steel steamer of 2,182 tons gross, owned by L. Powell, New Orleans.

ADVERTISE IN
THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

TO-DAY, SATURDAY, AT THE NICKEL.

"THE WAR O' DREAMS."

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War Messages.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Official).—Today there has been considerable artillery activity south and north-east of Loos and some shelling by both sides south-east of Ypres.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—A British official on the campaign on the western zone reads:

"Last night the enemy made a feeble demonstration with bombers near the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Today we sprang mines south-west of Loos with good effect. There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides about Loos and Ypres."

FRENCH

PARIS, Mar. 17.—The official this afternoon says:

"To the west of the Meuse the bombardment diminished last night in the region of Bethincourt and Cumieres. After a bloody check to the attack of yesterday, the enemy has not resumed his movement on Mort Homme."

"To the east of the Meuse a recrudescence of the bombardment was followed at 8 o'clock last night by a series of very violent offensive actions, directed against our positions at the village and Port of Vaux. Five successive attacks in large numbers were delivered by the Germans in this region, but without success. Two of them were against the village of Vaux two others against the slopes leading up to the fort, and the fifth was an effort to emerge from a protected roadway to the south-east of the village of Vaux. Everyone of these attacks were broken by our curtains of fire, and the fire of our machine guns cost the enemy heavily."

PARIS, Mar. 17.—Another very strong German attack was delivered this afternoon against the French positions at Le Mort Homme in the Verdun region, but the assaulting forces were driven back in the direction of Corbeax Woods where according to an official statement issued by the War Office to-night, the concentrated fire of the French guns inflicted heavy losses on them. No infantry attacks took place to-day on the right bank of the Meuse.

Expect News of Polar Expedition

LONDON, Mar. 18.—British geographical circles are expecting momentarily news of the return to an Australian port of Lieut. Shackleton's South Polar Expedition. The last communication from the expedition was received over a year ago when the ship "Endurance" sailed from South George for the ice regions. The object of the expedition is to cross the Polar Continent from Weddell Sea to Ross Sea, about 1,700 miles which Lieut. Shackleton estimated would take about four months. The explorer would start for home at the beginning of November, 1915, after touching at the South Pole.

Pope Holds Audience With Serb Premier

ROME, Mar. 18.—Pope Benedict today gave a private audience to N. P. Pachitch, the Serbian Premier. The Pope takes a deep interest in the misfortunes of Serbia and expresses the hope that better days will soon come for that unhappy nation.

Lisbon Populace Sing Marsaillaise

PARIS, Mar. 17.—The interests of Austria in Portugal have been conceded to the Spanish Minister at Lisbon.

Three British Airmen Killed

LONDON, Mar. 18.—Three British airmen, Lieuts. Johnstone, Beaumont and Laidlaw, were killed yesterday in accidents while on experimental flights.

Struck a Mine

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 18.—It has been confirmed that the Swedish steamer Martha, which was lost near Falsterbo a fortnight, was sunk by a German mine inside Swedish territorial waters.

THE CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.

A HAM AND BUD COMEDY TO-DAY.
"ARRAH-NA-POQUE,"
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"LOVES WAY,"
A Vitagraph Drama. After many hard knocks, love redeems Rand, makes a man of him and fills his father's heart with pride; featuring Edith Story and Antoni Mareno.
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND PARTNERSHIP!
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A salesman will be on the road shortly with a model showing how covering is made and worked, from whom a license can be obtained for its use. This man will also visit the Northern Districts soon as navigation opens. For further particulars as to cost, etc., write on station.
P. F. DELANEY (Patentee) Station Agent, Spaniard's Bay.

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