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Six Old Firemen Have Received Invitation to Return 49 Majority For the Drury Government On the First Show Down

Prosecution in Teiper Murder Case Shows Accused Was in Trouble as Regards Finances at the Fatal Time

Mr. Moore, the Prosecutor, Shows That Teiper Was Threatened With Loss of Plant—His Brother Was on Stand Yesterday at the Trial in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, April 15.—The defense in the case of John Edward Teiper accused of murdering his mother and brother to improve his finance, will be open in the supreme court until Monday. Justice Harry F. Taylor made this announcement at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at which time he granted a motion for adjournment until this morning. The motion was made by District Attorney Guy B. Moore.

Mr. Clinton requested that the defense be permitted to open its case on Monday.

Point for Prosecution

The prosecution scored yesterday through the testimony of Dr. Edward J. Meyer, consulting surgeon to all but one of Buffalo's hospitals, and Joseph C. Whitwell, fingerprint expert of the Buffalo police department.

Dr. Meyer testified that it was not probable that the defendant was rendered unconscious by the blow he was struck on the night his mother and brother was murdered. The defense has claimed that Teiper was knocked senseless after seeing his brother fall and knew nothing of the fate of his mother, sister and brother until he regained consciousness some 15 minutes later. Teiper alleged that highwaymen were responsible for it all, and that it was one of the highwaymen who attacked him.

Whitwell swore that the marks on the collar worn by Teiper that night were in his opinion made by a man's right hand. The defense has contended they were made by a left hand. This would support Teiper's story of (Continued on page 8)

This County Will Have First Highway Contract

The provincial highways department is asking for tenders for the first three and a half miles of the new provincial highway to be constructed in Ontario. The area to be first completed will be from Beamsville to Vineland, connecting up with the three miles of tarvia pavement laid some four years ago by the county of Lincoln between Vineland and Jordan. The department is calling for a bituminous four-inch macadam pavement. The plans and specifications for this highway are now at the office of the resident engineer. It is hardly possible that construction will commence in earnest until after May 5.

Other Places Are Interested In Clarence Brown, Who Is Under Arrest in City

He is Accused of Fraud in Welland—Got Away From a Constable in Hagersville—Denies That He Went Under the Name of Pritchard.

The police are receiving enquiries from the police of other cities about Clarence Brown, a young man arrested here and who has pleaded guilty to buying goods on the instalment plan and then selling them. He is wanted in Welland on a charge of fraud and enquiries have also been made about him by the Immigration Department at Ottawa.

Several months ago Brown was rested at Hagersville at the request of the St. Catharines police, but when he was being taken to the town cells in a cutter he rolled the aged constable out into the snow and escaped.

In Welland, Brown went under the name of Albert Bruce Pritchard, but when asked by Magistrate Campbell in police court today if he had ever gone under the name of Pritchard he denied it.

Brown told the magistrate he had made restitution of goods stolen in this city and also some he stole in Brantford. Here he bought a gramophone and sold it, and when he left his boarding house he carried away also a suit of clothes and \$11.

His finger prints have been taken and they will be sent away to see if any other places want him. Brown is a fast worker. He only got back from overseas last July.

Courtneys Left \$45,000 Estate; No Wills Found

Death Upsets Plans of Brothers Who Died Within Few Hours of Each Other at Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., April 15.—According to papers filed to-day with Charles Hickey, surrogate judge, at the court house here, John and James Courtney the brothers who died within a few hours of each other two weeks ago, left an estate valued at \$45,000. For years the brothers lived frugally in a little frame building behind an imposing brick block owned by them at No. 318 Niagara street.

Application was made to the surrogate today by A. W. Woods, of Ferry avenue for letters of administration. He was the closest friend of the two men and his application was made at the request of surviving relatives. A search of the brothers' effects failed to disclose any will although a reciprocal deed executed by them several years ago was found in which they transferred all their respective holdings to one another. This action was taken by them instead of making wills. Each believed the other would outlive him, but their deaths within a few hours of each other upset their plans.

George M. Tuttle, attorney retained by the heirs, said today that the heirs consisted of a half-brother, Stephen Courtney, and six nephews and nieces all of Toronto, Ont. The six nephews and nieces are the children of Edward Courtney, a brother who died several years ago.

The estate consists of \$21,000 deposited in amounts of \$3,000 each in seven banks in Western New York; \$4,000 in deposits of money and Liberty bonds in banks in this city, and the business block in Niagara street which is valued at \$20,000. Judge Hickey will give a decision on the petition for letters of administration early in May.

Six of the Old Firemen Are Invited By Letter to Return to Their Jobs

They Will Be Given Until To-morrow Night to Decide—Situation Remains Unchanged and Public Seems to Be Losing Interest—No Alarms Last Night.

So far none of these six men of the old fire brigade who were invited to return to work have responded to Ald. Poses' invitation he said this morning.

He wrote each man a personal letter yesterday, giving them until Friday night to decide.

On Saturday six men will be selected from the applicants already in it is understood.

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The public seems to be rapidly losing interest in the controversy and little is heard about it though last week there was scarcely any other topic of conversation in the city yesterday, giving them until Friday night to decide.

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Drury Government Has a Plurality of 49 When the First Division Is Taken

Ontario's Farmer-Labor Government had its first showdown of power last night. When all the votes were recorded the Government had a majority of 49. During the afternoon and early evening the Conservatives put up a fight against the bill which reduces the qualification of candidates for municipal office. Half a dozen of them spoke against the bill, and a motion for a six months' hoist was proposed by Charles McCrea, Sudbury.

No group in the house voted solidly except Labor. Even the Conservatives had their bolter, and John Joynt, North Huron, a farmer, voted with the Government members. I. W. Okc former member for East Lambton, was the only one on the right of the Speaker to vote with the Conservative group. Five Liberals also voted for the hoist.

There was little excitement, as the Government was assured of a majority from the start of the discussion. Most Liberal members were favorable and said so. However, it was a unique affair. It was the first time that three Whips had walked together up the floor of the House. For the great majority of members it was the first vote they had ever registered in a House of Parliament.

Probability the H. J. C. Will Not Be Able to Pay Big Tax of Government

HAMILTON, April 15.—Reading turfmen in the province are practically unanimous in the opinion that if the tax on race tracks announced by the Hon. Peter Smith Tuesday if enforced it will no longer pay to operate the clubs. "It is too great a burden," said George Kerr, K. C., president of the Hamilton Jockey Club, when spoken to on the matter yesterday, "and unless the tax is cut considerably it will mean the closing of the Hamilton track. In my opinion," he continued, "it is a move on the part of the Attorney-General and the Government to close the tracks."

Previous to the closing down of the tracks on account of the war the tax paid to the Government was \$1,250 per day which means an increase of \$8,750 per day if the new tax is enforced. The \$10,000 tax, however is only on mile tracks, but the half milers have been hit real hard also as they will be forced to pay \$5,000 per day under the new ruling.

Many Workmen Had To Dig Their Own Graves Before Being Killed

LONDON, April 15.—The following has been received by the London Herald correspondent in Essen:

The situation in Essen is serious. The reichswehr has ridden roughshod over the workmen. The first days after their arrival they arrested and beat hundreds of people merely because they looked like workmen. Two men were brutally shot at Essen and Rathaus without trial. In Altessen they turned the machine guns loose with recklessness. Hundreds of people are in prison in Essen. The people in the neighborhood have heard the rattle of the musketry of firing squads.

"Today I spoke to workmen in trams who had been wantonly beaten up by the troops. There has been a house-to-house search in the course of which many persons were assaulted. All day today people were still being led through the streets by soldiers to jail. Similar or worse conditions prevail in Mulheim, Dinslaken and Duisburg and other factory towns. In Mulheim the report that 25 men were shot is true. They were former reds left behind as police to maintain order."

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Beer Agent On His Trial Charged With Withholding Money Belonging to Firm

A Dorven Moore, who acted as agent in this city for Labatt's brewery, London, was charged with theft in police court today. He was represented by T. J. McCarron and Crown Attorney Brennan prosecuted. Moore's thefts were alleged to be \$1,292.

Arthur Sheahan who carries on a soft drink business on Pelham street, had bought a case of Labatt's beer from Moore. He did not get receipts, always paying cash.

Mr. Chesshire, of the Maple Leaf restaurant also bought Labatt's goods from Moore. He produced receipts for \$1,000, October and \$85 on August 14. He said he owed Labatt's nothing.

Labatt's bookkeeper testified that Moore had acted as their agent from May 1 to the middle of October last. He said the goods were shipped to Moore here and that the money he collected was to be deposited to the company's credit in the bank here. He had received his commission weekly by cheque from the London office.

Invoices for numerous sales were produced in which it was shown that while the customers had paid cash Moore had written them down as charged, in the copy of the invoice returned to the company.

The case is still going on this afternoon.

General Sports Committee of C. of C. Will Co-operate With Local Organizations

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a General Sports Committee to co-operate with local organizations to promote sports in St. Catharines. Major H. V. Gould has been appointed chairman of this committee and is calling a meeting of the committee for Friday evening, at 7.30, at the Chamber of Commerce offices to discuss what can be done to insure a full program of sports for the coming season and to appoint sub-committees to take up the interest of the various branches of sports.

There is no lack of good material in St. Catharines, and with its natural advantages and a number of good sportsmen representative of every branch of sport, it is just a matter of awakening interest and getting properly organized, and St. Catharines will be back in its old place as one of the leaders in every line of sport.

The committee is anxious to get in touch with everyone interested in any line of sport and will greatly appreciate the assistance and co-operation of anyone who is ready and willing to help. The following is a list of the committee: H. V. Gould, chairman, R. N. Adie, W. A. Anderson, A. L. Bishop, G. Bowman, H. Carmichael, H. L. Cummings, Fred Graves, H. Griffiths, H. Heath, T. J. Jackson, Capt. A. H. Malcolmson, B. B. Manning, F. W. Martin, H. J. McAvoy, F. J. McIlwain, A. R. MacDonald, Major I. McSloy, A. H. Ness, and J. D. Wright.

Burgess' Bowlers and the Whitman and Barnes Team Out For City Championship

Considerable interest is being evinced in local bowling circles these days in view of the fact that the Whitman & Barnes team, which made a favorable impression at Peoria, Ill., and Chicago, have accepted the challenge issued by Capt. Burgess on behalf of the city A. B. C. team.

The Challenge

The Garden City's hereby issue a challenge to the Whitman & Barnes or any other five man team that think they can bowl for a series of five games for \$50 or upwards. Here they are: Augerman, Adams, Burgess, Mayer and Secord. E. Burgess, Capt.

The Acceptance

Hardly had an evening passed by when Sam Kearns beat it for the plant and after a short conference the following letter was sent, accepting the challenge.

Mr. E. Burgess, Capt.
Garden City Bowling Team
Dear Sir:

We hereby accept your challenge to a five-game bowling contest for the consideration of \$300 per side. The games to be played on outside alleys, dates etc. to be agreed upon later.

Whitman & Barnes Bowling Team
F. E. Purdy, Capt.
Likely at Buffalo

Now that the challenge has been accepted, and the Whitman & Barnes desire to roll on outside alleys, it is altogether likely these games will be rolled at Buffalo one week from Saturday.

Capt. Burgess, when seen last night stated his team would prefer going to Buffalo, remarking, "Let us get to the best alleys possible for this contest."

A Card Received

Burgess has received a post card which he believes was written in Lincoln Park, Chicago, which he believes was written by Sam Kearns bearing the following: "Recall the old-time saying that two can live as cheap as one; true enough before the war, not since we licked the Hun Rave not to mee of heroes who have braved the alleys to battle; my brass medal goes to the man who wields a rattle."

Jimmy Noonan, of the Marathon Tire Factory, one of the best known bowling sportsmen in the city is leaving the end of this week for East Palestine, U. S., where he has accepted a responsible position as foreman in a large tire factory there. He will be greatly missed at the local alleys. Jimmy was a member of last year's city ten-pin team which took part in the American Bowling Congress held at Toledo, Ohio.

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