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Action Against Brantford Police Opened To-Day

POLICE TRIAL OPENED IN SIMCOE THIS AFTERNOON

Only Seven Residents of Town on Jury Panel.

Forty-Eight Called, But Majority are Farmers.

Simcoe is Curious as to What It's All About.

(From Courier Staff Correspondent) SIMCOE, Ont., April 15.—The Holmedale case opens here at 1 o'clock this afternoon, as the result of a change of venue from Brantford.

Contrary to expectation, none of the principals arrived here last evening.

Inquiry among the residents of the place resulted in diverse statements. In some cases there has been anticipation regarding the investigation. In other instances citizens averred they were not aware that any such case was to be ventilated, while still another prominent man made the statement that the feeling, as far as he knew, was merely one of curiosity.

At the Battersby House Mr. Justice Latchford, who tries the case, is staying and the defendants occupy seven rooms, including accommodation for themselves and counsel.

The inquiry takes place in the Court House, a commodious little structure, capable of seating about four hundred people. The sheriff, Dr. Smider, has everything in readiness and anticipates quiet sessions.

The jury panel includes the names of 48 men—seven residents of the town and the balance farmers living in the country. It is believed that there may be a good deal of jury challenging on the part of both sides, and as proceedings are not likely to commence much before 1.30, a late start is anticipated.

The witnesses are not numerous, but the addresses of judge and counsel are expected to be somewhat lengthy.

Jury Picked.
At 1.15, when the court convened, there were about 60 people in attendance; most of them were on the jury panel.

Godfrey, in behalf of the plaintiff, announced that he applied for Mr. Robinette, and Mr. (Continued on Page 4)



THOS. BOYLAN. One of the Constables arrested to have made the arrest.

HISTORY OF CASE

The history of the Holmedale case is well known to Brantfordites. Last fall Mr. Ernie Walsh, a Holmedale grocer, discovered the body of a new-born infant in the Grand river off West Mill street. An inquest was called, but revealed nothing. The police were called, and on the case, and finally Officers Chapman and Boylan paid a visit to the Slingsby mill in the Holmedale to question Gladys Meredith. It is alleged that the foreman, who had known of the girl's regular attendance at work, protested against the police taking her. Miss Meredith, it is alleged, was taken to the police station, and later to a doctor's office, where an examination ensued. Dr. Ashton, who acted in an announcement made some months ago, stated that the girl had requested a certificate of her character, which he readily granted. It is claimed that the girl acted voluntarily in the matter of the examination with her aunt, who accompanied her. At any rate, it is alleged that she was arrested without warrant by the police.

Following the news of the affair, on two occasions there were outbreaks against the police on the street when ordinary arrests of disorderlies were being made. The trial is the culmination of the entire affair, \$10,000 damages being sought by the plaintiff.

"Disgraceful Conduct" Say Alderman About An Unknown Contrefere

The lid will soon be lifted! This announcement was made today relative to the proposed inquiry into Board of Works matters. The Mayor and Ald. Suddaby stated this morning what was doing. It is interesting to note the comment around the aldermanic board last night relative to the charges of graft, etc., insidiously made in a hit-and-miss sort of way against employees and officials. Some of the aldermen expressed themselves as follows:

Ald. McEwen: "I was surprised to see such a statement from an alderman in the Expositor, which contained a wholesale charge against civic officials. The alderman who gave out that information ought to be ashamed of himself."

Ald. Spence: "It was a most outrageous thing for information like that to be handed out, and an outrageous thing to publish it. If there was anything in it, it was a case of undoing things; if there was nothing in it, it was an insult to every man employed in the department."

Ald. Minshall: "I'll resign from the Council to-night if it can be shown that I gave out the information."

Then followed a discussion, during which the Mayor told Ald. Suddaby to call his committee together, and there would be a letter making certain allegations.

The question is, Who was the alderman that piped the story? Mayhap the Board of Works meeting may reveal his identity.

Aviator Buys Brantford Car

Glen Curtis, America's celebrated aviator, has bought a Keeton motor car, an exact duplicate to the cars which are now being turned out in the Brantford factory. As an aeroplane artist Mr. Curtis is a mechanic who knows a good machine when he sees one. The style and make-up of the Keeton car was subjected to a thorough examination by the aviator, and he decided to have one. Directors of the Keeton Co. propose to make an advertising feature out of Curtis' purchase.

POPE PIUS IS ANGRY AT DOCTOR

Calls Him Tyrant To-Day and Asks For Sunshine.

Patient is Improved and is Sitting Up.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

ROME, April 15.—The clearing up of the weather to-day, which was bright and sunny although cold, is taken here as a hopeful augury for the recovery of the Pope who himself became cheerful when his attendant drew the blinds this morning, the sunshine streaming into the room. Father Parolin, the Pope's nephew came into the bed chamber immediately afterward and helped his uncle through his morning toilet. He then gave him his first restorative, consisting of a cup of weak coffee and milk, the change from eggs and milk being greatly appreciated by the Pope, who repeated several times, "this reminds me of old times."

Father Parolin then called his uncle with Mr. Bressan, his private secretary and went to the telephone to give his aunts, the Pope's sisters, the satisfactory morning report.

In the meantime Dr. Andrea Amici notified Prof. Marchiafava of the Pontiff's condition.

Father Parolin who has installed himself in a small room in the Vatican adjoining the Pope's apartments did not even undress during the night in order that he should be able to watch the patient closely. He declared this morning that the Pope had suffered from only three coughing spells from midnight till morning and that the cough was much looser and caused less discomfort. His pulse, he said, was stronger and his respiration more regular.

When Prof. Marchiafava appeared the Pope was so cheerful that he joked with the physician in the same way as he was accustomed to do before his relapse. He congratulated the professor on the realization of his prediction in regard to his amelioration, whereupon Prof. Marchiafava answered: "I will make another prediction. You will have a further relapse if you behave impudently, and if you do not patiently fulfill the doctor's commands."

At the request of the Pope, who had said frequently that he could not stand remaining in bed which renders him nervous, agitated and weak, Prof. Marchiafava authorized the pontiff to get up while his bed was being made, but would not allow him to walk.

At 11 o'clock the Pope was assisted from his bed and removed to an armchair close by. He had been there only a few minutes when he showed signs of dissatisfaction and began sighing. He finally said: "That tyrant Marchiafava forbids me to walk. At least carry me to the window so that I may enjoy the sun."

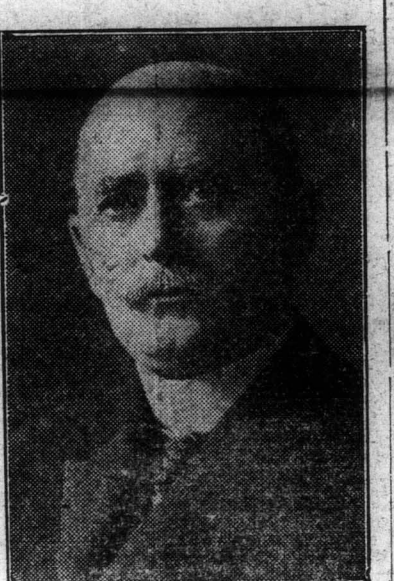
This was done immediately to the great delight of the Pope.

At noon the Pontiff took some chicken jelly which seemed to refresh him greatly.

Early Bulletin.

ROME, April 15.—The Pope's condition appeared to be practically unchanged to-day. The morning bulletin issued by the Papal physicians, Prof. Ettore Marchiafava and Dr. Andrea Amici, was as follows: "The holy father was again without fever this morning; his temperature (Continued on Page 7)

Figures of Interest in Police Trial



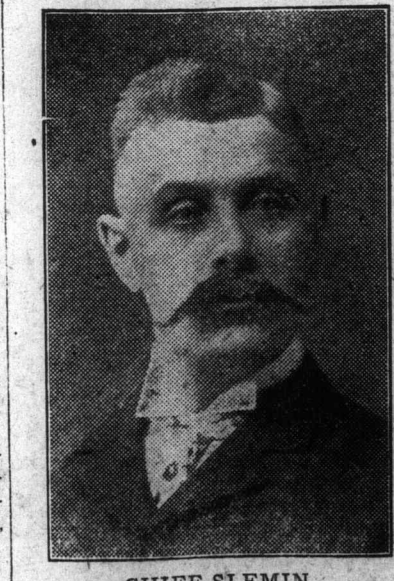
JUSTICE LATCHFORD. Who is presiding at the Police Case in Simcoe.



T. C. ROBINETTE. Recognized as leading criminal lawyer of Canada, whose advice was secured for the plaintiff.



GLADYS MEREDITH. Who is Plaintiff for damages against the police for alleged false arrest and wrongful examination.



CHIEF SLEMM. One of the Defendants named in the Trial.

Loft Building A Sure Thing

The new syndicate for the erection of a loft factory building in Brantford for use by infant industries is reported to be a sure go. It is understood that Messrs. Joseph Ruddy, Joseph Ham, J. S. Dowling, R. E. Ryerson, F. W. Ryerson and others are interested. Three properties for the erection of a big industrial building are under consideration, and it is expected that a deal will be closed very shortly and plans for a suitable building to accommodate several industries drawn up.

BULLETIN ON LABOR IN CANADA

Wholesale Prices A Little Higher Than Last Year.

There Were Fewer Strikes During Month of March.

OTTAWA, April 15.—Wholesale prices in Canada in March were of the same general level as in February, and only a little higher than in March last year. The Department of Labor's index number stood at 135.5 for March, compared with 135.4 in February and 134.8 in March, 1912. These numbers are percentages of the average price level of 272 commodities during the decade, 1800-1810. A considerable decline in coke was offset by advances in furniture and carriages. The feature of the month occurred in animals and meat, boots and shoes, iron and steel bars, picks, crowbars, etc., gasoline and coal, and lumber. Decreases were reported in grains and fodders, dairy products, fresh vegetables, brass, copper, silver and zinc lined oil, and rubber. The feature of the month in retail prices was the general decline in eggs, and numerous advances in meats in Eastern Canada.

Fewer Strikes During March
Industrial conditions were not very seriously affected by trade disputes during March, an improvement being evident as compared with the preceding month, while conditions were much the same as during the corresponding month of last year. (Continued on Page 4)

PROBS.
TORONTO, April 15.—Pressure continues low along the United States Atlantic coast. It is also low in the Northwest. The weather is fine throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS:
Moderate winds, fine to-day and on Wednesday with no decided change in temperature.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Tuesday, April 15.—The greatest light opera organization in the world, the Do Koven Opera Co. (Daniel V. Arthur, Mgr.), presents the greatest of all comic operas, "ROBIN HOOD," with the most wonderful cast of grand opera stars ever assembled for comic opera—BESSIE ABBOTT, Henriette Wakefield, Francis Lieb, Anna Bussert, Hallan Moxton, Herbert Waterous, Mischa Firzeno, Sylvia Van Dyck, Anna Boyd, and Walter Hyde, with special grand opera orchestra. There are 110 artists, many of them grand opera stars, in this superb company. Prices: 14 rows, \$2 & 8 rows, \$1.50; balcony, \$1.50 and \$1; gallery, 3 rows reserved, 75c; balcony, 50c. Seats Saturday. Positively no free list.

Saturday, April 19.—By special arrangement with Chas. Frohman, the big London and New York comedy success, "PASSERS BY," by C. Hadson Chambers. The play begins when Peter Waverton, rich and well-born, invites the cabman and the derelict to his apartment, largely for his own entertainment; and then the "Woman" drifts in—the "Woman" who loved Peter and wandered away in the long ago, and next comes the boy, the beautiful boy, living evidence of that love. Come and see how it works out. An all-English company. Prices: 25c to \$1.50. Seats Thursday.

MISS MEREDITH CONFIDENT IN JUSTICE OF HER CASE



DETECTIVE CHAPMAN. Defendant in the Case, Alleged to have made the Arrest.

OVER THIRD ARE ON STRIKE

Belgium Is Facing Serious Industrial Crisis.

(Canadian Press Despatch) BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 15.—Over a third of the total number of workmen in Belgium have struck work and joined in the Socialist protest against the system of plural voting, which effectually prevents them obtaining a majority at the polls and which has permitted the clerical party to remain in power for the past twenty years.

Virtually complete figures gathered from all provinces except Antwerp and West Flanders show that there was a total of 250,000 strikers this morning, and the estimates from Antwerp and West Flanders, where the Socialists are weakest, indicate that there are another 14,000 strikers making in all 270,000 men who have quit in the entire country. The Socialists, however, assert that the total reaches 350,000, while the Clericals and the Government say they number 120,000.

Despite the fact that many of the laborers are idle, there is no violence and tranquility reigns everywhere, except that three or four men have been arrested for interfering with non-strikers. The strikers are evidently determined to respect the decision of their leaders that the strike shall be one of folded arms and not "raised fists."

Temperance Campaign Planned as Announced In Courier Weeks Ago

Some weeks ago the Courier had an announcement pertaining to temperance plans in Brantford. It was followed up by barefaced denials from the Expositor. Here is what has ensued:

The Citizens' League held an organization meeting in the parlors of Wellington Street Church last evening. The meeting was called to ascertain the opinions of the members regarding the entering of another temperance campaign. Mr. C. F. Verity, ex-president of the League, officiated as chairman, and Mr. E. Danby acted as secretary pro tem.

A general discussion took place, the majority favoring the plan of not contesting the aldermanic seats. It was considered that the present Board of Aldermen would be in favor of submitting local option to the people if properly petitioned to do so.

A resolution was unanimously carried to enter into a temperance campaign, the form of campaign to be discussed at a later meeting.

The courses open are: (1) Reduction of licenses, (2) Canada Temperance Act, (3) Local Option.

Mr. C. F. Verity resigned the presidency, and A. L. Baird, K.C., was elected chairman pro tem. The meeting was then adjourned, to meet at the Y.M.C.A. Monday night next, when representatives of all the churches, Salvation Army and Royal Templars of Temperance will be present.

Interview With Courier Representative To-Day.

Plaintiff, With Her Aunt Arrived Last Night.

Godfrey Takes Robinette's Place as Counsel.

(From Courier Staff Correspondent) SIMCOE, April 15.—It appears that Miss Meredith, with her aunt, Mrs. Emby, and Mr. Kyte, who has taken the leading part in working up this case, did arrive in the town last night. They got off the train so quietly that those on the watch failed to notice them. All three are located at the Cameron House.

The Courier representative this morning met Mrs. Emby and Miss Meredith as they were leaving the hotel for a walk. In response to inquiries, Miss Meredith replied, "I am feeling fine, thank you, and quite confident in the justice of my case."

Instead of Mr. Robinette, Mr. Godfrey, a member of that firm, is here for the prosecution.

Six special constables have been sworn in to keep the order of the court.

It is announced by the friends of the plaintiff that if the jury disagree there are enough funds on hand to carry the matter through to another trial.

See Later Edition for Police Case

Chief of Police Arrested. EDMONTON, April 15.—Chief of Police Gibson, in the town of Edson, has been arrested on a charge of maltreating a citizen while taking the latter into custody and the case is to be investigated by a judge of the district court. Chief Gibson is the third chief Edson has had in three months. Alexander, whom he arrested on Saturday, made his escape and afterwards brought a charge of using unnecessary violence.

If it Happened it is in "THE COURIER;" If it is in "THE COURIER" it Happened.