

THOMAS MATHERS OF PARKHILL FREED BY COUNTY COURT JURY

Verdict of "Not Guilty" Given in Three Cases Here.

All three men charged with criminal offences at the county court sessions held before Judge Talbot Macbeth have been acquitted. Thursday afternoon W. J. Hewitt, former night depot agent of the Canadian Express Company in London, was freed on the charge of stealing three diamonds, rings and yesterday afternoon the jury found Thomas Mather of Parkhill not guilty of the charges of theft. While a local young man who was believed to be implicated in the Taylor Drug Company robbery early Sunday morning last was also allowed to go.

In the Mather case the jury was out for two hours, and could not agree. They reported to the judge, who sent them back to talk the case over again. In half an hour they returned with the above verdict.

In the robbery case Judge Macbeth handed out some good advice to the young man whose comrades were convicted in police court last Monday. "I think the jury has been very lenient with you," declared the judge. "I will give you some good advice. You are a young man who has had a criminal record or any taint of evil, and you had better be careful. Don't be hanging around the streets all hours of the night."

SASKATCHEWAN IS NOT SATISFIED WITH RESULT OF OTTAWA CONFERENCE

REGINA, Dec. 6.—The second session of the fourth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan was formally opened here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dealing with the recent conference at Ottawa in regard to the natural resources, the speech from the throne said: "I regret that the outcome of the discussion was not as favorable as my ministers had anticipated, and the rights of the province in this regard as set out from time to time in various resolutions of the assembly. Nevertheless, I am still hopeful that a satisfactory solution will be reached. I am sure that the opportunity during the course of this session to make you fully acquainted with the present state of the matter and confer with you as to what further steps should be taken to press this question to a final equitable settlement."

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MADAME E. H. PEACOCK, DETROIT SOPRANO, TO GIVE RECITAL HERE

Madame Eleanor Hazard Peacock, dramatic soprano of Detroit, who has delighted audiences on several occasions in this city, and has many warm admirers and friends here, is giving a recital on Tuesday evening next, December 10, at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium under the auspices of the Woman's Music Club.

Madame Peacock's program on this occasion will include a novel feature, the recital of several children's songs and stories. Some years ago a London, England, correspondent for the Chicago Music News wrote following a recital given in Stewinway Hall, London by Madame Peacock: "Miss Eleanor Hazard Peacock, that delicious artist and great interpreter, brought a new note to the London season by her recital, which consisted of her arrangement of children's songs and stories."

As a special treat for the London Woman's Music Club and other music lovers of the city, Madame Peacock is bringing with her Georgia Richardson Baskerville, a brilliant pianist who has appeared with the leading orchestras, and in the principal cities of the world.

The concert, which is included in the season's course for music club members, promises to be one of the most artistic given in many a day in London. A number of seats are available for non-members of the club.

BRITISH WARSHIP HITS MINE AND SINKS; 11 OF CREW ARE MISSING

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Eleven men are missing as a result of the British warship Cassandra coming into contact with a mine in the Baltic Sea last Wednesday. Torpedoed destroyers rescued the remainder of the crew.

The vessel sank at 11 a.m. Thursday. It is presumed that the missing were killed by the explosion.

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SPRINGBANK DAM WILL COST \$400,000, SAYS HYDRO HEAD

"They Don't Want Dam," Declares Ald. Watt.

MANY BYLAWS READY Will Be Submitted to Electors at the January Elections.

Bylaws for January elections: \$50,000 debentures for the purpose of purchasing lands within the city of London for industrial sites.

\$100,000 debentures for the purpose of erecting the Western University Medical School.

\$100,000 debentures for the public utilities commission of the city of London for the purpose of rebuilding the Springbank dam.

\$500 for the social service council. Sunday cars to Springbank.

"Many deliberations" featured the special meeting of the council last night which was called for the purpose of ratifying the municipal bylaws.

Before the electors at the coming elections. The Springbank dam was perhaps the most important.

A letter from the public utilities commission calling attention to the report of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission regarding the Springbank dam and requesting a joint meeting of the committee of the council and the local commission raised the ire of some of the aldermen.

The report estimated the cost of building the dam and substructure at \$250,000, and the power house and installation of machinery at \$147,615, making a total estimated cost of \$397,615.

Quite a blow. These figures took the wind out of the sails of all the aldermen with the exception of Alderman W. Wilson. He is opposed to the building of the dam at any time.

"This is just what I expected," said Ald. P. J. Watt. "For nine months the public utilities commissioners have been deliberating, and now at the eleventh hour they want to meet us. They do not want the dam at all. I would like to know why the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission should be consulted at all in the matter. I am inclined to agree with the report from St. Thomas regarding a certain local gentleman, that something is the matter. As far as the dam is concerned, I think \$100,000 is sufficient to rebuild it. The old one was all right until hydro arrived and since then it has been no use, according to reports."

Dismissing on the scarcity of power, Ald. Watt continued: "The city has come to a strange stage when it is necessary to ask Sir Adam Beck before a few more light may be turned on during such a time as the celebration of the armistice terms."

This statement was applauded by several members of the council.

Opposes Proposition. "We do not need the dam at all," said Ald. G. B. Drake.

Ald. G. B. Drake urged the necessity of the dam to make the river presentable, if for nothing else.

Ald. H. B. Ashplant thought the dam would be paying for itself by the power which could be generated would be utilized for pumping purposes.

Ald. F. E. Harley suggested that the proposition would carry if \$50,000 were named, but he doubted whether the citizens would vote \$100,000 for the purpose.

Controller J. M. Moore intimated that the citizens would be justified in spending the larger sum on the dam to beautify the river and provide heating.

The question being raised as to whether the utilities commission would build the dam, the council decided not to, Controller C. H. Merryfield said.

If the council could not undertake the work.

This could not be done, as the property is under the control of the commission. The council finally decided to submit the question to the electors, but no provision was made for meeting with the utilities commission.

Include Railway.

The commission form of government brought forth some discussion before the bylaw was finally passed for submitting to the people.

Ald. O. G. Keene took exception to leaving out the railway commission. He thought it should be included even if it meant extra trouble to give the sanction of the Dominion Government.

Controller Moore explained that it was left out on the recommendations of City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, and the council approved.

Whichever the bylaw providing for twenty signatures to the nomination papers was opposed by Ald. C. G. Woodhead. He wanted it laid over until next year's council or struck out altogether, but both propositions were defeated.

Under the provisions of the bill the time for nominations has been extended to one week. The nominations will be held with the city clerk, but they must contain the candidate's statement that he is willing to accept, as well as the names of twenty electors.

Recall is Banned. The clause providing for the recall of any or all commissioners upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least 25 per cent of the electors entitled to vote at the last preceding municipal election, was struck out.

Discussing the bylaw providing for the new medical school Ald. W. H. Winnett asked whether the citizens would be informed that they would have to pay \$10,000 inside for 20 years for the school which would be used to build the school. He was told that the bylaw would be thoroughly explained to the electors before the date of polling. Meetings for the purpose of discussing all municipal questions will be arranged.

REAL ESTATE AT AILSA CRAIG CHANGES

AILSA CRAIG, Dec. 6.—H. Pritchett, baker, who has conducted a most successful business since coming to town from Oshawa two years ago, has purchased the bakeryshop and dwelling here from Wm. Lockwood of Ingersoll, formerly baker here. He intends to move into the premises and will resell the big domain for bread of the town, as well as country stores for several miles distant.

Miss Mary McNaughton has sold her residence on William street to James White of McMillan, who will find his family to town shortly. Miss McNaughton will remain with friends for the present.

There was shipped from the G.T.R. this week two cars of wheat and one car of oats, also two cars of flour by Wm. Hay & Co. to Portland; two cars of cattle by D. F. Stewart to Buffalo.

FORMER 149TH O. C. RETURNS

MAJOR T. P. BRADLEY.

WARM WELCOME FOR MAJORITY P. BRADLEY, FORMER 149TH O.C.

Major T. P. Bradley, former commander of the 149th Battalion, arrived in London last night via C. P. R. in company with Mrs. Bradley. Major Bradley was given a hearty welcome by a host of friends and comrades at one station.

"We came over on the Scandinavian and it was a real rough voyage," said Major Bradley in conversation with the Advertiser. We had several cases of "flu" on board, but on the whole there was not much sickness. We were very well treated while on board.

In speaking of the celebration when the statistics were signed at the front, Major Bradley stated that the people just went up like a kite. "Old London was a wonderful sight that night," said Major Bradley, who spent six months in France with the A. M. C.

MAJOR T. P. BRADLEY.

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2182 Sergt. P. Quinn, 44 Byron.

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159 R. L. Orr, 109 Sackville St. CHATHAM.

323059 S. Chorley, HOLSTEIN.

323070 L. Kerr, LONDON.

514503 W. B. Bayley, 779 Princess. DRESDEN.

931622 W. J. Lucas, GALT.

126450 Sergt. W. A. Hill, SARNIA.

844070 A. A. Trander, NOT STATED.

290 G. Turley, WOODSTOCK.

1261732 R. B. Mosey, WOODSTOCK.

3133145 C. W. Elvidge, GALT.

720451 C. W. Holden, ST. CATHARINES.

158693 Corp. Archibald A. Thomson, SARNIA.

3139013 M. Sarnia, OWEN SOUND.

838038 G. J. Catteppole, WOUNDED.

3130863 W. J. Cassmore, WINGHAM.

189580 R. C. Caldwell, ELORA.

3130258 J. Laidlaw, ST. CATHARINES.

158564 G. Cort, PRISONERS REPATRIATED.

OWEN SOUND.

833689 F. Peacock, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.

850681 J. McCarthy, ESSEX.

123948 F. E. Tait, WALKERTON.

402465 V. M. Bell, WOODSTOCK.

675388 E. McInnis, WALKERVILLE.

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Rousing Reception for Major Graham Last Night.

Major C. M. R. Graham, former commander of the 142nd Battalion, was given a rousing reception by the 142nd Comrades Club last night in the basement of the Masonic Hall. There were several hundred people present, including many women.

Major-Gen. L. W. Shannon welcomed Major Graham back to London, stating his pleasure at being present, as did also Lieut.-Col. H. E. Smith, of headquarters staff.

Major Graham gave a resume of the doings of the 142nd till it was broken up in England, and also gave a number of his experiences at the front.

Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the major's talk. Handmaster G. W. Wilson acted as chairman.

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DORCHESTER FAVORS HAMILTON ROAD

DORCHESTER, Dec. 6.—A large meeting was held in the town hall of Dorchester Wednesday to consider the sending of delegates to Toronto in connection with the proposed highway from Hamilton to London via the Hamilton road. The delegates are to be sent at once.

Mr. Nugent held a successful sale of farm stock and implements, realizing about \$2,080. He has moved into his new house near the G. T. R. station.

The Ladies' Aid of Dorchester held an interesting meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. Hunt. There were sixteen members present.

The Farmers' Club shipped a carload of pigs Wednesday to Hamilton getting a price of \$17.50.

COWS SOLD HIGH.

THORNDALE, Dec. 6.—An auction sale of farm stock was held at R. L. Quest's on Wednesday afternoon. The total receipts amounted to \$3,900. One cow brought \$175. The 20 animals in the herd averaged about \$130. Seven hogs averaging about 80 pounds sold at \$15 each. Thomas Clark and Milton Brock were the auctioneers.

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