

GIRL SAYS CHARGES BASED UPON DREAM

Verda Kirkland's Testimony Gave Two Foreigners Seven-Year Terms.

(From The Sunday World.)
Verda Kirkland, the star witness against two foreigners, Yoko Toshik and Yovan Yocock, who a few days ago were sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years on being convicted of making a criminal assault on her, has confessed that she concocted the whole story. As a result of this confession it is likely that the case will be reopened.

On Saturday morning Miss Kirkland, who is 16 years of age, telephoned to the office of Heyd & Heyd, solicitors, to meet her on a matter of urgent business. Mr. Louis Heyd sent Mr. W. D. M. Shorey of his office to meet the girl, who before Mr. Shorey, made an affidavit to the effect that the evidence she gave in court against the two men was false. Mr. Shorey took the girl to the office of Mr. Walshe, who has forwarded the affidavit to the authorities at Ottawa. In the meantime Sheriff Moraw has promised to keep the two prisoners in Toronto for some days pending further decisions in the matter.

The affidavit reads as follows: "The charge was laid against the accused on the statement made by me to the detectives when I was confined to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, and on the trial of the said accused. I gave evidence to the effect that on the night of the 17th Sept., 1920, my mother and I went to the store of the accused, Yovan Yocock, who was living at the time at 111 East Queen. My mother left me at the door and I went into the store to see about a position, as I had applied there on Thursday, September 16.

"I also gave evidence on the said trial that I remained in the said premises from about 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., and that shortly before I left Yoko Toshik asked me to go into the kitchen to get a teapot. I went to the kitchen to get the teapot, and as I went in I met another man, who was Yovan Yocock, who threw his arms around me. Someone put a handkerchief in my mouth, and I was later held and a liquid of some kind poured down my throat from a cup. I also swore that after this had happened the said Yovan Yocock had committed a criminal assault on me, and that the above facts were now true, nor did they attempt, one, nor attempt anything indecent. On the night in question, I did go to the store, looking for a position and stayed around the store for probably a couple of hours, and during that time I had one ice cream, and Toshik engaged me as a waitress in the store.

"I remember going out of the store and going up Jarvis street, but I remember nothing more. When I went in the store that evening I had a feeling that something might happen, and I was informed that about 11.30 that night I was found lying on Jarvis street, near Bloor street, and was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

"When I came to the next day it seemed as tho the events that I had related at the trial had really happened and I told the detective the said story, and I gave my evidence, and that effect at the trial, really believing that it was true. During the second day of the trial, it dawned on me that I was not a victim of a crime, and that I must have dreamed that such events took place, but I was afraid to tell anyone about it.

"I pledge my oath that no such rape or attempted rape or assault, any time was made upon me by the accused or by either of them, and I verily believe that they are innocent of the charge of the crime for which they have been sentenced. I have not been influenced by anyone in making this statement. I am actuated only by a desire that justice shall be done, and that these two men whom I know are innocent, should not suffer imprisonment. No inducements have been offered to me by anyone to make this statement, and I freely and voluntarily pledge my oath that the information hereinbefore set forth is true. (Signed) Verda Kirkland."

RULED BY DESPOTS, HIGGINS DECLARES

Soldier-Labor Candidate in Northeast Toronto Com- plains of Oppression.

Denunciation of the Ottawa govt. as a mere dictatorship and laudation of the legislation passed at the recent session of the Ontario assembly, marked an address given last evening in the Labor Temple by James Higgins, Soldier-Labor candidate for Northeast Toronto. Candidate Higgins, during the course of his appeal, stressed, as a duty of every laboring man, the supporting in the coming by-election of the Independent Labor Party.

"Any man who does not use the ballot in its favor is a greater slacker than any who ever refused during the war to shoulder a gun," he declared. He reviewed in some detail, the legislation passed at the past session of the Ontario house, and declared that increased importance attached itself to the Mothers' Pensions Bill by virtue of the parsimonious attitude which the federal government was adopting towards the widows and orphans of the service men. He declared that the returned men had respect for constitutional government, but that they did not view the Ottawa assemblies in that light. He considered personally that Canadians had been ruled by a dictatorship and were under the heel of a heavy despotism.

"The returned soldier is practically going off the map," he declared, in discussing the political activity which the G.A.U.V. is sponsoring and adding: "He is becoming a citizen and as such it is for him to work for the benefit of humanity."

Candidate Higgins criticised, in conclusion, the immigration policy of the government, which brought people to a country in which employment was already acute. He believed, he stated, in more humanity in government and less business deals and "timber steals."

GENERAL BOOTH IS WELCOMED AT THE CITY HALL



Thousands of Toronto citizens joined on Saturday in honoring the head of the Salvation Army, and the picture gives an impression of the mass of humanity in front of the city hall about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when Mayor Church extended an official welcome to the Army's chieftain.

SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY AUTO

J. D. Sullivan in Critical Condition—Police Are Investigating.

When he was struck down and run over by an auto at Bloor and Markham streets on Saturday night, J. D. Sullivan, 324 Lippincott street, was seriously injured. The auto which was traveling slowly, was brought to a quick stop by Andrew Aitchison, 5 Mount Elm avenue, with the result that the rear wheel rested on Sullivan's chest and the car had to be jacked before he could be removed from under it.

Sullivan was taken to the Western Hospital where it was found that the upper part of his chest was crushed in addition to four ribs being broken. His condition was reported last night to be about the same.

Aitchison was not held following an investigation by Detective Hicks, who found that the driver had brought the car to a halt in eight feet, showing that the rate of speed he was traveling was moderate.

According to the police, Sullivan was crossing the street at the intersection from south to north and suddenly stopped up on the south side of the street to allow an auto proceeding west to pass. Aitchison claimed the police that he was not expecting the man to stop but when he did so he quickly applied the brakes but was unable to avert the accident.

SALVATION FLAG FLIES THRU WORLD

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established in 87 countries of the world and in 10,000 places. It took 23,000 paid officers to administer it and its efforts were carried on in 38 different languages. They tried to insure that no area was free from their activities. The field of the Army, said the general, was the whole world, and they had three main functions to perform—the mission of Christ; organizing society for counteracting poverty, and society reform among nations; religious community having its own thoughts and caring for its own people. The general asked his audience to consider that the army had given good evidence of its life in itself and extended itself by its own vital force. All that, he declared, was the result of inherent vitality which belonged to a living body.

After paying a tribute to his mother and her influence upon the old general, General Booth said that the spirit of the army had been started abroad by immigrants from England who had left their shores to benefit their material lives. He instanced this by the case of Russia and said that despite the late war and the revolution they were still operating and their flag had never been taken down, but he feared a lot of their brother and sister Salvationists had lost their lives.

Established in China. The general next told of his last conversation with his father, when two promises were obtained from him, the speaker, the first was to look after the homeless men and women and children, and the second to take the army flag to China. The old general concluded the interview by saying, "Remember chief, if you do not keep your promise I'll come back and haunt you."

General Booth declared his father planned his money collections, wonderfully—"he was such a wonderful beggar," he added amidst laughter, and went on to say he was personally, a very poor beggar. Turning to the chairman, (Sir William Mulock), he said, "You do not know, Sir William, how hard it is for me to

GRATUITY DRIVE NOT ABANDONED

Big Rally of War Veterans in Riverdale Discusses Political Situation.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the G.W.V.A. was held last night at the Allen Theatre, Riverdale, where R. B. Maxwell, Dominion president of the G.W.V.A., and C. Grant McNeil, Dominion secretary, attended to explain the present working of that body.

W. Parry, president of the Toronto and district command, was in the chair, and was supported by Sgt. Major J. McNamara, D.C.M., president of the Riverdale branch, and C. Morgan, president of the Beaches branch.

R. B. Maxwell, in explaining the formation of the association, said when he came home in 1918 he found that totally disabled men were only getting \$4 per week, and many men who had been badly wounded were trying to eke out an existence on this. Two of these men were living in a railway box car. At that time there was another organization in Winnipeg whose outlook was very narrow and restricted.

Further, this organization considered that this pension was sufficient, seeing that it was more than they were getting for service in the Afghan and South African wars. A few of the returned men then got together and formed what is now the G.W.V.A. Their motto was widows and orphans first, and the spirit of self sacrifice was with them since they gave up their own claims in order that the women and children be dealt with first.

Over 400,000 Members. Today, the speaker continued, they had over 900 branches with a membership of over 400,000. Their branches stretched from coast to coast, while they also had a branch in far north Dawson City, several branches in England, and one in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Of the work done by the association Mr. Maxwell brought the attention of the audience to the fact that in Manitoba, where they had got for members in remission of taxation over \$1,000,000, and as a soldier organization the G.W.V.A. stood alone in the world. Slightly organized in the past, the right from the start of its inception they had kept clear of politics, and if they keep clear of politics they have with them the general mass of the people. He instanced General Booth, recently made chaplain of the G.W.V.A., who stated that the organization was formed upon a great sacrifice, and they were a silent force in the stabilizing of Canada. Then again, they had recovered over \$3,000,000 for the men in the way of pensions, gratuities, etc.

As regards the gratuity question they still stood on their resolution made at Montreal. This resolution had been placed before the cabinet and parliament and that was as far as they have got, but the returned man must work up public opinion on the matter, and if they can show that what they ask is reasonable and right they will get it. All the mass of public opinion in Winnipeg were to be an expression of his opinion on the matters to which the minister of marine and fisheries referred at Toronto," said William Duff, M.P. for Lunenburg, N.S., when asked here to da yif he had any reply to make to Mr. Ballantyne's speech before the Navy League.

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DUFF IS PRESSING HIS NAVAL CHARGES

Demands Either Explanation or Resignation From C. C. Ballantyne.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—(By Canadian Press).—The Canadian public are more anxious to have Mr. Meighen answer the questions which I put to him a few days ago than they are to have an expression of his opinion on the matters to which the minister of marine and fisheries referred at Toronto," said William Duff, M.P. for Lunenburg, N.S., when asked here to da yif he had any reply to make to Mr. Ballantyne's speech before the Navy League.

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CAMPAIGN IN U. S. OFFICIALLY ENDED

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The Democrats offer the country "internationalism, Wilsonism, unpleasant campaign methods and James M. Cox." The Republicans, on the other hand, present "Americanism, comprehension of domestic problems and a campaign of dignity and honor, Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic vice-presidential nominee, offset this statement with diametrically opposite claims and findings. He declared the fight one of "progressivism against reaction," a league of nations as against no league, and saw nothing to the contest but a Democratic victory. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, re-entered the fight today, issuing a statement directed against Senator Harding, based on the latter's duplicity in relation to his claim of friendship for the working people."

Mr. Gompers said that an investigation, recently conducted by labor interests, had shown that the Republican candidate was "an intimate and guiding participant in the industrial life of Marion, Ohio, where there are no trade union agreements and wages are low." The statement charges that through a system established by the Marion Employers' Association, of which Senator Harding is a leading member, workers who are active in their unions are discharged and unable to obtain employment in any of the other manufacturing plants.

New House to Be Elected. A new house of representatives and slightly more than one-third of the senate will be chosen in Tuesday's general election. While the presidential campaign has eclipsed all others in interest, the congressional fights, particularly the senatorial contests, have received much attention from the leaders of both parties.

Both Senator Harding and Governor Cox have pleaded with the voters to elect a congress in which their respective parties would have a majority. The present senate is composed of 48 Republicans, Progressive and 47 Democrats, which, on a strict party vote, has given the Republicans a majority of two. Thirty-four senators will be selected Tuesday, the terms of 22 expiring next March 3, and two being selected to fill unexpired terms caused by the deaths of Senators Bankhead of Alabama and Martin of Virginia. These two vacancies are certain to be filled by Democrats.

Four hundred and thirty-five of the house of representatives are to be elected Tuesday. The number necessary for a majority is 218. The present membership of the house is 199 Democrats, 22 Republicans, 2 Independent Republicans, 1 Independent and 1 Prohibitionist, with nine vacancies.

EXPRESS PLUNGED FROM BRIDGE. Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 31.—Three persons were killed and 20 injured when Pacific overland, eastbound, plunged from a bridge one mile east of Manix, Calif., 178 miles from Los Angeles, on the Salt Lake railroad, last night.

WELCOME FOR CHIEF OF SALVATION ARMY

Three Thousand Salvationists Passed in Review at Queen's Park—Line of March to the City Hall Was Banked by Citizens.

Clad with a splendor fittingly indicating in some measure the spiritual glory of their mission, over 3,000 members of the Salvation Army passed in review at Queen's Park Saturday afternoon before General Bramwell Booth, the head of the organization. They marched with a staidness and vigor characteristic of an army, which has contended in the line conflict and attained a definite measure of success. Their eighteen brass bands, playing martial music, further revealed the spirit in which, under their standard of "Blood and Fire," they moved forward in the cause of Christ.

The ceremony of review itself was strictly in accord with military conventions. General Booth took his stand on University avenue, just north of College street, and, for upwards of half an hour, saluted his passing forces and afforded the Toronto public its first opportunity of viewing him on his present visit. He was thoroughly military in his bearing, although lacking completely the austerity which frequently characterizes militia officers.

Citizens lined the streets of the parade route, along College street, down Yonge, and along Albert street to the city hall, in a manner speaking eloquently for the prestige in which the Salvation Army is held locally. The throngs were more than the merely curious; they were to a marked degree enthusiasts and tendered frequent ovations to the passing Salvationists.

A feature of the parade was the number of kiddies brought out for the occasion. Queen's Park was rampant with red hair ribbons, and whole detachments of the Life-saving Scouts, the Army's junior organization, took part in the march past.

Occupying the platform with General Booth, Commissioner David Lamb, Commissioner W. J. Richards, and Col. J. McMillan.

Welcome At City Hall. In an address of approximately five minutes, General Bramwell Booth replied on the city hall steps to the welcome tendered on behalf of Toronto citizens by Mayor Church. He emphasized simply the promotion of friendship between men and God and between man and his fellows, as the great mission of the Salvation Army, and during his brief exposition, he impressed himself upon the thousands gathered to hear him as typifying in himself the highest ideals of Christianity, towards which the organization strives.

He appealed for the practical value of the Salvationist's simple doctrine, pointing out the practical results which would attend its international and inter-familial adoption. He stressed particularly the friendship which should characterize the family relations, stating that the family was fundamentally the foundation of the country's moral, spiritual and practical progress.

"But I call you today to a realization of the great truth," he continued, "that God is the greatest friend of men and that to have Him for a friend is the greatest human advantage."

Concluding, he stated: "You must fight for these great principles (friendship between God and man and between man and man), you must fight to make Toronto a holy city, a city of God, and to make the great Saviour known, who turns the darkness of sin into the glory of light."

Army Work Recognized. Mayor Church, in dedicating to General Booth the "right heart," welcomed him and that to have Him for a friend is the greatest human advantage. "I am glad to be in a position to in-

form you that the efficiency and worth of the army's work in this city is recognized by all our people. Starting in a small way it has steadily increased until its operations are now on a large scale, covering all branches of work for lifting up the fallen, raising the degraded, instructing the ignorant, and stimulating the down-and-out to strive again to regain the level of respective manhood and womanhood.

"The great war has taught the lesson of service and self-sacrifice, and the duty of patriotic service, and working for others has been realized by multitudes. In this we have simply followed the lead of the army, the army followed the Great Teacher of Nazareth.

"At the time the Salvation Army was established by the late General Booth, the world stood much in need of a revival of the spirit of service and self-sacrifice. The large place the army now fills proves the need of the work along the lines laid down by the founder of the army. This spirit has been widened and deepened by the war, but to the army belongs the credit of leading the way a generation ago and showing the way may be done for the submerged part of our population.

"We hope the army will have continued and increasing success in its great work."

An estimate by a police official of the crowd which gathered before the city hall placed the number at well towards 5,000. A short prayer by Commissioner David Lamb and two hymns played by the massed 18 Army bands opened and concluded the ceremonies.

Emblazoned at the very centre of the decorations at the entrance of the city hall was the greeting, "Welcome, General Bramwell Booth," and beneath this was an imposing portrait of the honored visitor, this draped on each side with the emblem of the Army in red and blue. A levee was held at the city hall immediately following the welcome of the mayor.

The Army operates in no less than 66 countries throughout the world, with interpreters speaking more than 40 different languages. The visit of the general to Toronto is part of a world tour, and with him in conference in this city are a thousand officers of the army from Cape Race in the east to Cape Flattery in the far Pacific west.

TWELVE KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

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by jumping thru a window. The other eight managed to escape from the flame-filled room, but all were so badly burned that they died in the hospital today and tonight.

The dead are: Ralph H. Allen, North Tonawanda, superintendent of Tonawanda Company's transformer station; Wm. Edwards, North Tonawanda, lineman; Chas. Mahl, Niagara Falls, electrician; Albert S. Allen, North Tonawanda, general superintendent of Tonawanda Power Co.; J. W. Edwards, North Tonawanda, general electrician of Tonawanda Power Co.; Albert Penslein, North Tonawanda, electrician; James Robertson, North Tonawanda, lineman; Samuel Doel La Salle, electrician; Andy Anderson, Niagara Falls, electrician; Edward Shamrock, North Tonawanda, oiler.

Officials of the power company immediately began an investigation. As a result of the accident, North Tonawanda, Tonawanda, and a part of Buffalo were without electric lights and power today. Surgeons who attended the injured men had to work by candle light.



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