

FOUND GUILTY OF DESERTION, BUT DENIES INTENTIONS

J. J. Farmer Served in France.

John Joseph Farmer was found guilty in police court this morning of desertion, and was remanded a week at the end of which time disposal of his case will be made.

According to the evidence submitted, he had gone overseas with the 19th Battalion, and after serving six months in France was returned to Canada. He was gassed on February 7, 1915, and returned to this country in January, 1919. Leave until February 2 was granted him. On February 3 headquarters had received a letter from a Sergeant Farmer, saying that he was ill, but expected to be better by March 5. On February 11, he had been struck off the strength as a deserter, and on April 7 a court of inquiry was held. In October a letter was sent to him asking him to report. On December 1, he reported of his own accord.

No intention. When asked what he had to say, Farmer remarked: "I didn't intend to desert. If I had I should never have come back, and I should never have come overseas." A doctor's certificate stating that he had been undergoing medical treatment during his absence was produced, but was not taken as evidence.

Capt. Miller, who appeared for the military authorities, stated that Farmer had refused to sign a statement confessing to desertion, as he would lose his gratuity. He preferred to be tried by a civil court. If he had confessed to the military authorities, a court of inquiry would have discharged him for misconduct. Miller said that if he had known that he would have received a clothing allowance he would have signed the statement. Capt. Miller said that he had explained the matter fully to the prisoner.

Embarrassing Situation. "It is a terrible thing, after serving six months, to come back and get into this tangle," said the magistrate.

"I am agreeable that your worship should suspend sentence," remarked the prisoner.

"It might be embarrassing in some other case," commented the magistrate. He decided to remand the prisoner for a week in order that he might give the case his full consideration.

JUDGE REFUSES TO GRANT ADJOURNMENT, LAWYER BEING SICK

Will Take Some Evidence At the Hospital.

The sittings of the county court, Judge Talbot presiding, were resumed this morning at 10 o'clock, called being that of Patterson vs. Cattach, a claim by John Patterson for \$100 compensation for the loss of a horse in exchange of properties between the defendant, D. A. Cattach, of St. Thomas, and A. J. B. Fellowes of Ingersoll.

The case was referred to the county court from the division court in October, and defendant was ordered to answer particulars of a counter-claim in ten days. This had not been done. Owing to the sickness of the defendant's lawyer, who is in a local hospital, application was made to the judge for another adjournment. This his honor refused to grant, and ordered that the evidence of the witnesses present should be taken.

As the defendant's lawyer is a material witness in the case his honor stated that he would go to the hospital to take the evidence this afternoon.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

WANTS JUSTICE. Gentlemen,—May I through your columns ask why soldiers' wives are to be indicted on the country, with the expense of having their fares refunded? Can you, or any of your readers, show me any reason why this should be allowed at the country's expense? If this is to be granted, what of the men that had joined up, and were willing to give their services, yet through no fault of their own, are invalided out of the service, and get nothing, because their service is under twelve months? In the name of justice, if soldiers' wives are to be given back their passages, I venture to say that the man who was willing to go over, and in all cases where they were invalided out of the service, through ill-health or injury, contracted while on service, irrespective of how long they may have been in the service, are worthy of some recompense, where the present gratuity system does not include them. Trust your readers may see the gist of this letter and so bring it before the higher up for it is my firm belief and conviction that there are many cases where the Tommy Atkins' wives are being treated unjustly to the soldiers.

AN EARNEST READER, London, Dec. 8, 1919.

BELGRAVE CHANCE LODGE. BELGRAVE, Dec. 9.—The members of Orange Lodge, No. 463, have elected officers for 1920 as follows: President, W. M. Bro. M. Johnson; D. M. Bro. E. K. Dye; chaplain, Rev. S. Davis; recording secretary, Bro. C. King; financial secretary, Bro. J. Scott; treasurer, Bro. R. McEae; director of ceremonies, Bro. G. Noddy; lecturer, Bro. R. Whitman and C. Keating; committee, M. Furgerson, H. Leshman, W. P. Scott, R. Owen, Armstrong.

A dainty luncheon was enjoyed by the brethren.

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SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE WILL BE HELD IN LONDON

Many Subjects Included in the Curriculum.

London is to have the privilege of being the central point of a short course in agriculture as the result of arrangements made by R. A. Finn, agricultural representative for Middlesex County during the month of January.

The course of instruction will be the eighth annual short course held in the county and the first to be held in the city. It will be held at the agricultural office, corner of Dundas and Talbot streets, commencing on January 6 and continuing until January 29.

The curriculum will include the following subjects: Live Stock, a study of the different classes of animals, types of farm animals; Feeds and Feeding, including the composition of foodstuffs; Field crops, and the various types of crops; Soil improvement, rotation, etc.; Dairying, a study of the dairy cow, milk records, etc.; Poultry, characteristics of the most important breeds, feeding and care; Fruit-growing, study of the most suitable varieties, and the cultivation; Soils, origin and types; Manures, composition, care and application; Agricultural Botany, plant structure, etc.; Insects and Fungus Growth, a study of economic and harmful insects and fungi; Bacteriology, bacteria in relation to agriculture; Farm Arithmetic and Farm Accounts, real and practical problems; English Composition, essays on agricultural subjects, etc.

Special speakers and experts will deal with several of these subjects, while practical application of the lessons will be afforded by visits to the farms of men who specialize in the different subjects. The live stock, farm management courses are primarily for the help of the young farmers of the district. It is understood that city youths interested in agricultural life will be admitted to the course.

HAD TWO BROTHERS IN ARMY; THOUGHT THESE SUFFICIENT

But Deserter Must Spend Time in Reformatory.

"Have you anything to say as to why I should not impose sentence on you?" said the magistrate E. M. Graydon this morning to a man who had pleaded guilty in police court to desertion.

"Only that I had two brothers in the army. One is still over there, I thought that was sufficient."

The court mentioned that during the war he had been sentenced men to serve six months instead of two years on condition that they go overseas when liberated. Now that the war was over he had discontinued this.

Graydon imposed a fine of three months to two years in the reformatory, the length of the term to depend on his conduct, was meted out to the deserter.

SAYS ONLY REMEDY FOR H. C. OF L. IS MORE PRODUCTION

Ontario Minister of Public Works Urges "Back to Land" Movement.

Hamilton, Dec. 8.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, addressed the 10th annual meeting of the Ontario Farmers' Club of Knox Church here this afternoon. His subject was "The Outlook in Ontario." He referred to the high cost of living, and said the question could be solved only by increased production. There were many vacant farms in the county of Wentworth, and it would be necessary to have these and other farms occupied if the cost of living was to be reduced, he said.

The Government wanted to safeguard the country, Mr. Biggs said, against immigrants of an undesirable type coming to Ontario. To get men on the land would be necessary to make conditions that would attract the right kind of immigrants. The present needs of the farmers were improved, rural education, better roads and hydro development.

He advocated increased salaries to the teachers of rural schools, and changes in the curriculum so that a farmer's son would not have to take an office education. It would cost the Government \$285,000,000 to carry out Sir Adam Beck's hydro plans, and he thought that rural districts should benefit. The farmer was willing to pay his share, Mr. Biggs said.

GERMANS RETURNING FROM BALTIC ARE THREATENING

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Several detachments of German troops returning from the Baltic States assumed a threatening attitude after reaching West Prussia, according to advices received here. The soldiers issued a proclamation to the Government, demanding that their money issued by the West Prussian Government be changed into German currency and declaring that a refusal to meet their demand would result in a serious situation.

MISSISSIPPI DOCKS. ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 8.—The liner Mississippi arrived here today from Havre. She had on board fifteen survivors of the French liner Colmar, which sank off the Nova Scotia coast on Saturday, between Canoe and Sable Island.

JUMPED BAIL IN NEW YORK IS REARRESTED IN OSHAWA

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Leon Constantino, who was arrested on July 30 on a charge of having a stolen automobile in his possession, and later jumped \$3,500 bail in which he was held following his indictment, was brought to New York this morning from Oshawa, Ontario. He was held today, in general sessions, in \$7,000 bail to await trial.

Constantino, who refuses to give his address, was arrested in Oshawa several days ago and brought back to this city by detectives.

Lord Leverhulme Has Put Six-Hour Day Into Effect in Winnipeg

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CO-OPERATION SAVED DAY FOR ONTARIO IN RECENT FUEL CRISIS

Not Out of Woods Yet, But No Rigorous Restrictions Are Anticipated.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Co-operation saved the day for Ontario so far as the coal situation is concerned, declares Fuel Commissioner H. A. Harrington. Not that Ontario is out of the woods yet, but the fuel commissioner does not anticipate any rigorous fuel restriction edicts.

The commissioner believes that the present situation does not herald any "fuelless Mondays." He stated tonight that he was contemplating the necessity of consumption restrictions, but the rift in the strike storm clouds on the other side of the border had halted, for the moment, the consideration of such action.

As a result of the strike, Mr. Harrington commented, "coal production in the United States is 175,000,000 tons behind normal production. The situation cannot get back to normal until at least next August or September. While coal movement across the border is limited, so far it has not been found necessary to place restrictions upon consumption."

Sunday's coal receipts in Toronto were only 32 cars, whereas the daily requirements are 200 cars. The 32 loads were divided among the packing plants, hospitals, waterworks plant and essential industries.

COAL RESTRICTIONS PARALYZE DETROIT INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

Over 50,000 Out of Work—Cripples Dozen Factories.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—With a dozen of the city's great industrial plants either closed or partially closed, Detroit today entered a period of commercial paralysis, the duration of which is as yet unknown.

The common council at a special session this afternoon passed an ordinance which in effect means that all shops and stores go on a six-hour day, beginning at once. Severe restrictions are placed on the use of either electricity or gas for any but most essential purposes, and no stent illuminations of any kind will be permitted. Down-town office buildings are to be heathless after 3 o'clock in the afternoon and even essential industries are warned they must get along on a minimum of both light and heat.

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CIVIC BODIES PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO INGERSOLL RESIDENT

Ingersoll, Dec. 8.—The funeral of Thomas Seldon this afternoon was largely attended. A service was conducted in the Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. E. Sheppard, assisted by Rev. J. G. Scott. Interment was made in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. The members of Alexander Hospital Trust, the town council, and quarterly official board of the Methodist Church, attended in a body. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

The pallbearers were: Richard, William and Arthur Seldon, nephews, C. H. and William George, and O. E. Robinson. The honorary pallbearers were: Thomas Wells, K. C., C. H. Sumner, A. Macaulay, J. A. Coulter, Dr. Sudworth, C. Norworthy and Dr. R. A. Williams.

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