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Thomas Way Claims Gordon Wright Threatened Him With Cane.

DOCTOR BILL UNPAID

Mrs. Wright Says Trouble Arose Over Way's Neglect of Garden.

A silver-banded walking-stick and an agreement for the sale of a house at 133 Elmwood avenue are playing the leading parts in the damage suit before the Hon. Mr. Justice Mastron at the spring assizes, which Gordon Wright, a retired businessman and journalist, residing at 420 Ridout street, is suing Thomas A. Way of 133 Elmwood avenue for \$3,000 for an assault alleged to have been made by the defendant on the afternoon of August 29 last.

Mr. Wright claims that on the day in question he was picking fruit on a lot belonging to his wife, adjacent to the Way property, when the defendant struck him without warning over the head with a hoe, inflicting a deep gash.

The defendant, on the other hand, claims that Mr. Wright raised his walking-stick as if to strike, and it was while he (the defendant) was attempting to stop the blow with his hand that the cane and hit Mr. Wright on the head. Yesterday afternoon Albert Judd and W. B. Henderson sought to prove, through several witnesses, that Mr. Wright had left his cane a few feet from the sidewalk at the front of the lot near three baskets of pears, and that he had no weapon of any kind in his hand when the alleged assault occurred.

In the evidence it was brought out that the defendant bought the house and lot from Mrs. Wright in 1919 for \$2,200, and in the agreement it was stipulated that Mr. Way was to have the use of the lot belonging to Mrs. Wright, adjacent to the property, until such time as Mrs. Wright would need it or have occasion to sell it.

Counsel for the defence claimed that there was no claim in the agreement binding the defendant to cultivate the lot and keep it free from weeds and that there was no clause forbidding the defendant from picking the fruit from the trees on the lot.

On the stand, Mrs. Wright admitted that the whole trouble about the property arose through the defendant's allowing weeds to grow on the property and his taking the fruit from the trees.

Mr. Wright testified that he had picked three baskets of pears and was going toward the street, accompanied by Walter Weston, when he encountered the defendant, Mr. Way.

Called Counsel.

"Way rushed out and said: 'You've no right on my property, lay down the fruit.' I laid the baskets down, and he said to me, 'You've got to get out of here.' I told him: 'I've got tired of listening to his demonstration and said to Mr. Way: 'See here, this talk doesn't get you anywhere. This is my fruit, and I told me I was a sneek and a coward, and that I came at night to carry the fruit away. I told him that I had an empty basket and would go and fill it. He then told me he would brain me if I ever set foot on his property again.'

"I heard Way on the other side of his house talking to a woman. The woman's voice said: 'Don't take that sick dog on here.' Mr. Wright then stated that he went back and commenced picking the fruit.

He continued, "the first thing I knew the basket was jerked out of my hand and a voice said: 'Get off my property or I'll brain you. When I turned and saw Mr. Way's hand. It all happened in an instant. Then he struck me on the head with the hoe. The next thing I remember I was on my knees, facing north, and he kept saying that he would brain me. He still had the hoe in his hand. I grabbed him around the knees and he kept chopping at me with the hoe. My head was bleeding profusely, and we wrestled for while before he overpowered him. I grabbed the hoe and he tripped. Mr. Way then caught me by the throat, I got hold of his collar, pressed on his windpipe, and his hold loosened a little.

Neighbor Comes In.

"Mr. Fair, living next door, rushed out and told me to let him up, or I would kill him. I told Mr. Fair to take the hoe. I still had it hold on it, and I would let him up. Then the little boy came along, hearing the noise, and I let him on him and went towards the street.

"I went across the street to Mr. McEvoy's house, but I could get no response, so seeing Mrs. Jackson going in her house, farther down the street, I went there. The police came, and Dr. Ferguson took me home in his automobile. The doctor bandaged my head, and put four or five stitches in my head that night.

Questioned by his counsel, W. R. Meredith, Mr. Wright said that he was deaf following the assault and suffered intense pain in his head and face and neck for some time after that.

"I am still under a nervous strain," he asserted, "and have just been dragging myself along. I can't concentrate."

"I received a check from my solicitor for \$35 for my clothing. My clothes were ruined. That was my shirt, my tie and everything. My Panama hat was a new one, and it was torn. I valued the damage at \$50, but did not accept the check for \$35.

The plaintiff told the court that his doctors and drug store bills, as a result of the assault, amounted to \$56.10. The bills have not been paid yet, he stated.

Claims Hearing Damaged.

Counsel for the defense then exhibited the Panama hat and the blood-stained coat and trousers of the plaintiff. The jury examined the articles.

Questioned further, Mr. Wright stated that his hearing has improved, but it was not as good as it was before the assault.

The plaintiff was then cross-examined by Albert Judd, counsel for the defendant, Thomas Way. Mr. Wright stated he had helped draw up the agreement whereby Mr. Way bought the house and lot at 133 Elmwood avenue from Mrs. Wright for \$2,200.

The agreement read by the counsel



PRINCESS MARY AND HER BABY.

Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles), daughter of the King and Queen of England, and her son, who was christened George Henry Hubert. As can be seen, both mother and child are doing well. This picture was made at Chesterfield House, the home of the princess.

for the defense, stipulated that Mr. Way was to have the use of the adjoining lot until such time as Mrs. Wright required it or the property was sold.

Mr. Judd then cross-examined the witness about the incidents leading up to the assault.

"How did Mr. Way come out?" the counsel asked.

"He rushed out at me from behind his fence," was the answer.

"You knew he was excited?" Mr. Wright snapped back.

"He apparently got you pretty well excited?" Mr. Judd asked.

"What makes you think that?" "I'm not here to be questioned."

"I didn't get excited," witness replied.

"You weren't as calm as you are today?" Mr. Judd questioned.

"I mightn't have been as calm, but I was as collected then as I am now."

"You are not quite as collected as your client was," he added, with a smile.

When they were wrestling after the blow had been struck the defendant grasped him by the throat and his nails dug into the flesh, Mr. Wright told the court.

"Then Mr. Farr came on the scene?" Mr. Judd asked.

"Yes," Mr. Wright answered.

"I was all the time on top of Way?" Witness then said that he was so weak he had to sit down. He was so weak that he could not get up.

Called Police.

"Did you call the police?" counsel asked.

"Someone in Jackson's house called the police."

"It was some time before the police got there?"

"They made very good time."

"We will admit that the police are very efficient," Mr. Judd said.

Since there were further questions Mr. Wright stated that he had conducted business at 420 Ridout street until his establishment was burned down in 1916.

At this time he had not been engaged in any business other than managing his apartment house.

He denied that there were any other persons in the apartment house.

TAKE ACTION TO CHECK TYPHOID IN COCHRANE

Epidemic Believed To Have Been Caused by Polluted Water.

Canadian Press Despatch.

North Bay, March 20.—Prastic action has been taken by the provincial board of health in grappling with the epidemic of typhoid fever, of which upwards of 125 cases are now reported in Cochrane. Dr. Egerton George, provincial officer of health for the district, stated today that a chlorination plant had been installed, and that the town would be ordered either to retain the plant supplied or purchase a new one. The contagion, it has been decided, has come directly from Spring Lake, which is declared to be seriously polluted, a condition which gave rise to a wide-spread epidemic of dysentery prior to the outbreak of typhoid about three weeks ago.

So far, although no deaths have been reported, the epidemic is gradually assuming alarming proportions and hospital accommodation at Cochrane is taxed to the limit. Appeals for assistance have been sent to Toronto and North Bay, and a doctor and nurses are expected to arrive in Cochrane today.

An emergency hospital of 30 beds has been established to take care of the excess number of patients.

Great Britain Denies Claims of Hughes.

Says Battleship Turrets Have Not Been Elevated As Asserted by American.

Associated Press Despatch.

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New York, March 21.—The board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday ordered a suspension in trading in stock of Piggly-Wiggly Stores Inc., after it had gone through one of the most violent fluctuations in the history of the exchange, jumping from 72 to 123, and then dropping back to 82. One of the governors explained informally that this suspension had been ordered after consultation with counsel representing Clarence Saunders of Memphis, head of the company.

Recent transactions in Piggly-Wiggly stock leading to a report that a corner existed now, are under scrutiny by the business conduct committee of the exchange.

EMBRO PEOPLE APPROVE CHURCH UNION PROJECT

Special to The Advertiser.

Embryo, March 21.—Over 50 names have been sent in from prospective members of the Horticultural Society, to be organized here some time this month.

The Congregational Church on Sunday morning after the service the members were asked to remain and vote on the question of church union. It was approved by a good majority.

The Women's Institute Society is to meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. R. H. Clark. This is to be Mothers' Day, and each member is requested to take a mother's name and inform her that she would look after the fruit.

Mrs. E. L. Cody is a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Green, at Brookside.

FRANCO-BELGIANS TAKE INVENTORY OF RUHR WORKS

Engineers List Machinery, Equipment and Products of Manufactories.

SEIZURE SUSPECTED

German Bankers Issue Warning Against Using Gold Marks in Business.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Berlin, March 21.—The Franco-Belgian engineering commission, for whose ostensible protection General De Goutte's army seized the Ruhr and which recently has been busy taking inventories of the coal and coke stocks of the Ruhr mines preliminary to shipment westward, now has extended its activities to the machinery and equipment of Ruhr industrial plants.

A delegation of engineers with a military escort visited the Thyssen establishment at Samborn today listed the machinery and included a new electric power plant as well as the stock of finished and half-finished products. It is suspected that this is perhaps a preliminary to the seizure and transportation to France and Belgium of the modern equipment in Ruhr establishments.

It is understood that the government will publish details of its thirty billion gold mark proposals for a reparations settlement, which were sent to Paris in January for submission to the Entente premiers, but which the Germans had no opportunity to now being prepared on the negotiations probably will include a document to show that the German government and industries were willing to do to avert the Ruhr occupation. The general lines of the proposal are already known.

The newspaper Zeit, speaking for the industrial interests, says it is doubtful whether the proposed guarantees by industry could now be upheld on account of the decreased production resulting from the occupation of the Ruhr.

The German Bankers' Association has issued a warning against the proposal to introduce gold marks in reparations, saying that it would be a blow to the business and useful innovation under present demoralized conditions.

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EXPOSES PROTESTS ON RATES REDUCTION

A. R. McMaster Is Surprised At Evidence in Steamship Charges Investigation.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 21.—Gentlemen's agreements between shipping companies to maintain certain ocean rates were further investigated yesterday afternoon by a special committee of the house on agricultural conditions, members of which questioned W. A. Cunningham, general traffic manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine at great length on the connection of his company with the North Atlantic and United Kingdom conference.

One fact, which the chairman, A. R. McMaster, declared to be "surprising," was brought out in the production of a document "Tuesday afternoon rate meetings" held in Montreal to fix rates among the steamship companies for the following week. The charges read a telegram from the chairman of one of these meetings to the secretary of the Atlantic conference at New York, protesting that rate reductions on cereals forced upon the United States shipping board by the American Government were "unwarranted."

COMMUNISTS LABOR TO PREVENT NEW WAR

British Member of House of Commons Advocates Action.

Associated Press Despatch.

Frankford-on-Main, March 21.—Exhortation of all efforts against a fresh outbreak of war on the continent and the conversion of such a movement later into an international revolution were advocated before yesterday's session of the international communist conference here by J. T. W. Newbold, Communist member of the British House of Commons.

The duty of communists, he asserted, was to ward off the danger that Europe and the entire world will be thrown into a dire civil carnage not to be compared to that of 1914.

The first task, he added, was to bring the German workers to the point of overthrowing the bourgeoisie and putting the great industries of the Rhineland into the hands of the German revolutionaries.

NAMED AS COMMITTEE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, March 21.—Copies of the minutes of the police commission meeting held last Wednesday at London were received at the city hall this morning. Mayors of Windsor, London and Alderman Freeborn are mentioned as being appointed a committee to visit the Legislature and lay the proposal of an elective police commission before it.

DISCUSS TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC FOR BRANTFORD

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, March 21.—The possibility of establishing a tuberculosis clinic will be discussed at the meeting of the finance committee on Friday night. The difficulty to be met in the raising of \$800, all the estimates and appropriations of the year having been passed.



LADY CARNARVON

was taken ill while flying by aeroplane to the bedside of her husband in Luxor, Egypt, last November, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamen, is suffering from blood poisoning, attributed to the bite of an unknown insect.

BEGIN TRIAL IN CHICAGO IN A HUGE GRAFT CASE

Authorities Indict Political Boss, Alleging Looting of School Funds.

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EXPECTS NO TROUBLE WITH U. S. SENATE RIDER

Hon. Ernest Lapointe Explains Away Anticipated Difficulty in Fishery Treaty.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 20.—Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, who signed the halibut fisheries treaty for Canada, sees no difficulty in the rider adopted by the United States Senate extending the treaty restrictions to all British nationals. He stated in the House of Commons today that the treaty would be brought into operation by legislation by both Canada and the United States. The legislation for Canada would be introduced by Mr. Meighen as it was proposed to exclude fishermen of other parts of the empire from this industry by law instead of securing their voluntary concurrence, and Mr. Lapointe stated that the legislation adopted would apply to the nationals of all countries in the world.

In reply to a question whether the treaty would be effective till ratified by the British government, Premier King said that in this King George V. would act on the advice of the Canadian government and that approval by the Canadian parliament would be sufficient.

WILL MOVE TO ABOLISH PARLIAMENT TITLES

L. H. Martel, Liberal, Would Away With the Prefix "Honorable."

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 21.—A motion to abolish the use of the titles "Honorable" and "Right Honorable" and prefixes indicating those titles by those at present entitled to them, is to come before the Commons at the instance of L. H. Martel, Liberal, Hants.

Mr. Martel in his resolution refers to the expression which the House gave last night's titles debate, and asks the House to abolish the title "Honorable" for members of the privy council for Canada, and also use of the prefix "Hon." before their names, and abolish the title "Right Honorable" for members of his majesty's privy council for Great Britain, and prevent the use of the prefix, "Right Hon."

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New Type of Maniac Jabs Sharp Instrument in Girls' Arms.

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AEMILIUS JARVIS FIRM WILL OPEN OFFICE IN CITY

Big Bond House Will Make London Headquarters for Western Ontario.

PLANS COMPLETED

D. B. Weldon Resigns Johnston & Ward Management To Open Jarvis Branch.

The growing importance of London and Western Ontario as an investment centre received additional recognition yesterday, when it was learned that the firm of Aemilius Jarvis & Co., with headquarters in Toronto, and branches in Montreal, New York, and London, England, will open an office and branch in London, making this in the Royal Bank here making this the headquarters for their growing business in Western Ontario.

The London office will be under the management of Major O. B. Mabey, who hitherto has been with Aemilius Jarvis & Co. working out of their Toronto headquarters, and Capt. D. B. Weldon, for some months London manager of Johnston & Ward.

He has been in London as manager of business since 1911, and has been in Canada, dealing in government, municipal and sound investment securities. That they have decided to open in London is evidence that they see in Western Ontario an increasingly good field for sound investment securities, and also that this part of the province is enjoying gratifying prosperity. It is houses such as this that London wants to locate here.

Both Major Mabey and Capt. Weldon are well known locally. Major Mabey was a member of the 48th Highlanders, and saw service with that battalion in the Great War. Capt. Weldon went overseas with a New Brunswick unit, and also has an enviable war record.

Johnston & Ward's office since last July. Capt. Weldon will be succeeded in the management of Johnston & Ward's office by G. H. Harvey, who has been transferred from the office at Moncton, N.B., to this city, and has already taken over his duties.

SUSPEND POLICEMEN ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Veteran Claims Officers Struck Him For Refusing To Answer Questions.

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"I am reminded of the opinion expressed by a prominent woman in Canadian politics who made a visit through the restricted district with the police. She charged the women to apply ten times said, 'You women of Montreal do not seem to realize that your city is being administered in fact your streets being cleaned on the proceeds of vice.'"

WIND HAMBERS VESSEL TRYING TO CROSS ERIE

Lakeland Was Expected To Reach Detroit Some Time Today.

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, March 21.—The steamer Lakeland of the Tri-State Steamship Company, attempting the first crossing of Lake Erie this year, was expected to reach here from Cleveland yesterday, after a laborious journey in which ice and wind hampered progress.

The steamer, which left Cleveland early yesterday, reported this morning that she was off Point Pelee, with two miles of ice ahead, and a strong head wind. She will await a shift in the winds.

The Lakeland will take on a cargo of automobiles here, and return to Cleveland.

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CHILD BURNS TO DEATH AS HOME IS DESTROYED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Beaubarnois, Que., March 21.—Maurice Gendron, two years old, was burned to death and two other children narrowly escaped when fire destroyed their home here yesterday.

Miss Deblen, a roomer, was seriously injured when she attempted to save the young child.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

POLICE DISCOVER LIQUOR CARLOADS FALSELY MARKED

Bring to Light Gigantic Whiskey-Running Business at Toronto.

YARDMEN INVOLVED

Grand Trunk Yards at East Toronto Are Scene of Daring Trade.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 21.—That whiskey is being shipped into Toronto from Montreal in carload lots—300 cases to a car—under fictitious shipping bills was the statement made to The Advertiser yesterday by Inspector George Lydiatt of East Toronto police station, who with his men have uncovered a gigantic whiskey-running business in the yards of the Grand Trunk at East Toronto.

From information so far gathered there is a ring of bootleggers working in conjunction with several Grand Trunk yardmen and other officials handling cars of whiskey at East Toronto yards.

The police have statements from several yardmen that one man was given \$500 to cut off the cars onto a side track, where they are unloaded near Danforth avenue, while other trainmen say they have been paid for their services with whiskey. The police have the names of five Toronto firms who have been receiving carload shipments of whiskey under false shipping bills. Some of the cars were marked "Brass fittings," "Brass castings" and "Farmers' produce."

Yesterday the police got word a car was to be unloaded last night, but it developed it had been unloaded in the day time. "One of the trainmen said the car had been unloaded, the car had been unloaded, and told me the name of the yardman who was men went to the siding and found the car had been smashed open. Broken whiskey bottles were strewn on the tracks alongside the car."

URGES DRASTIC ACTION BY MONTREAL WOMEN

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