

THE 26TH HAS FOUR MEN IN THE CASUALTIES

C. B. HOWARD'S CASE BEFORE POLICE COURT SATURDAY

Interesting Evidence Heard—Case Will Come Up Again on Saturday Next.

The Police Court was crowded with spectators on Saturday morning and afternoon to witness the case in which C. B. Howard, the agent of the Children's Aid Society, was charged with abducting Maggie Mason, a sixteen year old girl. H. A. Powell, K. C. and J. King Kelley, K. C. appeared for the defense, while Urban J. Sweeney was for the prosecution.

Mr. Howard was asked by the magistrate if he had anything to say and replied "I am not guilty, what I did was done by me in my capacity as the official agent appointed by the Children's Aid Society of the city and county of St. John, and I have been guided by the directions of the advisory board of the society, who held a special meeting last Wednesday and investigated the facts of the Mason child. I am also acting on the advice of the solicitor for the Children's Aid Society."

Mr. Powell opened, and asked for his client's dismissal, stating that under section 6 of the Act for Protection of Children, passed in 1913, any officer, constable or peace officer may apprehend or bring before a judge any child whomsoever he thinks is being neglected and therefrom placed in a temporary home or institution. Now, Mr. Howard, as the agent for the Children's Aid Society, took this girl into custody and placed her in the Evangeline Home, pending an opportunity to bring her before Judge McKeown, who was but of town at the time. This girl was only temporarily detained, and was under the supervision of the official of this society. There may exist a violation of the law, but the welfare for the child was the intention of the agent. He, in consequence, asked for Mr. Howard to be dismissed.

Mr. Sweeney, in reply, stated that, according to the law, it was a clear defined case of abducting a girl under sixteen without consent of her parents. He had evidence that Mr. Howard had used some threatening language to Mrs. Mason about the possession of the child. Detective Briggs testified that he knew Maggie Mason and she was present in the house when her mother and another woman were arrested. Witness saw her sitting on a soldier's knee. He heard foul talk. Four policemen were present at the raid. On being questioned about the character of Mrs. Whitteer who was recently in jail, the magistrate ruled the evidence out.

Mr. Powell urged that the evidence be allowed as it would go to show that the child was being brought up in the company of a bad woman, but the magistrate would not allow it to be given in evidence.

Mr. Powell then said, "Your position is ridiculously absurd, comprehensive and fundamentally wrong, but I am a gentleman and will bow to the court for the present; you will hear of this again."

OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN AUSTRIA

Thirty-seven Towns and Villages Infected—Food Riots in Cologne.

Geneva, March 5, via Paris—Information has been received here from Innsbruck to the effect that cholera has broken out anew in thirty-seven villages and towns of Austria.

Food Riots in Cologne. Bael, via Paris, March 5.—Travelers from Cologne state that food riots broke out in the market place there yesterday. They state that women who regarded the prices as too high made violent manifestations and that the police charged the crowd, a number of persons being injured.

LIBERAL WINS IN VICTORIA, B.C.

Sir Charles Hibbard Tupper Calls on Conservatives of Province to Have Dishonesty Eradicated.

Victoria, B. C., Mar. 5.—By a majority of 2,397 votes Mr. H. C. Brewster, Liberal candidate in Saturday's by-election for the provincial legislature, was elected over Hon. A. C. Plummerfelt, Conservative. The returns were: Brewster, 4,324; Plummerfelt, 2,927; majority for Brewster, 2,397.

The member-elect will be introduced to the legislature on Monday. Commenting on the result, Hon. W. J. Bowser said: "It is the fortune of war. It will make no difference whatever with the carrying out of the programme laid down in the speech from the throne. The measures necessary for that purpose will be introduced as soon as possible and passed into law, if the house agrees to them, as I have no doubt it will. The people seem to think they need a new government, which has disgraced the province, and which has been the servile tool of adventurers."

"I ask Conservatives to defeat every minister of Mr. Bowser who shows his head. There are mile posts on the trail of this corrupt combination. An opposition, had it existed on the floor of the House, would long ago have exposed their iniquities."

"What about Sir Richard McBride and the Judas Iscariot who sold him?" "Who is his little Kaiser, who attempted to read out the party Conservatives who dare to have opinions of their own?"

THREE FROM ST. JOHN, ONE FROM CHATHAM AND ONE FROM ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

Ottawa, March 5.—The casualty list contains the names of the following Maritime Province men: 26th Battalion. Wounded—Henry W. Graham, St. John; George E. Miles, Fairville; Egbert Robinson, Digby, N. S.; Justice McCarty, Chatham, N. B.

14th Battalion. Wounded—James Reddington, Halifax, N. S. 10th Battalion. Wounded—Edward Dickson, Georgetown, P. E. I. Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column. Wounded—Driver Stuart B. McAdam, St. John, N. B.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, March 5.—C. N. Yroom received a telegram yesterday saying that his son, Carl, of the 26th Battalion, had received a gunshot wound in the left arm.

EARLY LIST. Ottawa, March 5.—Fourth Battalion. Seriously ill—William Jetten, England. Eighth Battalion. Wounded—Alexander McKay, Owen Sound, Ont. Twelfth Battalion. Died March 3.—Wm. Fraser, England. Fourteenth Battalion. Wounded—James Reddington, Halifax, N. S. Sixteenth Battalion. Slightly wounded—William Body, England.

Nineteenth Battalion. Wounded—Walter F. Cooper, England. Slightly wounded—L. Clark West, South Wales. Twentieth Battalion. Wounded—Walter Arthur Desmond, Toronto; Harry Varley, England. Twenty-second Battalion. Severely wounded—Alfred Berthiaume, Montreal. Twenty-fourth Battalion. Severely wounded—Francis Massey, Montreal. TWENTYSIXTH BATTALION. Wounded—Egbert Robertson, Digby, N. S.; Henry W. Graham, St. John, N. B.; Justice McCarty, Chatham, N. B. Forty-second Battalion. Killed in action—George Cox, England. Fifth Canadian Mounted Rifles. Severely wounded—George Lange, Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S. Borden's Armoured Battalion. Accidentally wounded—Driver John S. Taylor, Toronto. Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column. Slightly wounded—Driver Stuart B. MacAdam, St. John, N. B.; Driver Louis Nalton, Sydney, C. B.

Dangerously wounded—Sapper William Linton, Scotland. First Pioneer Battalion. Seriously ill—John Woods, New Orleans, La.

OBITUARY. William Prescott. Sackville, Mar. 5.—The death of William Prescott occurred at his home, Dale Verté, on Friday after a few days' illness from heart trouble. Mr. Prescott was seventy-one years of age. For nearly forty years he has been collector of customs at Dale Verté and for over twenty-five years he was president of the Botsford and Westmorland Agricultural Society.

MILLION SHELLS A DAY IN THE FIGHT AT VERDUN

Pulverize Opponent's Defences at Long Range Seemed to be Theory of Operations.

Paris, Mar. 5.—French artillery officers who took part in the battle of Verdun estimate that during the first four days of the struggle the Germans discharged two million shells, most of them heavy calibre. The number of projectiles fired by the French probably was as great. Nothing like such an expenditure of munitions has been known before, even in the Champagne attack. The whole theory of operations was to pulverize defenses at long range, drive out or kill defenders, and then occupy the ground by massed rushes of infantry. The principle of the defense was to search out heavy pieces of the adversary with equally heavy shells, withdraw from demolished first line works and then when those deserted trenches were approached by attacking forces on the run, to catch them with enfilading artillery and machine gun fire. At times this fire was suddenly suspended and the attackers were engaged in hand-to-hand infantry clashes.

Spent Countless Nights Unable to Rest or Sleep

Was Run Down and in Terribly Nervous Condition—Using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Gained Regularly.

In this letter is told once more the story which comes from many thousands of women. It is the story of exhausted nerves, of a run-down system and of all the accompanying misery of sleeplessness, headaches and loss of energy and vigor. But there is a silver lining to this cloud. There is the light of new hope and courage which comes with the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. This letter is so representative of the kind we are daily receiving that you can judge from it what you might expect from this treatment under similar circumstances.

Mrs. Conrad Schmidt, R. R. No. 1, Milverton, Ont., writes: "Two years ago last spring I was run down, had nervous prostration, and was in a terribly nervous condition. I could not sleep or eat. Could scarcely count the nights that I passed without sleep, and if I did eat, had sick headaches and vomiting spells. My limbs would swell so badly that it hurt me to walk. I would jump up in bed, awakened by bad dreams; in fact, I was so bad I thought I could not live, and started to use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food without much hope."

"It was not long before I began to improve under this treatment, and I can truthfully say it has done me a world of good. It took some time to get the nervous system restored, but I kept right on using the Nerve Food regularly, and gradually gained health and strength. I have a fine baby boy now. He weighed 13 lbs. at birth, and though my friends were anxious over the condition I was in, I got over that fine, and now weigh 120 lbs. Before using the Nerve Food I was a mere skeleton."

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AN INCIDENT DURING KING PETER'S RETREAT FROM SERBIA INTO ALBANIA



DURING THE LONG RETREAT FROM SERBIA INTO ALBANIA KING PETER AND HIS COURT WERE COMPELLED TO UNDERGO THE SAME HARDSHIPS AS THOSE BORNE BY THE REST OF THE REFUGEES. IN THE ABOVE PICTURE, DRAWN BY F. MATANIA ESPECIALLY FOR THIS NEWSPAPER, THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE LONDON SPHERE, THE KING, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COURT AND A DETACHMENT OF SERBIAN SOLDIERS, IS SHOWN LEADING THE WAY DURING THE RETREAT ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS INTO ALBANIA. MINOR ACCIDENTS OCCURRED, AND AT THE ABOVE SPOT ONE OF THE YOUTHS WITH THE PARTY FELL OVER THE UNRAILED BRIDGE INTO THE SWIFTLY FLOWING MOUNTAIN STREAM. ALL ATTEMPTS TO SAVE HIM FROM DROWNING FAILED.

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RUSSIA Twenty Krupp Latest Type Czar's Not a Shot Fired But Russians With Deadly Effect, Nearly All The Town Losing Lives in Hand Fighting. Petrograd, via London, Mar. 4.—The following regarding the capture of Bittles has been received: "Details of the capture of Bittles show that position without firing a shot. The attack was unopposed. About three o'clock in the morning the Turkish artillery positions were stormed and the result of which the defenders, who for desperation, were all killed. "On the position and in pursuit of the enemy guns of the latest Krupp type, all of which were also captured on the positions a huge quantity of munitions, and in Bittles itself a large depot of artillery, pursuit numerous Turks were sabred. The number of casualties, and includes forty officers."

JOHN MACNAB, ONE OF HALIFAX' WEALTHIEST MEN, DIED YESTERDAY. Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Mar. 5.—John MacNab, one of the wealthiest men of Halifax, who has been in business here for about seventy years, died today. He came from Lanark, Scotland, with his father at the age of ten years. As a boy he entered the wholesale grocery and liquor firm of A. McLeod & Co., and worked until he became a partner. Thirty years ago he retired from this firm and has since spent his time looking after investments.

WAR HAS REVIVED BRITISH SHIP BUILDING ON SOUTH SHORE. Several Vessels Under Construction and Shipyards Almost as Busy as in Old Days. London, Ont., Mar. 5.—Among the numerous things for which the great war is responsible must be counted the tremendous advance in ocean freight rates, and that advance, with the prospect of its continuance or increase, must be held accountable for at least a partial revival of the shipbuilding industry along this shore. Shipyards which had been idle for years are again providing employment and the only yard in which the building of ships was more than a tradition is largely increasing its output. Starting with Parbrober, W. R. Huntley, who has drafted and built many fine vessels at this port, is with his son, Charles A. Huntley, setting out the frame of a three-masted schooner to carry about nine hundred tons, or of somewhere near five hundred tons register. She will be owned by Hugh Gillespie & Co., Burpee L. Tucker, the builders, also others, at Port Grenville, G. M. Cochrane, the builder of the only vessel launched on this shore last year, is building three large vessels. The first, a tern schooner of over four hundred tons register, is nearing completion and will probably be launched in April. The next, a four-masted schooner, will be launched in May. The third will be a tern schooner of between four hundred and five hundred tons register. Her frame is being moulded at present and she will be put in frame as soon as number one is launched. Mr. Cochrane employs about sixty men and is "some hustler."

Interdenominational Summer School. Steps have been initiated for the conduct of an interdenominational summer school for Sunday School workers at some centre in New Brunswick during the coming summer. A committee of arrangements has been formed representing the different evangelical churches in co-operation with the Sunday School Association. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon, but the time has been set to follow immediately upon a school of a similar character being held in Berwick, N. S., August 10-17. The programme and methods to be adopted will follow the best suggestions gleaned from the way of similar summer conferences held in other parts of Canada for the past few years.