

JURY CENSURED BY TORONTO JUDGE

Acquittal on Manslaughter Charge Stirs Indignation—Another, Accused of Bribery, Also Cleared.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—"You have caused the death of the boy. There is absolutely no reason why a death should have occurred. No driver with any kind of care could have been responsible for the death of this youngster. I have no sympathy whatever with you. Fortunately for you the jury has acquitted you and now you are at liberty to go free with the sound in your ears of what I have said to you."

So declared Mr. Justice Lennox with emphasis in the Jury Assizes, when James Blake, charged with manslaughter, arising from the death of eleven-year-old Fred Wenden, who was struck by an automobile driven by Blake, was declared not guilty by the jury. Before dismissing the jurors, whose deliberations occupied several hours, Mr. Justice Lennox said: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you arrived at that conclusion it is not possible for me to find. Personally, I believe judges should speak out on the attitude of juries and the tendency displayed by them in recent years. There must be some reason for the changed condition and it will have to be met. The unsettled conditions following the Great War and the influx of foreigners may account for it."

"Then there is a possibility that the vast amount of propaganda being set forth by this class of the community may be getting too receptive an ear. A few years ago we could anticipate, at least I could, the probable finding of a jury and be sure, despite that sometimes they might be swayed by prejudice, that the verdict would be honestly rendered. That is not the case today in many instances."

As the jurors were about to file out of the jury box, His Lordship remarked: "I will have more to say about juries at this sitting of the Assizes."

Another Acquittal. No sooner had one jury stepped out of the box than another stepped in with a verdict of not guilty in the case of James Bond, who was charged with bribing a police officer. Ordering the prisoner to stand up, Mr. Justice Lennox said: "The jury could have fairly found you guilty and just as fairly not guilty. For the most part it depended on whether you were aware of the position held by the police constables who arrested you. The jury has mercifully accepted that you did not know. If it were known that you were aware of the position held by the police constables who arrested you. The place you were found was no place for a respectable man. If it were known that you were aware of the position held by the police constables who arrested you. The place you were found was no place for a respectable man. If it were known that you were aware of the position held by the police constables who arrested you. The place you were found was no place for a respectable man."

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AT THE Y. M. C. A.

A meeting of the young men's class was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. and the House Basketball League for the class was formed. The following captains were chosen: A. Yeomans, H. Kirk, Roy Boyce, R. Christopher, D. MacGowan and Harold Taylor. Games will be played every Thursday night, starting November 3 with the following games:

Kirk vs. Taylor, Christopher vs. MacGowan, Yeomans vs. Boyce. On Thursday, November 9, the following games are scheduled: Kirk vs. Christopher, Taylor vs. Yeomans, MacGowan vs. Boyce.

About twenty members of the class will take part in a hare and hound chase on Saturday. Leaving the Y. M. C. A. they will go through Mount Pleasant, around Lily Lake and back to the Y. M. C. A.

SAVES LIFE; IS SUED FOR DAMAGES

Vienna, Oct. 27.—The courts of Graz in the Austrian Province of Styria have just had to deal with a most extraordinary law suit. A farmer, who went to inspect his field one morning, found a man who had just hung himself on a branch of an apple tree above a road ditch. He drew his knife and cut the rope. The man, who had tried to kill himself, fell into the ditch and soon recovered consciousness. In falling he had broken a leg and had to be taken to a hospital. He was dismissed home after a few weeks, but had hardly regained his liberty when he went to court and sued the farmer who had saved his life for the restitution of the hospital expenses, as, he stated, it was by an unwanted interference of the farmer that his leg was broken.

The first court decided the case in favor of the prosecutor, because it was proved that the farmer had caused the injury by cutting the rope. But the Superior Court quashed the first sentence and acquitted the farmer. Announcing his decision, the presiding judge said that the prosecutor was under no obligation of gratitude, as the farmer had hardly done him a service by recalling him into the wretched existence, which is the lot of so many Austrians nowadays. But from the point of view of a citizen the farmer had acted correctly. It was his duty as a Christian to free the man from the rope. If the peasant had done it in a negligent way he would be responsible for the injury. But such negligence

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was not proved. It was an impossibility for the peasant to climb into the tree to cut the rope and to stand underneath to catch the man at the same time. The prosecutor can, therefore, not claim any damages.

SUBSTITUTE FOR REFORMATORY

Agricultural and Industrial Settlements Will be Established in Quebec.

Quebec, Oct. 27.—Encouragement to social service workers is given in the Speech from the Throne delivered by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick in opening the session of the legislature today. Intimation is given that legislation will be introduced "to organize agricultural and industrial settlements to take the place of reformatory schools, and to train in agricultural pursuits those who show any disposition to follow them." This is the first step that the government has made towards the prison farm system, and the government is being urged to extend the maximum age for those sent to this new place, 18 being suggested. In conformity with the same idea, Premier Taschereau has given notice of a bill to amend the Juvenile Court Act to prevent the presiding judge must be a magistrate. The amendment will provide that any qualified person may be a judge of the Juvenile Court. It is recognized that to sit in judgment is the Juvenile Court is not a matter requiring a knowledge, but common sense, and, consequently, such qualified persons will not have to be even lawyers. By means of this amendment it will be possible for two or three persons to be named to provide in the Juvenile Court, each taking turns or dealing with certain classes of cases.

ROTARIANS PLAN WELFARE FARM FOR ERRING BOYS

Prosecuting further its boys' welfare work in Toronto, the Rotary Club announces a project for the establishment of a detention farm for boys at Wilcox Lake. The scheme is in its infancy as yet. It is proposed that the start made this winter will determine the final nature of the new system of dealing with erring lads. It is likely that the Lake Simcoe Ice Co.'s premises on Wilcox Lake will be taken over. This site is of considerable acreage and there is housing accommodation for forty boys. While the farm in a sense will be a detention home where strict discipline will be enforced, the keen edge of that matter will be taken off by the disciplinary schedule which is proposed. Agriculture, of course, will be principal among the various vocations, but for the small boy such delightful training as that of raising rabbits, dogs and other small stock will serve to distract the child's mind from the thought that he is being punished or harshly dealt with for misdemeanors. Should the farm prove successful, it is proposed to establish vocational courses for which special teachers will be provided. A man and his wife will reside permanently on the farm, serving the double purpose of caretaker and governor.

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WHIPPED, DROWNS HERSELF

Manila Chinese Girl Was Punished for Airing Flapper Fashions.

Manila, Oct. 27.—Wing Ty, a Chinese girl, seventeen years old, committed suicide by drowning herself, according to the police, when her mother punished her for bobbing her hair and cutting her skirts to the height in vogue among the flappers of America.

The sight of her daughter, minus her long black braid and ankle length skirts so enraged the mother that she administered a severe whipping with a leather strap. Wing Ty took her punishment and then jumped into the Lasig River.

ASSAILS PASSION PLAY.

Rabbi Calls It an Agency Which Inflames Religious Prejudice.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York, speaking here before a congregation of Jews, assailed the Passion Play of Oberammergau as an agency which inflames religious and racial prejudices against the Jews. Rabbi Wise said he witnessed the revival of the Passion Play after its suspension during the war.

"The Passion Play was first presented by the people of that little German village in 1634—almost three centuries ago," he said. "At that time the Jews of Europe were being widely persecuted. They were pariahs—social outcasts."

"The play reflects the antipathy for the Jew that was so flagrant at that time and I hold that its performance is a grave injustice to the Jewish race and only fans the flames of racial and religious prejudice."

A very enjoyable social was held last evening by the members of Waterloo street Baptist church when a special programme was carried out and bounteous refreshments were served by a committee of ladies under the co-operation of Mrs. Parlee, Rev. J. A. Swetnam, the pastor, gave an address of welcome and a musical programme was put on by Miss M. Daley, Mrs. B. Coggan, Miss O. J. Thompson and Miss L. Fanjoy.

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