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Manager Jennings announces that Ty Cobb will be number 3 instead of number 4 in the Detroit batting order this season. Ty did his best work as number 3 man several years ago.

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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

## BELLEVIEW RATEPAYERS WERE PLEASED

Splendid Addresses by J. H. Fisher, M. P. and Mr. Westbrook.

Member for Brant Scored Liberal Hypocrisy on Liquor Question.

The policy of the Conservative party and the Workmen's Compensation Act were ably discussed and spoken upon by the representatives of North Brant at the Bellevue School House. Mr. J. H. Fisher of the Dominion House at Ottawa and Mr. J. W. Westbrook of the Provincial House at Toronto, addressed a good gathering of electors, some Liberal and many Conservatives. Mr. Westbrook introduced the speakers, who truly needed no introduction, so well-known are they to the constituents. Opening the meeting, he called upon Mr. R. T. Hall, the President of

MR. J. H. FISHER, M.P.



Who Pointed to the Fine Record of the Borden Government in Effective Style.

the Borden Club, who said he was a Conservative by birth, and a Conservative by conviction. The meeting was to gain views upon general questions, including that of temperance.

All the time the Reformers had been in power they had not done one hundredth part of that performed by the Whitney party, since they came into power and yet they come forward to-day and state that temperance was one of their principal supports. We must not rest because we held the four Brants at the moment. The Reform party had not been able to put their finger upon a single point of mismanagement by the Whitney party. He, the speaker, would urge to the men present to be ready for a coming campaign. They had two splendid representatives in Mr. Fisher and Mr. Westbrook. The party could not have better. He hoped the electors would do better in any coming election, than they had ever done in the past, for these tried and trusted servants. He closed with the rather British quotation of "What we have, we'll hold."

Mr. Fisher's Views.  
Mr. Fisher then was called upon and responded, saying, that he had intended this meeting to be an organization affair. He complimented the audience upon their excellent school, which was one of the many for which Brant County was foremost in the province. He made sympathetic reference to the memory of the late Wm. Paterson. His conferee, Mr. Westbrook, was then the subject of an enthusiastic eulogium. According to the Grit organ, Mr. Ham and Mr. Scott Davidson, were already elected to the House at Toronto, but he was not at all sure that this easy way of electing them was successful. He knew that Mr. Westbrook was too strong for such a thing to happen.

Rural Mail.  
Since the Conservatives came into power, the mail system had been pretty well perfected in Ontario and North Brant was well looked after in this respect. He had been successful in obtaining 19 new rural routes for North Brant, 16 of which were now in active operation. The parcels post was another achievement of the Government, which was thoroughly appreciated. This measure was a great success in America.

Agricultural Grant.  
A Bill to grant \$10,000,000 for the benefit of agricultural affairs had been introduced, to be mainly expended in education on the subject. Great steps could only be made when this method of national agricultural education had been decided upon. The idea was a proved success in France and Germany.

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## Prince Arthur Viceroy of Ireland

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
NEW YORK, April 14.—A cable to the New York American from Dublin says: A good many Liberals of more or less eminence have of late been discussing exactly what is going to happen when a Home Rule Parliament is actually set up on College Green in the course of next year. It is said in these circles that Prince Arthur of Connaught will be the first viceroy under the new order of things. There has not been a member of the British royal family at the head of the government in Ireland since the youthful Henry, Duke of York, afterward known as Henry VIII, was appointed lord lieutenant or lord deputy in the year 1494.

## ANGLICANS AT VESTRY—GOOD REPORTS GIVEN

Splendid Prosperity is Enjoyed by the Church in This City.

Anglican churches in Brantford are in a flourishing, prosperous condition and are branching out both in membership and influence as evidenced by the reports submitted at the vestry meetings last night. A harmonious feeling between laity and clergy was found to exist everywhere.

St. James Church.  
The annual vestry meeting of St. James' Church was held last night. The large meeting was presided over by the rector, Rev. H. A. Wright and the various organizations, all of which showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. The Warden's report was left over until the next meeting of the vestry, which will be held in two weeks.

The following officers were elected: Warden, Vincent C. Simmons; Auditors, Messrs. Foster and Ayres; Clerk, E. Bland; Sidesmen and Ushers, Messrs. Wadman, Roberts, E. Simmons, Ayres, Foster and Wallace. At the congregational meeting held after the vestry meeting E. Bland and A. T. Pickels were elected delegates to the Synod.

St. Jude's Vestry.  
The annual vestry meeting of St. Jude's Church was held last night and was very largely attended by the men of the church. The meeting was presided over by the rector, Rev. C. E. Jenkins, who charged the vestry to do a greater work this coming year.

The Warden's report showed the church to be in an exceptionally prosperous condition. Other organizations read encouraging reports which showed real progress during the past year and a bright outlook for the future. The following officers were elected: Clerk, W. B. Seace; Warden, S. Smith and Dr. Lundy; Sidesmen, Messrs. G. Bray, C. Mott, Allman, Brierly, Cuff, Butterworth, Harrington, Virtue, W. H. Lane and Spencer.

The Advisory board was re-elected without change. At the close of the vestry meeting the congregational meeting was held and the following delegates were appointed to the city: H. Noble and F. Belling; Substitute, B. House.

Trinity Vestry.  
The annual vestry meeting of Trinity Church was held last night at which a large attendance of the men were present. An encouraging financial report was read by the Clerk, A. R. Croft, which showed a satisfactory balance. Other reports from the various committees showed a splendid credit balance in every case.

The rector's report showed an increase in the congregational attendance in the number of families, the number of communicants and the number of confirmations. The rector was well pleased with the progress, and growth of the church this year, and looks forward to a splendid year.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Warden, G. H. Lange and F. J. East, both of whom were re-elected. Heretofore this church has had no select vestry, but at last night's meeting a motion was adopted whereby four members were selected. The people's choice were F. L. Palmer and H. Leonard, while the rector has the appointment of two but as yet no selections were made. Auditors: W. H. Ratcliffe and E. Hutchinson.

At the close of the vestry meeting a congregational meeting was held and L. E. Kingerley was appointed delegate to the Synod at London, England, in June.

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## SEVEN LIVES WERE LOST IN BOSTON FIRE

Another Apartment House Trap Destroyed by Fire.

Women Leaped From Upstairs Windows to Their Deaths.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
BOSTON, April 14.—Seven lives were lost in a fire which wrecked the Melvin, a five-story brick apartment house at Commonwealth Avenue and Long Avenue in the Alston district early to-day. It was feared that one other occupant of the building, who was missing several hours after the fire, also had been burned.

Many others among the 125 persons living in the house had thrilling escapes and several were painfully burned.

The loss is estimated at about \$60,000. Mrs. Bemis' sister, Mrs. F. S. Beaharrell and Miss Eileen Hazel were lost in this fire. It was thought that the unidentified body might be that of one of those women. Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis met death by jumping, one from the 4th floor and the other from the 5th. The bodies of the other victims were found on the fifth floor two hours after the discovery of the fire. The medical examiner expressed the opinion that all had been suffocated.

The fire started in the basement, near a wastepaper chute, and the flames shot rapidly up through this chute and an elevator well. The whole building was ablaze when the firemen arrived.

May Boyd, living near the scene, was one of the first to see the fire, while another neighbor rang in the alarm. Miss Boyd rushed into the building and rang bells in all the suites. The occupants were quickly aroused. Many were able to escape by the stairways. Others used the fire escapes in the rear until flames bursting from the windows made this impossible. When the firemen arrived they carried a number of men and women down the ladders. Several persons jumped from the upper floors into the life nets.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis, surrounded by flames, refused to heed the warnings of others who shouted to them to wait for the firemen and leaped to their death.

No one had time to dress and there was considerable suffering from exposure in the chill air of the early morning. The survivors found shelter in nearby apartment houses.

The state police later in the day began an investigation in an effort to determine the cause of the fire.

## LABOR WILL BOLT FROM THE LIBERALS

Resolution of Independence Passed at Bradford City, England, Today.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
BRADFORD, Eng., April 14.—A resolution instructing labor members of parliament to act independently of the Liberal party was adopted by 293 votes to 78 at the closing session of the Independent Labor party.

The resolution also denounced "cabinet rule," which involves the suppression of the rights of the private members adequately to voice the policy of his party, besides making impossible the free consideration of proposals which have not received the cabinet hall mark. This rule was declared inimical to good government.

In conclusion invites members of the parliamentary Labor party to vote on all issues brought before parliament only in accordance with the principles for which the party stands. It was pointed out that the forty Labor members in the House of Commons might have been in a position at any time to make precarious the life of the government.

Another resolution in favor of re-admitting the Socialist party to the ranks of the Labor party was defeated.

Tutela Club.  
The Tutela Football Club will hold a practice to-morrow night at 6.30 at Tutela Park, when the team will be selected to oppose the S.O.E. on Saturday.

## Ulster Sending Securities Away

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
NEW YORK, April 14.—A cable from London to the New York American says: Ulster and the Government are vying with each other in preparations for the "rainy day" to come. While the latter is massing troops on the various frontiers of Ulster which divide it from the Nationalist south, Ulster is packing off all her valuable securities for safe custody in London banks and safe deposits. So great is the anxiety in the northern counties of Ireland that masses of securities are being forwarded daily, more especially holdings by Ulster investors.

## THEFTS ARE NUMEROUS IN THE CITY

Police Court Busy With Investigating Various Charges.

Cheever Brothers Are Defendants Today—Rectories Looted.

The series of thefts which have recently occurred in the city, and which have considerably perplexed and annoyed the authorities, culminated this morning in the appearance of two brothers, Thomas and William Cheever, in the prisoner's dock at the police court. They were charged individually with theft, and also, together, and pleaded not guilty to all charges. Mr. Heyd appeared on behalf of Thomas, who was charged with the majority of the offences mentioned this morning. The first charge concerned the disappearance of a brace and bit from the working bench of John Aiken, at the Simpson Carriage Works, on the night of Friday, April 3rd. He said he had worked with the tool until 6 o'clock on that night and when he returned to work on Saturday morning the brace was missing. He had worked for 20 years at the Carriage Works, and positively identified the brace as it had been twice broken and repaired by him. He also identified the tool, by his private mark and name, which was on the brace. He had used it for about twenty-five years. This statement produced a smile round the court room, and the magistrate remarked that a man should know his property in that time. Continuing, Aiken said there was no doubt whatever about the brace being his.

John Mann testified that a man named Cole brought a brace and bit to his establishment which he offered for sale. He identified the proffered brace as the one produced. Cheevers, in the box, in answer to Mr. Heyd, said he bought the brace and bits on the market before removing to Albion street. He had paid 65 cents for it and bought it because it appeared cheap. He had never seen his life before in Simpson's Carriage Works and did not take the brace from that place.

Cross-examined by Mr. Henderson, defendant said that he had owned the brace for over two months. He admitted that he had appeared in the police court before but did not know if he was convicted or not. Official record proved that he had been found guilty of breaking into the Liberty store, and his record was characterized by Mr. Henderson as a bad one and while it was being read, William protested as his case was not being tried, but he was told the evidence was in order. According to his statement in answer to Mr. Heyd, defendant was let off on suspended sentence in 1909 when he was charged with his brother for breaking and entering a building in the city.

Neither he nor his brother had had permanent work during the winter months, occasional snow-shovelling and odd jobs forming Thomas' employment, while William was said to have been up in the hospital until recently.

Mr. Aiken was brought back into the box with reference to the brace as the identification of it was a point upon which the case rested. Again he was positive that it was his property. William then protested that he had nothing to do with the theft of it. As far as he knew the man Aiken had never seen the brace before as

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## THAW WINS BUT IS NOT YET RELEASED

Petition For Writ of Habeas Corpus Granted by Judge.

But Case Will be Argued Out Again in the Supreme Court.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
CONCORD, N.H., April 14.—Harry Kendall Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States district court to-day. The court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States Supreme Court of Appeal.

CONCORD, N.H., April 14.—Thaw's petition for admission to bail the court left undetermined, taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed upon by the Supreme Court.

As the result of the decision Thaw's guardianship and condition will be unchanged for the present, but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go the highest court in the land for a decision.

The decision filed with the clerk of the court here makes more than ten thousand words; discusses exhaustively the various phases of the case presented in the United States court concluding:

"My conclusion is that the constitutional right of extradition for such a situation as this, where the right of control by the demanding state resides in a degree of custody based on insanity and where its papers upon their face negative the idea of personal criminal responsibility. It is further thought that it would involve forced or fictional reasoning to make a flight of the character of the one in question, the kind of a flight contemplated by the constitution as a basis for extradition. It results that an order will be made sustaining the writ, and that the prisoner be discharged from the extradition process under which he was held at the time his petition for habeas corpus was brought upon constitutional grounds.

"It has been understood from the beginning that, whichever way the case was decided by me, it would be taken to the Supreme Court. Therefore no formal order will be made, either sustaining the writ or discharging the petitioner until the aggrieved party has had an opportunity to perfect its appeal."

When the slayer of Stanford White entered this state last September after his deportation from Canada, he was arrested by the state authorities. To prevent his extradition to New York state opposed the motion for bail, alleging that Thaw's mental condition was such as to make his freedom a menace to the public.

Reciting the facts as a Thaw's petition for bail and the appointment and report of the commission upon his mental condition the court says: "I have no doubt of the right of the court to grant bail under the circumstances of this case; but the question as an interlocutory one, of which the petitioner has the right to avail himself at any time and at any stage of the proceedings and as the case is about to go out of the control of the court and into the Supreme Court and as the Supreme Court Rule 34 has an important and, perhaps, a controlling bearing upon the question, I am disposed to leave the motion for bail undetermined without prejudice."

The court says that the report of the commission supplemented by his own observation at the several hearings satisfied him that any supposed danger to the community through Thaw's liberty was so remote as not to warrant his being deprived of bail upon that ground.

"I am not at all certain that I am not denying a plain right and doing the petitioner injustice, by leaving this question undecided," he says.

Thaw's case the court finds to be that of a person sought to be extradited under the constitution because he had fled from guardianship custody based on the verdict of a jury that he was insane.

## Programme For The Duke's Visit

A meeting was held yesterday of the special committee in charge of the arrangements for the visit of the Duke of Connaught to this city May 9th. A program for the day was submitted for discussion, and plans were made for His Royal Highness' entertainment. The following program has been suggested: Arrival at railway station, 4.30 p.m. Address of welcome by the Mayor at the station, or some other selected place. Visit to the Bell Homestead. Visit to Golf Club. Tea either at Bell Homestead or the Golf Club. Motor ride around the city. It is also proposed that the Boy Scouts attend in a body and form a guard of honor for His Royal Highness.

## ASQUITH GETS REAL WELCOME IN THE HOUSE

Inspiring Ovation Was Tendered Premier on His Return Today.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
LONDON, April 14.—Premier Asquith was greeted with an inspiring ovation on his return to the House of Commons to-day. His progress from the entrance of the chamber to the chair of the speaker, was accompanied by volleys of cheers from excited ministerial and Nationalist members. The newly elected member for East Fife was introduced by Percy H. Hingworth and John W. Gulland.

During question time Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs gave the House official information as to events at Tripoli already recorded in despatches. He told members how Secretary of State Bryan at the request of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador at Washington, had taken steps to impress the combatants that a "most serious situation would be created by the wanted destruction of oil fields."

Mr. Acland described the followers of Venustiano Carranza as "rebels" to which term Joshua Wedgwood, a Liberal member took exception. Mr. Acland, however, replied:

"I think the word describes them well enough in the absence of their being conquerors."

## THE STANDARD IS SUFFERER FROM A FIRE

Kingston Newspaper Had Disastrous Blaze Early This Morning.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
KINGSTON, Ont., April 13.—The Kingston Standard newspaper building was damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000, in a blaze which broke out at 8.35 this morning. Members of the editorial and mechanical staff had a very narrow escape from being suffocated, having to take to the fire escapes. The fire started from the furnace in the basement and in a short time the building was ablaze. The smoke poured into the editorial rooms and the stairway was also ablaze and the only avenue of escape was via the fire escapes, which were just installed a month ago. Good work by chief Armstrong and his men confined the fire to the front of the building and the typesetting machines at the rear were not damaged and late this forenoon the printers were at work setting up copy for to-day's issue. The big press on the main floor was badly damaged, but the paper to-day was issued from the press of The British Whig. The editor and proprietor, W. R. Givens, is holidaying in Florida. The burned building is owned by H. W. Richardson. The building was entirely new, The Standard moving in a trifle over a year ago. It is on the site of the hardware store of W. B. Dalton and Son, which was destroyed by fire three years ago.

Tracks in City.  
Construction work on the L. E. & N. has now reached a point where the tracks are laid into the city. Yesterday the men were nearing the old bathhouse site, where they will be held up for some time until the inner retaining wall at the Terrace is completed.

## 'DAGO' FRANK'S CONFESSION IS BARRED

Will Not be Available in the New Trial of Capt. Becker.

Vallon One of Murderers Lucky to Get Freedom.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]  
NEW YORK, April 14.—The confession of "Dago Frank" Cirofici, made a few hours before he was executed for the part he played in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will not be permitted to interfere in the plans of District Attorney Whitman for the second trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker. Mr. Whitman holds the confession to be hearsay evidence and therefore inadmissible either in the defence of Becker, who is charged with having instigated the murder of Rosenthal or in the prosecution of Harry Vallon.

Vallon, according to the official version of Cirofici's confession to Warden Clancy of Sing Sing prison, fired one of the shots that killed Rosenthal. It was Vallon's testimony together with that given by "Bridge" Webber and Jack Rose that led to the conviction of the four gunmen.

The trial of Becker will begin on May 4th, if Justice Seabury to-morrow grants the motion of Mr. Whitman. The district attorney, when he makes the motion, will also ask for a special venire of talemens from which to select a jury.

John F. McIntyre, who was leading counsel for Becker at his first trial, is of the same opinion as District Attorney Whitman concerning the availability of the Cirofici confession as evidence. Mr. McIntyre believes, however, that it might be used as a dying declaration if ordered in evidence by the presiding judge.

Bernard H. Sandler, attorney for Vallon, declared that the confession as a legal document, was worthless. Mr. Sandler said that Vallon would be ready to testify at the Becker trial should he be summoned.

When Vallon was granted immunity District Attorney Whitman stipulated that if it was subsequently shown that he had actually fired upon Rosenthal that the immunity would no longer hold and he must face trial for murder in the first degree. Mr. Whitman called attention to the provisions of this agreement to-day when commenting on "Dago Frank's" confession.

Becker from his cell in the Tombs prison refuses to discuss the execution of the four gunmen or to comment on the confession of Cirofici.

The arrival of the bodies of the dead gunmen at various castide undertaking establishments yesterday, drew enormous crowds. The funeral of "Whitey Lewis" Seidenshner yesterday afternoon was the signal for the first crowd to assemble. Word that the body of Harry Horwitz, "Gyp the Blood" was in a Lenox avenue morgue caused a throng to gather in that street and police reserves had to be called out to preserve order. Funeral services for "Gyp the Blood" were held this morning. The burial of "Dago Frank" Cirofici probably will take place sometime to-day, as will that of "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg.

From four until ten o'clock last night a curious throng filed past the coffin containing the body of "Dago Frank." There was no disorder. Friends of the dead gunman viewed his body this morning after which it was removed to the home of his mother in the Bronx.

## LIBERALS WILL FIGHT OVER THE TARIFF

Party is Now Likely to Drop the Increased Preference Plank From Platform.

OTTAWA, April 14.—The Liberal proposal of increasing the British preference from 35 to 50 per cent. will, it is reported here, be abandoned by that party in view of the defections which are threatened, or have already taken place.

Advocacy of such a platform has come almost exclusively from the West, and has met with very determined opposition from the Eastern provinces, who adhere there to moderate protection on manufactures, but are willing to stand for free food and free agricultural implements.

Having regard to the attitude of this section, the increase in the preference is not likely to figure in the party's platform, though just what course exactly will be taken is to be determined only when a caucus is held at the end of this week or some time next week.