

THREE LONDONERS ARE TRIED ON CHARGE OF HAVING STILL

Remanded To Jail For Week
Pending Court Decision
in St. Thomas.

REVENUE MEN DIFFER

Barrel of Water-Soaked Grain
Found On Farm at South-
wold.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—R. S. Rawlings, Robert Cartledge and Robert Cartledge, Jun., all of London, were this morning remanded to the county jail for a week, awaiting a decision by the court on a charge of having in their possession at Southwold station on the evening of November 25, a part of a still, contrary to the terms of the inland revenue act. The second action, laid by Provincial Constable Devlin, that of "conspiracy in connection with the placing of a still on the Blackstock farm, was adjourned pending a decision in the inland revenue charge.

The court room was crowded for the hearing. Some of the evidence given was extremely contradictory, especially that bearing on the finding of a barrel, containing water and grain, in the chicken coop on the Blackstock farm during a raid on November 24. Blackstock stated that he had been in the habit of heating the grain after it had been well-soaked, for feed for his chickens. Inland Revenue Officer W. T. Collins, St. Thomas, deposed that the contents of the barrel were not used for the

Veteran Seeks Cut In Pension

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The unusual problem of a Northern Ontario war veteran insisting on his pension being reduced is facing the dominion command, Great War Veterans' Association.
The veteran claims the doctors had been prejudiced, and that while his disability is set by them at 15 per cent it should not be more than 10 per cent. He threatens legal action if something is not done about it.
Perhaps a light is thrown on the request from the fact that the man wants his pension commuted, which is only possible in cases of from five to fourteen per cent disability. The G. W. V. A. will probably urge a fresh medical examination.

purpose of manufacturing liquor, because it lacked raisins or yeast to ferment the grain, while Revenue Officer Webb of London stated that in his opinion the barrel contained mash. Mrs. Ida Blackstock, who gave her evidence in a separate room at the request of her physician, told the court that the three men had been brought to her home by her brother-in-law, R. Harris, and a friend of the family, A. Craven, on Sunday, Nov. 23. Cartledge had promised to move her husband a millstone in six weeks if he would install a still and

manufacture liquor for them. The contract price was \$20 a gallon or \$22 if the quality warranted it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blackstock had objected, but despite this fact, the men had returned on three other occasions and tried to persuade her to agree to the plan.

Blackstock Testifies.
Saturday evening, Nov. 29, they had returned at 8:30 o'clock, accompanied by the boy, to get some whiskey which her husband had promised them in hopes of getting rid of them. The men had pleaded the necessity of getting gasoline at the store and left Blackstock going with them. She told of the subsequent arrival of the officers, the return of her husband and the accused. Under cross-examination she told of the raid made by revenue officers and police, the Monday following their introduction to Cartledge and Rawlings, in which the officers discovered the soaking grain in the chicken coop and two bottles containing a teaspoonful of liquor, the latter being located in the bedroom.

Benjamin Blackstock told of the first meeting and said Cartledge had told him he needed 500 gallons of whiskey before Christmas, to be delivered across the border. "He proposed that I allow him to put a worm and tester, in my barn," testified Blackstock. "Cartledge talked still, and Rawlings discussed the financial end of the question. They were ready to give me a check for \$500 to help pay my first fine."

"My wife objected, but I promised to think it over."
He explained under cross-examination, that he imagined he could buy liquor at \$5 a gallon in Middlesex and make a profit at selling it at \$20 a gallon, so agreed to supply 4 or 5 gallons by Saturday night to help make up a consignment which was to be delivered to Windsor the same evening.

Saturday the accused had come as agreed, and they motored to the store, with Blackstock hanging on the side of the car, with his lantern in one hand. He had jumped off at the first store, while Cartledge had made an excuse to go to the church shed.

"I tried to telephone the officers in this city, but the line was busy," Blackstock testified, "and the next word I heard was that the officers had headed for my house."
He told of meeting Provincial Constable Devlin and Revenue Officer Collins, and being ordered inside the house, and then was successful in having the officers search the car which Cartledge was driving, and in which part of a still was found. Provincial Constable Devlin told of the plans arranged by Revenue Officer Webb to raid the Blackstock farm on Saturday night, on information furnished by Cartledge. They met Cartledge according to arrangements in the church shed at Southwold Station, and went to the Blackstock home. He corroborated Blackstock's story of later events.

Place Was Searched.
Inland Revenue Officer Collins said that, acting on information from Cecil Webb of the London revenue department, a search had been made Monday afternoon, Nov. 24, and the barrel of chicken-feed found, together with an olive-stone and a boiler, which had been subjected to heat at some time, although there were no connections attached to identify it as a part of a still. He said that in his opinion the grain found in the barrel in the chicken-coop was not mash.

Robert Cartledge, Sen., said that Craven had volunteered the information that Blackstock was in the business, and arranged the introduction. He swore that Blackstock said: "I can make the strongest home-brew in any part of the country. I got a good still, which I stole from some Russians, my neighbors, which will turn out a gallon an hour."

He reported to Webb on Monday morning and the raid followed on Monday afternoon, in which Revenue Officer Webb took part. Wednesday he had been talking to Blackstock on the Indian reserve and had been assured that his whiskey would be ready for him Saturday evening. The officers were informed of the agreement to supply the whiskey. The rest of the evidence bore out the testimony of the other witnesses. He had reported to the officers at the church shed and then followed them to the house, where he was arrested.

Under cross-examination he admitted that he had worked for Mr. Webb before.

"Did Mr. Webb instruct you to go to Blackstock's and get liquor from him?" said the crown. "No."
"If you got liquor you were to turn it over to Mr. Webb, weren't you?" "Yes."

"Did Mr. Webb ask you to go?" "No."

"Then why did you induce Blackstock to furnish four gallons for you?" "I never. He induced himself." Later witness said he did it to catch him.

"Who else have you caught?" "An ex-county constable in London."

"Did Mr. Webb ask you to do that?" "No."
"Why did you do it then?" "Because they had no business in making it."
"Why did you take such an interest in enforcing the law?" urged the crown. "Because I had hoped to be made a county constable."

Rawlings and R. C. Cartledge, Jun., gave the same testimony as Cartledge.

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Suggests Use of Convicts For Experiments In Science

Canadian Press Despatch.
Woodstock, Dec. 8.—That, in order to facilitate scientific research for the benefit of mankind, those convicted by the state to pay the death penalty should instead be obliged to become the subjects on which scientists might make their experiments was one of the suggestions advanced by Professor Dean of the Ontario agricultural college, Guelph, in his address this evening before the Woodstock Rotary club, who had as their guests, the leading farmers of the community. Professor Dean pointed out that a definite solution of the action of treatments could not be properly accomplished by using rats and guinea pigs as the subjects of investigation since the treatments had a different effect than they would have upon a human. This difference, he stated, was a perplexing one to solve, and the difficulties in this connection would be overcome when human beings were experimented upon.

"I believe that is the only way to solve the problems that confront the scientists," he stated.
A mild outburst of laughter greeted Professor Dean's suggestion, but from the remarks which followed, it was quite evident that he was in earnest. "The four sides of the dairy industry," was the subject, on which Professor Dean addressed the gathering, and it was when dealing with the value of milk as a food product as set forth by the scientists that he advanced this suggestion.

"Did Cartledge know that his services might be rewarded?" "I don't know. I showed him the regulations. I hope he will, though. I will not get a cent."
"Did you tell Provincial Constable Devlin and Inspector Ross that Cartledge had \$175 coming to him from recent convictions?" "I might have said that the department could give it to him if they chose to."

The crown called R. Harris and A. Craven in reply, as they were the two men who accompanied Rawlings and Cartledge to the Blackstock home in the beginning. They both swore that there had been no liquor drunk Sunday, November 23, at the Black-

stock farm.
His worship reviewed the situation, and pointed out the ground that he covered, stating that he would need a week to review the evidence before he gave a decision.

WIDOW OF BAYTOIZAE HELD IN MURDER CASE

Will Face Slaying Charge Along With Four Other Hamilton Residents.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 8.—Following a verdict returned by a coroner's jury here tonight, which implicated Yakum Stabo, Panko Stambo, William Shermett, Mike Radich and Mrs. Joseph Baytoizae in the death of Joe Baytoizae, whose body was found on November 8 last on the mountain-side near this city. Crown Attorney Bailard announced that the five persons named would face a charge of murder. All the accused with the exception of Shermett, who is under arrest in Sydney, N.S., are at present held by the Hamilton police, having been put under arrest by members of the Ontario provincial police.
The jury found that Baytoizae was murdered in the cellar of his home and his body taken to the mountain-side in an automobile.
He was killed on the night of July 31.
The verdict is as follows:
"We, the jury, impaneled to in-

quire into the circumstances of the finding of the body of Joe Baytoizae on the mountain-side, are of the opinion from the evidence submitted, that the body was placed on, or thrown over the mountain, following a quarrel, which commenced in his home when his wife struck him over the head with a heavy iron poker, after which he was removed to the cellar by those present, and there evidently murdered, then taken through a cellar window to an automobile and conveyed to the mountain. We are further of the opinion that the following persons, namely, Mrs. Nellie Baytoizae, his wife; Bill Shermett, Mike Radich, Panko Stabo and Yakum Stabo are implicated in this murder, and we believe that the driver of the automobile, which conveyed the body away, is also a party to the crime."

WIND BLOWS LARGE SIGN THROUGH STORE WINDOW

A large sign on the roof of the Regent Tailors was blown down by a high wind last night and crashed through the plate glass window of the Thomas Ross haberdashery, Dundas street. Goods in the window were damaged by the glass, but no one was injured.

J. EPSTEIN ENTERS APPEAL.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 8.—Notice of appeal has been filed at Osgoode Hall in behalf of J. Epstein of Hamilton, who was found guilty of attempt to defraud the city of Hamilton of a sum of \$448, due as taxes, by the manipulation of the city books. He was remanded for sentence without bail by County Judge Evans.