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## Rinder Wins Out With Alibi And Jas. McGlade Likewise Derives the Benefit of It

### Magistrate However gives the Pair Five Months Imprisonment on a Charge of Begging; Tells Rinder he Alone Knows If he is Guilty

Magistrate Campbell today decided to give the benefit of the doubt to Rinder, who was accused of holding up Tony Concordia on the night of Dec. 5th of Carleton street and taking him of \$66 at the point of a gun. James McGlade who was supposed to be with Rinder and by the way both men were identified by the witness—also got off.

On the charge of vagrancy and begging, however, the Magistrate sent them both to jail for five months. The Magistrate summed up the case at some length.

The evidence was that the robbery was committed at 10.15 on the night of Dec. 5th. Rinder had produced an alibi to prove an alibi to the effect that he was at the Hydro carling house at Stamford—a walk ten or fifteen minutes from Stamford street, the nearest place where he could catch a car for St. Catharines. Men at the boarding house said he was at the boarding house towards nine o'clock. Assuming the men were on time that night it would be reasonable to expect that Rinder would have time to leave the boarding house, catch the car, get to the Hydro and get back by midnight. It would mean very quick work, however, it would allow of any time being lost.

Rinder would have to catch the car back to Stamford. McGlade said he went that night to Pyburn, the soldier under arrest at St. Paul street boarding house. The Magistrate said he was quite sure that the men at the boarding house at the Hydro had established the proper night as it was the holiday of one man and Rinder had tried to sell him a neck scarf.

There was no particular reason why Rinder would want to get right back to Stamford unless he had in mind the establishment of an alibi. There was the changing of hats. It seemed a strong point against Rinder.

"Rinder knows whether he is guilty or not, I guess I do not," said the Magistrate. "I believe a jury would find him. In this case the identification of McGlade, also falls to the ground so he, too, is acquitted."

The Magistrate said there was the charge against them, that of begging and vagrancy—the sentence that case would be five months in jail.

### Advance Plans For Congress

Twelve Municipalities in the Niagara District Invited to Meeting in Welland to Further Organize For Big Mid-Summer Feature.

A call has been sent out by the secretary for a meeting of municipal Board of Trade representatives to be held at the City Hall, Welland, Friday, Jan. 23rd, at 2.30 o'clock, for the furtherance of plans for the Industrial Conference to be held this year by the municipalities of the Niagara and Power zone.

At the initial meeting, held in December, the scheme was warmly approved. Indeed the plan has great possibilities as a publicity medium.

The following municipalities have been invited to participate by sending two representatives from the municipal council, and, where there is a Board of Trade, also two representatives from that body, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland, Thorntons, Merriton, Stamford, Crowland, Hamilton Township, Fort Erie, Brimley, Port Dalhousie and Port Colborne.

It is expected that Friday's meeting will set positively in motion the plans for the big Conference.

## Girls Give Up Blood to Save Patient

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—There are men in New York—strong healthy citizens who make an easy living at selling their blood. The trade has been developing rapidly as the blood transfusion process to save the lives of anemic patients has come more and more into vogue.

### BOOSTED PRICE OF BLOOD

Until a fortnight ago they had been willing to go on the operating table, allow their arteries to be tapped and the blood passed into the bodies of their customers at \$25 a pint. Then the "blood-donors" as they are known, made a demand for \$35 a pint straight. Yesterday they raised the price to \$40 for half a pint, and \$10 for each additional 100 cubic centimeters, which brought the cost of a pint up to approximately \$55.

### HELD UP HOSPITAL

Flower Hospital, owing to increasing costs has been curtailing its free work in various ways lately, but in a life-and-death matter of this sort it faced the necessity of yielding, until Miss Lillian Olga Jedlicka, one of the student nurses heard of the new demand.

### GIRL STUDENTS ROUSED

She called a conference of the other students yesterday morning and choosing from among them the healthiest and most robust girls, she went with them to House Surgeon Marion Bingham and announced that they constituted a corps of real blood donors.

### CAVE THEIR BLOOD FREE

Several patients were awaiting transfusion operations at the time, and five of the girls went on the operating table at once and gave a quart of blood gratis. Two hours later all five nurses were attending a lecture.

## Falls Dry Now; Cider Gone, Too

### Power Development Continues, However—Women Inspectors Help Keep Tabs on Visitors From Ontario Way

NIAGARA FALLS, Jan. 19.—Old Hard Cider, given the coup de grace some time ago, when the eighteenth amendment was found to be bullet proof, was carried from the Falls arena Friday night. There was no question as to the old chap being out. Hasbeens have come back, but Old Hard Cider is believed to have a slim chance of recuperation. The ten seconds were tolled with long intervals between counts. Every opportunity was given for the come-back in the ring. It was no use. He's not only gone but some to the races.

Among the places that held out to the bitter end with sweet cider and some with the tiniest of kicks in it, there was a decided clearance of wet goods and "the city was dry" by midnight.

Customs and other federal officers were on the qui vive at the bridges to bar the advance of liquor from Canada. Women inspectors were on guard for a personal search was directed where there was reason to suspect an immigrant being unduly and illegally armed with contraband.

The Falls has gone dry, but power development continues.

### THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—The weather is decidedly cold from Alberta; the Maritime Provinces and a shallow disturbance centered over Illinois is causing light snow in western Ontario.

### PERSONAL

Mr. Geo. S. Ellis has resigned from Secretary of Lincoln Post G.A.C. Mr. A. E. Marshall having accepted that position address all communications to 105 York St.

## Franchise of Lake St. Switch Is Expiring

### Question of N. S. & T. Privileges on Certain City Streets Becomes of Immediate Interest and Will Be Problem For New Council.

The franchise of the N. S. and T. Ry. for the operation of its switch along Lake St. to Simcoe Canning Factory expires this month and later in the year it is thought that other local franchises also run out. With the expiry of these rights the company, if the corporation of St. Catharines wished to take an antagonistic position, could not operate except at the will of the municipality. At least this would be the circumstance if the road were still a privately owned and operated line, but in as much as it is now operated as a part of the National system of railways under the authority of the Dominion Department of Railways and Canals, it is possible that the Dominion Government could exercise a power of operation which would not be possible for a private concern.

### Important Industry Concerned.

It is quite obvious, of course, that the new Council will be morally obliged to make some satisfactory arrangement so that an important industry of this city would not be placed in jeopardy so far as transportation for its freight is concerned.

It is expected that there would have been large expenditures of money in this city during the next two or three years by the N. S. and T. in railway improvements and extensions, but unless the new Council pursues a more constructive policy than that of last year little or nothing will be done.

It is also worthy of note that the vacant lands, on the right hand side of St. Paul street crossing over to the St. Paul street high level bridge, continue to lie waste and no taxes or other revenue is coming into the treasury therefrom except the rental from the small plot which was leased for a gasoline station. If this year goes by and nothing is done with the property the city will be out the \$3,000 which it could have secured as a rental from the N. S. and T. Ry. for a new terminal station. In view of the financial problems which face the aldermanic board this year the receipt of this sum would have helped to pay some of the increased wages and other expenses that will apparently have to be met.

### Loss of Revenue.

There have already been four years allowed to pass without getting revenue out of the lands that the public were led to believe in 1913 and 1915 would bring thousands of dollars back to the city in salvage. At \$3000 a year rental for four years the income to the city would have been \$12,000. It is to be hoped, however, that four more years do not roll around before some disposition will be made of the lands that will reimburse the municipality for the outlays it made in buying the right of way for the new bridge.

### WORLD'S JEWISH POPULATION NUMBERS 15,000,000

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Jewish population of the world is 15,430,000 according to David Trietsch, the well known Jewish statistician. Poland and the Ukraine each have 3,200,000 while there are 3,100,000 in the United States; 900,000 in Russia and 300,000 in the British Isles.

### Magistrate Did Not Care To Accept So Much Responsibility in Case

Daniel Pyburn, the one legged soldier who was caught trying to break into Bradley's grocery, appeared in police court today to have his case finally disposed of.

The Magistrate said he had written about him to the Militia Dept. and the Department had asked that Pyburn be sent back to the Newmarket Institution where they had had him under observation, but the Dept. put the full responsibility on the Magistrate for Pyburn's future.

"That is too much of a responsibility to place on me," said the Magistrate, "and I cannot accept it. Your record has not been such as to warrant it. I cannot see anything for me to do but put the responsibility on the government by sending you to Kingston Penitentiary. The sentence will be two years. Had your record been such as to justify me in placing confidence in you as to your conduct, I might act differently."

## VINCENT GRIFFIN IS FOUND GUILTY ON THREE CHARGES AND MAY HAVE TO SERVE A YEAR IN PRISON NOW

### ARE CURIOUS ABOUT FATE OF PRISONERS

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Thirty thousand Rumanian prisoners in Germany have completely disappeared, according to a telegram from Bucharest to Red Cross headquarters here. The Rumanian Government refuses to accept the German theory that such a large number might be included in those listed as missing. Investigation of the matter, begun some time ago, is continuing, according to the telegram.

## No Mention of Book at Meet

### NOTHING EXCEPTIONAL TRANSPIRES WHEN FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET—THE REV. CANON SMITH IS SPEAKER.

BRIDGEBURG, Jan. 19.—The expected meeting of the Fort Erie public library was held Friday night, which was largely attended, owing to the controversy which has raged Fort Erie in the meantime, but nothing exceptional developed in connection with the book in question.

The book, which has caused so much trouble in Fort Erie is one written by May Sinclair, "Mary Oliver, a Life," and is declared to be immoral. The Rev. Canon Smith of St. Paul's resigned recently, owing to the fact that the board of directors of the library board refused to take the book out of circulation.

At the meeting Friday night, the Rev. Canon Smith did not bring up the mooted question of the book nor did any of the other members of the board.

An important move was arrived at, however, at the meeting Friday night. It was decided to make Fort Erie library a free library and to eliminate the circulation method that is in existence at present. The Fort Erie library will be under the jurisdiction of the town council and the board of school trustees. The two latter bodies will have complete jurisdiction over all books in circulation, and the present library board will be eliminated.

## Over 450 Cases of Booze Have Arrived in Fort Erie, Reports From There State

### Express Offices in the Border Town Have About All the Work They Want Toting the Booze Around.

The Bridgeburg Review says: Of the 450 cases, 5,400 quarts, or 108,000 ounces of whisky, which have reached the express offices at Bridgeburg since January 1st—when the ban on shipments of liquor was lifted automatically with the death of the war measures act of the Dominion parliament—more than 400 cases 4,800 quarts, 96,000 ounces has been consigned to Fort Erie. Some cellars are filled to the rafters.

Real estate men are busy. For probably the first time in history there isn't an empty house in the village in the middle of winter. It heretofore has been a summer resort only.

"Of course," said Billy Hunt of the estaminet last night, "the rush at the shipyard this winter makes it busier here."

The estaminet, by the way, has a stock of all kinds of prohibition wines, but nothing else. Two government officers are willing to testify as to that. An official communique

## Six Months for the Charge of Perjury in Connection With Battsby Inquest and \$200 Fine or Three Months on Two Liquor Charges.

## Golfer Plays Game In London Streets

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—So far as recorded no golfer has ever tried to drive a ball through the streets of New York. This feat, however, has been attempted in London, on a particularly damp and dreary morning.

The player drove off at Piccadilly Circus, went via Lower Regent street, Pall Mall, the lower side of Trafalgar Square, the Strand, Fleet street, Ludgate Hill, round to Queen Victoria street, "holing out" at The Lamp at the Royal Exchange. No damage was done, the few policemen about smiled good humoredly, and the golfer won his wager.

## TRY OBTAIN WORLD'S GOLD

### "Wild-eyed Reds" Then Will Destroy it—Perhaps.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Russians who put their trust in the wild-eyed Reds, who they thought would prove their saviors, are now lamenting their impulsive action. Now instead of being comrades of the rulers, they are the victims of "anatics who rule them with an iron hand, bound about by weird doctrines, according to F. J. McGuire, of New York who recently returned from Russia, where he toured on behalf of American banking interests.

"The Reds are having a hard time vainly trying to put their fanatic doctrines into practice. Not only are the Lenin and Trotsky gang trying to force their theories on Russia, but they are also trying to grip the rest of the world into the coils of Bolshevism," he said.

"All newspapers now being under the control of the Bolsheviks, no news except that favorable to the cause of the Reds can now be printed. "One of the fanatic schemes for Bolshevizing the world is the destruction of all gold. The perverted minds of the Bolsheviks think that with the destruction of gold, will come the collapse of the capitalist system, the downfall of the bourgeoisie and the rule of the workers."

"But I notice that the Bolshevik leaders are trying to get hold of all the gold in sight," said Mr. McGuire, "though I didn't know until they told me that they aimed to destroy it!"

Vincent Griffin was charged in police court with perjury in connection with the James J. Battsby inquest. He was given a year in prison on three convictions.

He pleaded guilty to two charges against the Ontario Temperance Act in that he drank and had liquor illegally.

The perjury charge consisted in the fact that Griffin claimed at the inquest that he had not gone to the rooms of three men, Charles McKeen, William Fairhurst and Manager McCarron, at seven o'clock in the morning and told them that he had found Battsby dead in the Griffin Opera House.

Chief Greene stated that Griffin had given evidence at the inquest that he had not gone to the men's rooms until about nine o'clock. The three men had testified that Griffin had come to their rooms at seven.

Terence McCarron questioned the Chief as to Griffin's condition while testifying at the inquest and he said he thought the man was under the influence of liquor at the time.

Manager McCarron of the Griffin Opera House, stated that Griffin came to the room he and Fairhurst occupied about seven on the morning Battsby was found and telling them Battsby was dead. Griffin looked at McCarron's watch lying on the dresser and remarked that it was ten minutes after seven.

To Mr. McCarron, Manager McCarron stated that for some time previous to the Battsby incident, Griffin had been drinking and he himself had had considerable difficulty in keeping him on the job.

"That morning Griffin was so drunk that I didn't pay any attention to him," said the theatre manager.

"On the night of the inquest, McCarron said Griffin appeared to be drunk. He rambled considerably in giving his evidence.

"Do you say he was drunk he didn't understand the questions I put to him?" queried Crown Attorney Brennan.

The witness still felt sure Griffin had not been quite rational.

Fairhurst corroborated McCarron's evidence regarding Griffin coming to the room and saying that Battsby was dead and Charles McKeen told a similar story.

The Magistrate found Griffin guilty on the perjury charge and sent him to prison for six months.

He was fined \$200 on the two liquor charges, \$400 in all and if he doesn't pay the \$400 at the end of the sixth month he will have to serve the full year.

## New Schools Ready Within Two Months

Building operations on the two new public schools are being pushed with all celerity and Secretary McBride of the School Board said this morning that the new schools should be ready within two months.

## NEW GROCERY STORE IS OPENED-OUT ON ST. PAUL STREET

A new grocery store has been opened on St. Paul Street where patrons are guaranteed the very best of service.

The new firm is Boyle and Darby and they have taken the store formerly occupied by Sherwood's.

The new firm has a complete line of up to date goods, all fresh and sweet and will sell at the lowest prices consistent with values.

All who give Boyle and Darby a trial order will be on their permanent list of customers.

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