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# BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER

BRANTFORD, CANADA, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1914

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## SENSATION WAS SPRUNG BY THE STATE AT TRIAL

### Wife of "Lefty Louie" Tells the Truth at the Becker Trial.

### Declares That Police Captain Engineered Killing of Gambler Rosenthal.

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
NEW YORK, May 16.—Debra "Lefty Louie" went to the death chair he made his young wife promise to tell the truth about the murder of Herman Rosenthal.  
So in her widow's black yesterday she took the stand in the trial of Chas Becker and told the jury that the gunmen knew they were working for Becker when they shot down Rosenthal, and that she saw them divide the pay for the murder.  
Mr. Manton did all that any lawyer could do to blunt the effect of the story when he asked her if she had not testified in the trial of the gunmen that she hadn't heard a word of the talk between her husband and Jack Rose at the time Rose went to hire the gunmen, but she turned her blue eyes on the foreman of the jury and spoke ten words: "Well, I lied to save my husband at that time."  
Not the first nor the second trial has produced an episode of such dramatic intensity. Lillian Rosenthal.

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## No Coercion For Ulster

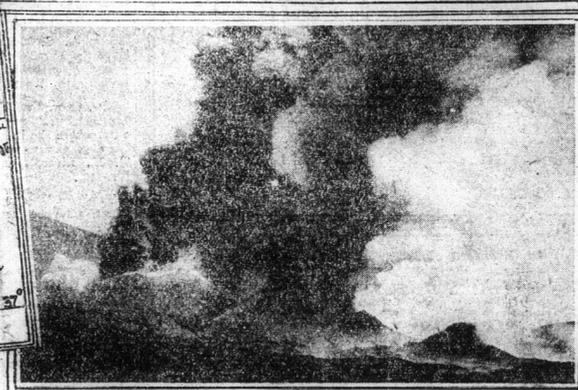
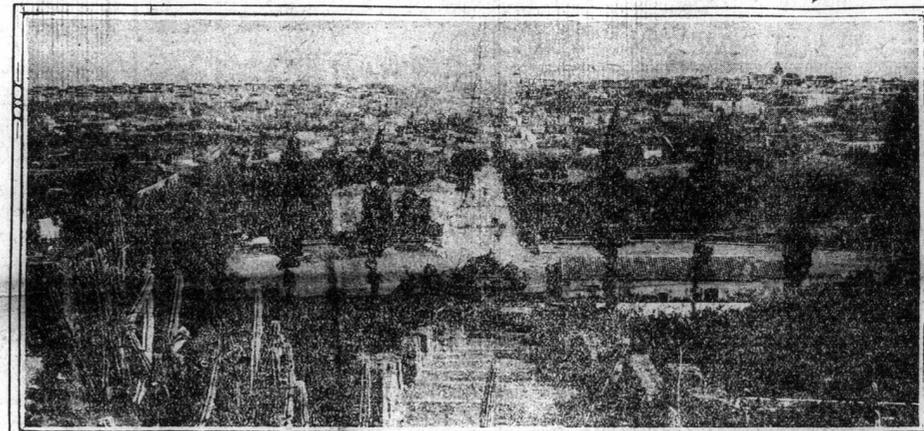
**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
MONTREAL, May 16.—A London cable to the Daily Mail says the militantly radical Star has created a surprise by declaring that Ulster must be given a further option at the expiration of the six years' limit. "To every Irish Nationalist the idea of using English soldiers to subjugate Irishmen is abhorrent," says the Star. "Coercion for Ireland is dead."

## Coroner Is Investigating

### Killing of Ten Men in Detroit Factory Yesterday to be Probed.

DETROIT, Mich., May 16.—The coroner, assisted by several expert investigators, to-day continued his efforts to learn the origin of the explosion which caused the death of ten men and the serious injury of six others at the plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company in this city yesterday. Several dangerous explosives were used by the company in the manufacture of an imitation leather but what combination of circumstances led up to the disaster could only be guessed at early to-day. Every man in the room where the explosion occurred was killed instantly.  
Five of the six injured were reported by physicians as almost certain to recover. The sixth, John McDonald, 26 years old, who was terribly burned and lacerated about the hips, back and arms, is in a critical condition.

## HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED BY EARTHQUAKE AND ERUPTION OF MOUNT ETNA



The whole of the smiling countryside between Mount Etna and the Gulf of Catania, in Sicily, has been devastated by a terrible earthquake, which reduced a dozen villages to ruins and caused a number of deaths, which the first official reports estimated at 139, with 350 injured. It is believed that a greater catastrophe was prevented by the fact that the final severe shock of earthquake had been preceded by sixty others and many of the population had abandoned their houses and fled into the open country.  
Railroad tracks were torn up, churches razed to the ground, houses shaken to ruin and telegraph poles overturned within a radius of several miles of Catania, at the foot of Mount Etna, which displayed a very active mood.

## THE GIRL PROBLEM UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE Y.W.C.A.

### Rev. Woodside Says it is Becoming a Serious One in the Cities—Annual Meeting Was Held Last Evening.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. took place in the Victoria Hall last night, when an excellent programme of speeches was pleasantly interspersed with vocal solos by Miss Hilda Hurley and Miss Marjorie Sweet. The contributions of these young ladies were greatly appreciated and lent color to the meeting.  
Mr. T. H. Preston, who presided, opened the formal business of the 41-rectorate, and spoke of the work of the society, and said he thought it was not given enough publicity. In spite of the great work done in the local institution, it was considerably handicapped by lack of funds. He hoped that this handicap would soon be removed. "The women of this city will not be content until the institution has a building worthy of the ladies of Brantford," he concluded, after speaking of the advantages of the Y. W. C. A., and stating that the comparative standing of the town or city was to be judged by the composition of the Y. M. C. A. and Young Ladies Association.  
Rev. Woodside was then called upon to speak, and he said that in his opinion many books were written on the boy problem, but the girl problem was so serious and perhaps much more serious, and he congratulated the ladies of Brantford on their efforts to solve that problem. Girls were subject to much more serious problems than were young men. He commented upon the causes of these problems, and spoke of the common street walking of young girls. Every one knew the undesirability of street acquaintances and its ultimate result. It was not uplifting in any sense and calculated to destroy the tone of the minds of those girls. It blighted their future and resulted in spiritual downfall.  
The habit of going to picture shows was dealt with, and this habit, with its only advantage of relaxation after the hard day's work, had many disadvantages. Friendships made there are bound to deteriorate the character. Young people who attend these shows, might after night, be they boys or girls, are not capable of doing their best at work next day. That was perhaps the extreme, but anyone with a knowledge of psychology, knew the deteriorating effect of such shows. Then there was the woman whose whole time was taken up with the question of how she was going to entertain herself. The great crisis of life is coming and we cannot prevent it, and those who spend their lives in frivolous amusement are not going to be in a position to meet that crisis. Persons whose life was filled with such things were not of the type

that went to church. It was psychologically impossible. Statistics have proved that a large percentage of these girls went into the state of married life. For obvious reasons they seized the first chance to have a home of their own. We know the unfortunate circumstances of these homes and the causes of them. The girl did not understand the many problems of domestic life and troubles crept into the life of that girl. It was a serious problem. It was not the greatest question, the boy problem, no, it was the girl problem. We must have high ideals of womanhood and the higher those ideals the better and truer will be the struggle for them. It was the greatest problem of Canada, and it was presented to him every time he walked down Brantford's prime street. It tore his heart. The best and purest lives of the last century had been given up in the interests of their fellow creatures. He asked the blessing of God upon the great work done by the institution in solving this great problem.  
The annual report of Mrs. Mann, the financial secretary showed a balance sheet of 27 cents after the balance sheet had been drawn up. The total expenses of the institution had been \$10,196.57 and the income had been for the same period \$10,196.85. This was considered very satisfactory. There was \$283 yet to be collected, being promised during the whirlwind campaign when the funds of the institution had benefited by \$1841.  
Miss May Best, then read her annual report, which was received with applause and gave a splendid record of work accomplished.  
Mr. Preston congratulated Miss Best upon the excellence of her report and called upon Miss Saunders, National Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.  
She dealt extensively with the work of the Association and said when she entered it years ago, she had little idea she would be wrapped up in it to the extent that she now was. During last year the Association had found over 5,000 girls employment. Girls were benefited socially, industrially, spiritually and physically. Play was now recognized as necessary to life, and it was surprising how pleasure had fallen to the man who makes money out of it and how we have neglected it to make money. The question of the high school girls of whom there were 43,000 in Canada, was being dealt with by the Association. Music was a great thing for the uplifting the welfare of the girls, and she advocated it as she had known it was of great value. Opportunities should be given the girls to meet their young men friends in the Association building. It was the last thing desirable that girls should not care to

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## Griffin Coming To Brantford

An interesting fact was made known this morning, when it was stated, on good authority, that the Griffin Amusement Co. will shortly locate in this city. The site they are said to have acquired is that of the J. S. Hamilton building, 91 to 95 Dalhousie St. A big vaudeville and moving picture house will be erected, and the big road shows will also show there. As soon as the building is vacated, which will be in the course of the next month, the work of remodelling the house will be started, and it is planned to have the building ready for the opening show, which will be a road show, in about six months.

## TOWNSHIP IS TO SPEND MONEY ON SIDEWALKS

### Total Cost is Given at \$23,084.99, and Will be Distributed.

A meeting of the Township Council took place last night, when the sole business dealt with was the consideration of cement sidewalks for 1914 in the township. The engineer to the Council, Alan Mair Jackson, presented his report on the matter, and after this had been gone into he was instructed to call for tenders on the work approved by the Township Council, which was fully represented. The report gave a full list of the improvements to sidewalks and new ones to be built, with their positions and other particulars. He estimated the life of the sidewalk proposed at about 20 years.  
All the improvements recommended were approved with the exception of the sidewalk suggested for the north side of Hamilton road, running from Mohawk Park entrance to Echo Place station on the radial line. This was

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## SAME FIGHT BEING WAGED AS BRANTFORD IS FIGHTING

### Appointment of Electrical Inspector to Suit Hydro Department at Toronto is Proving Difficult Matter.

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
HAMILTON, Ont., May 16.—The city is in a peculiar position as a result of the deadlock that exists between the council and the Provincial Hydro Commission over the appointment of an assistant for K. V. Stalward, the recently appointed electrical inspector, and the outcome will be watched with interest by all the municipalities in the power union. The trouble began several weeks ago when the board of control forwarded to the commission for approval, first the name of George Crawford and the K. V. Stalward, local men. Both were rejected, but the commission later accepted Stalward, stipulating that the city should give him such necessary trained inspectors as might be necessary to carry on the work. This is where the hitch occurred. There are really no trained electrical inspectors in Hamilton, in the sense insisted upon by the commission; but there are electrical experts, and the council insists on one of them being appointed.  
Although the commission has repeatedly denied it the feeling in the council is that an effort is being made to thrust the old inspectors of the underwriters on the municipalities. Brantford took the same view of it when the council there rejected Walter Mowat, who was later turned down by the Hamilton council.  
While it is true that the last two men rejected by the council because they were not Hamilton men, were selected by Stafford endorsed by the controllers and ratified by the power commission, they were selected because the commission would not accept Huerta's lines which probably temporarily insane. Some reports stated Parks had been "executed," and others declared his body had been buried.  
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## HE WANDERED INTO CAMP OF PRES. HUERTA

### American Soldier Believed to Have Been Burned at the Stake.

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
WASHINGTON, May 16.—While Huerta's delegates to the Niagara Falls conference were hurrying northward to the capital to-day, President Wilson and his advisers awaited an answer to the demand on Federal officials in Mexico City for news of the fate of Parks, the American soldier, who in full uniform, strayed into Huerta's lines while probably temporarily insane. Some reports stated Parks had been "executed," and others declared his body had been buried.  
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## Queen Mary Didn't Like It

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
MONTREAL, May 16.—The London correspondent of the Daily Mail is authority for the statement that considerable coolness has arisen between Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra in consequence of the Queen Mother having had the comedian, Harry Tate, at Marlborough House on Thursday night to entertain her Danish guests.  
The court is in mourning for the late Duke of Argyll, and report has it that Queen Mary and the Duchess of Argyll are most indignant at this "breach" of the mourning regulation.

## EIGHT CADETS FROM CANADA FOR THE NAVY

### Arrangements Completed for Canadians to Join the Service.

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
OTTAWA, May 16.—Arrangements have just been made by the Dominion navy department with the British admiralty whereby not more than eight graduates of the Royal Canadian Naval College at Halifax, N. S., will be called every year into the British navy as cadets.  
For some time the admiralty has not been taking any young men from the college at Halifax and as the number of the ships in the Canadian navy is very limited the prospects were not encouraging for lads who desired to go to sea.  
The admiralty has written to the navy department here, stating that it will agree to take not more than eight young men from the Royal Canadian Naval College, providing of course they come up to the necessary requirements. Cadets in the British navy get very small wages so that young men thinking of going as such need to be assured of an allowance from their parents.

## EARL GREY HAS GRABBED OFF ALL THE OIL

### Said to be Part of the British Naval Plans For the Future.

### Millions Involved in a Big Deal That Has Just Been Put Through.

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
VANCOUVER, B. C. May 15.—Particulars of a big oil merger which has just been closed by Earl Grey, as chairman of the board of directors of the British Union Company, were announced last night by Alexander Sclater, vice-president of the Union Oil Company of California on his arrival from San Francisco via Victoria, with his lordship, who is travelling incognito as plain Mr. Earle. The British oil company is one of the largest oil corporations in the world, owning some of the principal oil concessions in Mexico. Through Earl Grey this company has purchased a majority of the stock in the Union Oil Company of California, a consideration of fifteen million dollars being involved in the transaction. This gives the British oil company control of some of the largest and most important oil wells in California in addition to its already considerable holdings.  
The General Petroleum Company of California has also been bought out by British interests represented by Earl Grey. Negotiations towards a big combination of forces have been in progress for some time and Earl Grey on his way across the Pacific on a world-girdling tour, visited California to look over the properties and consult with the heads of the Union Oil Company before completing the deal.

The establishment of naval oil supply stations all over the world figures in the plans of the British oil company and its subsidiary corporations now all controlled by the English concern in which many other nobles, including Baron Pirrie, head of the White Star Steamship Line, are interested. The combination of these powerful interests and the fact that oil is now being generally adopted as fuel for naval use, shows that some big developments are pending.  
Earl Grey has arranged an interview with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy before leaving for England and while announcements are being made in this connection, it is believed an extension of the policy of burning oil on locomotives in the B. C. division of the railway to Ottawa portions of the system is now under consideration. Mr. Sclater of the Union Oil Company saw Sir Thomas when he was out to the coast recently. His company supplies the oil fuel depots, established by the C. P. R.  
His lordship preferred not to discuss the invitation that had been extended to Canada to unite with the other overseas dominions in the proposed Aldrich building, but in reply to a query as to whether the plan would be proceeded with in the event of the Dominion not co-operating, he said that he believed the idea would be proceeded with by the other colonies in any event.

Speaking of Australia and New Zealand, Earl Grey put his views in a word "like Canada, both countries want more men and more money."  
Earl Grey is accompanied by the Countess and Lady Sybil, his daughter. The ladies stayed over at Victoria but will join him in Vancouver to-night and the party will leave for the Okanagan Sunday.

## TILBURY GAS WELLS MAY BE "DROWNED"

### Protection is Wanted Against Water Flooding Them

Will the Tilbury gas field "play out," as did the wells in the Leamington field? Mr. William H. Hammond, an expert from Pittsburgh, who was called yesterday in the action of the Tilbury Natural Gas Company against the Maple City Gas Company, stated that they would if protection was not given against the water which would flood the wells. He said, however, that this protection could be given against "drowning" the gas. This was the cause given for the failure of the Leamington wells, although the expert contended there was still gas there. The evidence in the action was finished yesterday.  
**M'GILL CAMPUS.**  
MONTREAL, May 16.—Announcement is made to-day that a stadium and campus to cost \$60,000 will be built in connection with McGill university.