

MAGISTRATE BANS "DEBORAH" DECLARES PLAY IS INDECENT

"A Glorification of Vice," Says Crown Attorney, as Rev. John Coburn Tells of What He Saw and Heard at Problem Play—Court Refuses \$12,000 Bond for an Adjournment.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, May 23.—When the morality case against "Deborah," the problem play at the Princess Theatre this week, which is booked for New York next week, came up in court today, there was the largest crowd that ever thronged the police court in the history of this city.

For half an hour there was an argument between counsel and Presiding Magistrate Denison, as to who should be let in. "There were 40 newspapermen admitted."

The charge was "appearing in an immoral act."

Carlotta Nilsson and her players, through her counsel, H. H. Dewart, K. C., pleaded not guilty, and asked for adjournment. He did not want ministerial experts called, he said.

Mr. Corley—"I won't call any experts, I just want evidence and I will not allow the performance to go on tonight unless they are acquitted today."

A Warm Argument.

Mr. Dewart said that he wanted British fair play for citizens of the United States, and the argument following between counsel was very warm especially when Crown Attorney Corley refused to take Mr. Dewart's bond for \$12,000 to force an adjournment.

Rev. John Coburn took the witness stand after the magistrate ordered the investigation to continue.

Witness started in to enunciate his views of the play he saw at the Princess Theatre Tuesday night. Witness must say just what happened. He did. He said that one of the actors said, "Every woman, whether married or single, should fulfill her duty as to her husband."

The witness went on to tell the story of the play, despite the objection of the defence.

The actresses laughed throughout the story told by the witness, as he vividly and in most solemn accents recited the terrible story of "Deborah," tions of counsel.

An Indecent Play.

"The play is indecent from beginning to end," said the magistrate, heatedly. "It is a glorification of vice," said the crown attorney.

Mr. Dewart wanted an adjournment. The police magistrate said: "That play must not go on tonight."

"I don't intend to allow it to go on tonight, your worship," said the crown attorney.

"It is an immoral play, and I must have bail," said the magistrate.

Adjournment was then taken till 2 o'clock.

Many Women Present.

Fifty-five women, ranging in age from 20 to 45, listened to John Coburn tell in his fiery manner the story of "Deborah," the problem play, which the police of this city will not allow to be played in Toronto any more.

Some of these women were members of the committee of forty which was organized a few months ago to clean up Toronto. The result of this movement was the appointment of an official censor of plays in Toronto, and the censor trimmed up "Deborah" for the patrons of the Princess Theatre, after its initial performance.

That did not satisfy the committee, and private action was initiated by Mr. Coburn against several of the leading actors and actresses of the company. After hearing the remarks of the magistrate, the author, Langdon Howard, said that he had not been treated fairly, but that this afternoon he would have a chance to tell the magistrate the correct interpretation of the play.

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NEW mail boxes for Canadian Cities.



Here is shown a photo of the ingenious mail box contrivance about to be introduced in London and other Canadian cities by the postoffice authorities. It is a street sign and post box in one, makes its own change and will enable citizens to purchase stamps and mail letters on street corners, day and night, the seven days through.

LETTER BOX THAT SELLS STAMPS FOR STREETS OF LONDON

Will Stand Seven Feet High and Is Receiving and Vending Machine.

Stamps Can Be Secured at Any Hour, and Instrument Cannot Be Cheated.

London will soon have a new type of mail box, which combines the feature of a letter received and a stamp-vending machine.

Mr. Macdonald stated this morning that while a contract had been let recently to paint the present boxes, it was likely that the new boxes would be placed in London as soon as possible.

A private company has been organized to execute a contract made with the late Dominion Government in May, 1911, and place at convenient points throughout Canada the pillar letter box. The latter is constructed along the lines of the English pillar box, but in addition to the receptacle for letters contains two automatic stamp vending machines, one for one-cent stamps, and the other for two-cent stamps, in books of 12, costing 25 cents, as always sold by the postoffice department, and space for four revolving signs, the whole surrounded by illuminated street names on all four sides.

The model has been approved by the department and is now on display in Toronto.

One of the advantages of the new pillar is its convenience, a feature which is expected to appeal strongly to the public. Even in the residential districts it will be possible to secure stamps at any hour of the day or night, seven days of the week, and post letters at the same box. The illuminated street names are also expected to prove a great convenience.

Seven Feet High.

The combined letter-box, vending machine, advertising medium and street name post stands seven feet tall, and is constructed on lines of convenience and utility. The imperious surmount the stamp-selling device. The entire section beneath the advertising display drum will be receptacle for letters, which will be postoffice authorities, who will protect the entire pillar under the same regulations as those now governing letter-boxes owned by the department. They will fill the stamp compartments periodically and collect the money from sales.

The letter compartment is very roomy, being larger than the biggest letter-box now used by the postoffice department. The mail will drop into a bag hanging on hooks, and may be transferred to the collecting wagon without rehandling, an empty bag being substituted for the one removed.

Cannot Be Cheated.

Immediately above are the stamp-vending machines, compactly built in the pillar, side by side, and at a convenient height. The mechanism is so arranged that bent coins, or quarters in place of a cent, or vice-versa, are rejected and returned to the user, falling through a slot for the coin. The machine may neither be cheated nor be cheated.

JAP EMPEROR IS CRITICALLY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Caught a Cold While Reviewing Troops at the Aoyama Palace.

Festivities of All Kinds Ended, and Theatres Have Been Closed.

[Canadian Press.] Tokyo, May 23.—Official reports that the Emperor Yoshitomi is ill with pneumonia, the constant attendance upon him by one or more of the eight court physicians, and the visit which the Empress Sadaka keeps at his bedside, make it appear that his condition is more grave than the public surmise from the first bulletins. The whole Japanese Empire is today depressed with the reports.

The bulletin issued today only announced briefly that the emperor's condition was unchanged. The high fever of last night, when his temperature ranged from 98.5 to 102.92 Fahrenheit, apparently was unabated.

Caught a Cold.

The imperial patient is at the Aoyama palace, on whose immense parade ground he conducted a cold while reviewing troops last Sunday. It had been intended to remove him at once to the newer Chiyoda palace, but the sudden serious turn of inflammation of the lungs necessitated abandonment of the plan.

The issuance of the first bulletin yesterday announcing the emperor's illness came as a great shock to the people, and as it gained circulation through extra editions of the newspapers, a sorrowful hush fell upon the city and great crowds silently gathered in front of the royal palace. The people knelt and prayed fervently for the speedy recovery of their sovereign.

All in Darkness.

The Ginza, the most important business thoroughfare of the city, which is usually brilliantly lighted, was dark last evening and the almost deserted shops were closed. Court circles are still in official mourning for the late emperor, who died on the 29th of April. The emperor's funeral, which was planned at this time, private festivities of all sorts, however, are being postponed, and the theatres have been closed.

The bulletin issued at 4 o'clock this afternoon says the emperor's temperature remains at 102.46 degrees Fahrenheit.

SARNIA BAKER WAS SCALDED

Stanley Silver Was Caught by Overflow of Boiling Water.

NOW IN THE HOSPITAL.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, May 23.—Stanley Silver, while working in the bakery of Thompson & Tuck today, was terribly scalded by a kettle of boiling water overflowing. Medical attention was at once secured, and the man rushed to the hospital. His neck, face, chest and arms are badly scalded.

Adam Host, an inmate of the county jail here, who was committed to that institution some time ago, and who went violently insane, died in the jail last night. He was formerly employed as a freight shifter on the Erie Railroad. An inquest will be held to determine the cause of death.

BOUND OVER

Manager Must Give Sureties of \$10,000 That He Will Behave.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 23.—J. S. Hansen, the American theatrical manager, was bound over today in sum of \$10,000 to keep the peace for a year when brought up at the Bow street police court on remand on the charge of threatening Arthur H. Jones, an English actor-manager in connection with the production of a new play.

Mr. Houschier testified that Mr. Hansen had threatened to "bash his face in."

FOUR IN PERIL

Blaze Broke Out in Top Floor of a Montreal House.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, May 23.—Prompt work by firemen saved the lives of four women today when a blaze broke out in the top floor at 18 Brunswick street. The firefighters, assisted by an unknown bystander, swarmed up ladders and carried down Mrs. Gray and Mrs. F. Pierre, Miss E. W. and Miss T. Blair, who were got out in a fainting condition, being caught as they were about to jump from a window. The fire, it is thought, was started by an oil stove in the basement of the building.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecasts.

Today—Moderate north to northwest winds; a few light scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Tomorrow—Fair; not much change in temperature.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
St. Catharines	58	48	Fair
London	56	46	Clear
Windsor	56	46	Clear
Port Arthur	56	46	Cloudy
St. Mary's	56	46	Cloudy
St. John's	56	46	Cloudy
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