

## AFTERMATH OF BIG TRIAL— WILL THERE BE AN APPEAL?

Case Was Aply Handled By Justice Latchford and Lawyers  
On Both Sides Acquitted Themselves Well—Costs  
Will Be Heavy—An Appeal is Talked of.

### Mr. W. T. Henderson Gives Interview on Simcoe Case

Mr. Henderson, counsel for the defendants in the Helms case, was asked by the COURIER this afternoon if there would be an appeal. He replied:

"There will certainly be an appeal, and there is every probability that the verdict of the jury will be set aside and the action dismissed. You see, this trial is but the preliminary to the battle. You will have noticed that at the close of the plaintiff's case the plaintiff's counsel, when asked by the judge, accepted all the risks incident to proceeding with the trial, and the action as framed, although admitting, on the record, that he had failed to give any evidence of a conspiracy, as charged. The result, in my opinion, is that there was a miscarriage.

"As to the merits of the dispute I have nothing whatever to say, as the entire matter will still remain before the courts."

None of the defendants in the Simcoe trial cared to say anything relative to the case to the press to-day. The result excited the greatest interest throughout the city, and the COURIER all day Wednesday was besieged with inquiries. The trial contained unusual features and many little incidents occurred during the legal battle which was waged. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the trial was the charge of Justice Latchford, which was strongly in favor of the plaintiff. This feature of the trial, so fully reported in the COURIER last night, was particularly satisfactory to the large number of citizens who have recently contended that police affairs in Brantford were not all they should be. At Simcoe considerable interest was evinced, and quite a number of Brantfordites attended the hearing.

#### FEATURES OF TRIAL

Everything at the Simcoe Court House was splendidly supervised by Dr. Snider, the Sheriff, and his assistants. The gentleman who alone of all others in that burgh is entitled to wear a cocked hat and a sword (the latter, possibly, for pruning purposes) was courteous itself to the Scribes, and also, by way of remark, to a few Pharisees. There is only one little criticism to be made with regard to the courtroom. When he saw a Brantford crowd come in, he superciliously rebuked them, presumably on the general basis that anyone who enters a public room should only have one destination, and that should be as well to have them acclimated. The Judge finally manifested his aspirations with regard to a directly located location.

#### HIS LORDSHIP AND THE COUNSEL

Justice Latchford is manifestly a keen-sighted man and a hard worker. After proceedings commenced he kept them going day and night without any let-up. He showed consideration when it was necessary, and with equal emphasis held up the dignity of the bench when such a course was desirable. His charge was certainly emphatically in favor of the plaintiff.

Mr. Godfrey, who had charge of the prosecution, is a capable man, both with regard to handling witnesses and addressing a jury. Mr. McCarthy, for the defence, was assisted by City Solicitor Henderson. Both of them looked well after the interests of their clients. Mr. McCarthy, while the jury were out, addressed his Lordship at great length. He made all kinds of objections, quoted a lot of previous authorities, and finally told the Judge that his charge had been more on behalf of Gladys Meredith than that of her counsel. His Lordship didn't seem to take much stock in the contentions, although, of course, he listened to them with his usual courtesy.

#### COSTS OF THE TRIAL

The verdict of \$1,500 and costs, of course, involves far more than the figure named. The change of venue from Brantford to Simcoe was at the expense of the four defendants. They will have to pay all the outlays of the plaintiff and her witnesses, and in addition there is likely to be a little bill from Sheriff Snider of some \$500. On top of this the lawyers' fees will be heavy.

#### JURY A LONG TIME OUT

The jury were out for an unexpectedly long time. When at 12 o'clock they were told by the Judge to retire, his Lordship announced that he would order twelve good dinners to be sent to them. Those "in the know" with regard to court proceedings realized that there would be no finding until after grub, and so went out and dined on their own account.

It might be mentioned that the jurymen were never once locked up, but were solemnly warned by the Judge not to talk of the case to others, or among themselves, until all the evidence was in.

Shortly after 1 o'clock there were rumors of a disagreement. So there was, and for three rumored reasons:

- 1. Some wanted to award a greater amount than the \$1,500.
- 2. Some favored a smaller sum.
- 3. Some wanted to give a finding and leave Dr. Ashton out.

The above statements are, of course, merely a surmise, but they are the current talk throughout the building. It is understood that there never was at any time any other feeling than a favorable feeling for the girl, and the whole discussion was practically with reference to the amount.

#### CLOSING SCENES

His Lordship made no comment whatever when entering judgment. The plaintiff, her mother, her aunt and Mr. Kite, who has sponsored the whole case from the start, were speedily surrounded by those offering congratulations. The girl, though manifestly pleased, took matters very quietly. The defendants also received the fitting eulogy and had nothing to say. Most of those concerned in the case returned last evening via Caledonia.

#### AS TO THE CITY'S LIABILITY

The Courier has been asked the question as to the liability of the city, in view of the fact that three officers have been mulcted in costs for action taken during the time of duty.

"Will the expense fall on the municipality?" one man asks. This paper does not think so. The city, as such, was not named in the pleadings, and to an ordinary lay mind it looks as if the monetary end of the matter will fall individually on the four defendants.

## MR. JOHN T. HEWITT BUYS BIG TRACT OF INDUSTRIAL LAND

An important transfer of property was made yesterday, when Mr. John T. Hewitt purchased from Mr. George S. Matthews one of the biggest tracts of industrial land there is on the outskirts of this city. The land includes 75 acres lying between the Burford Road and the river near the Matthews-Laing Packing Company's plant. A big price was paid for the same. Mr. Hewitt stated to the COURIER to-day that his plans were to turn the land over for industrial or railway purposes. The land is excellently situated from a railway point of view, and is regarded as the best possible location there is for new industries. It is more than likely that it will be speedily taken up for this purpose, and there will be a great development in that direction as a result.

## SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH IN BAD HOTEL FIRE AT MALONE, NEW YORK

### Hotel Was Veritable Death Trap and An Explosion Followed the Blaze--Women Jumped From Upper Storey, Many Sustaining Terrible Injuries.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

MALONE, N.Y., April 17.—Seven or more persons were burned to death, several women sustained injuries from which they may die, and a score of persons were rescued by firemen in a spectacular fire which destroyed the De Wilson Hotel, an old three-storey wooden structure on Catharine street, early to-day.

The building burned like paper, and the firemen had little time to effect rescues. An explosion caused the fire. More bodies are believed to be in the ruins. Most of those injured were hurt by jumping from the third storey.

Caught in their beds, 30 or more guests were shut off from escape, as the flames shot up the stairways. Women jumped from the third floor and suffered serious injuries. Some of the injured may die.

The fire started from an explosion, the cause of which is unknown. It ate up the old wooden building almost like paper. Guests had no time to get out. Some of the guests were overcome in the hallways and some in their rooms.

Firemen managed to save a few by getting them out of windows, but there was little time for rescue work. One woman, whose home is in Montreal, jumped from a third-storey window and struck on a lumber pile. Her shoulder was fractured and she was otherwise injured. She may die.

The building was of wood and three stories high. It was an old structure and a veritable fire trap.

There are believed to be others dead, but all the bodies had not been recovered or identified this morning.

The known dead: Albert Robideaux, Malone; John Timmons, Malone; Fred Truechon, Malone, the hotel bartender; Tony —, a traveling musician; Philip O'Connor, Pierreville, N.Y.; John Moss, Albany; and Michael Cooney, Malone.

Two persons were injured by jumping from the third floor. They are: Mrs. Premo, Eltonburg, N.Y., both legs broken; A. Martin, a vaudeville actor, left arm and ankle broken. The injured were taken to the Ogdensburg City Hospital.

John Rhodes, a clerk in the office of the American Express Company, 150 feet away, was working over his books when the fire started. He heard an explosion outside and, running to the door, saw the hotel in flames. He turned in the alarm. When the department reached the burning building the third storey was a pillar of fire, and rescues were impossible. All who were trapped there perished with the exception of the two who jumped.

Those on the first and second floors, awakened by the fire engines, fled to safety in the street. There were about 15 persons in the hotel. Within a few minutes the entire building was aflame. The work of the firemen was hampered by a coating of sheet iron on the outside walls, put there six years ago when the building was remodeled. With this exception, the entire structure was of wood.

### A CHANCE TO GET BUSY

Mr. George W. Morris, of Racine, Wisconsin, the well-known designer and builder of patent gasoline and steam tractors, formerly of Brantford, writes the Courier:

"Just now I am forming a five-million-dollar company. I fancy 60 days will conclude the matter, although the time limit was till Aug. 1st. The financing is being done in England, and will mean a factory here (in the United States) one in Canada and one in England, for the sole purpose of building and marketing my line of engines. I should have liked to have seen the Canadian factory established in Brantford, but I don't suppose the city would do anything for us."

Here is a chance for the Greater Brantford Board to get busy.

#### Operas in Parks.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Tentative plans for giving grand opera in the public parks and Italian in the public parks have been made by the supervisor of recreation, it was announced to-day. Should Mayor Gaynor approve the plan, famous operas will be sung at six recreation centres beginning next month. An orchestra of thirty pieces, a chorus of forty voices and a ballet of 20 have been tentatively engaged. The admission are to be 50c and 25c.

#### Bury Their Dead

LONDON, April 17.—According to a news agency despatch from Sofia, the reported armistice between Bulgaria and Turkey was a verbal one by the opposing generals at Tchatjalja to enable both armies to bury their dead.

### THE RAILWAY TANGLE

The adjourned meeting of the bondholders' committee of the Grand Valley Railway Company, which was to have been held in Toronto to-morrow, has been further adjourned until May 19th. It is understood the committee is desirous of securing further data before recommending the contemplated suit against the directors of the company.

## DEMAND FOR CHIEF TO STEP OUT

### Trades and Labor Council Hold Meeting Last Night

### Resolution Will Be Forwarded to Police Commission.

There was a large attendance at the Trades and Labor Council held in the Temple last evening when President Pearce called the meeting to order. There was a full house. Outside of general routine business there were three important subjects brought to the attention of the council.—That the resignation of Chief Slemin be asked for at once; that the Council communicate with the Borden Government in reference to the purchasing of the Post-Office for a Temple Building; that a committee of the Council hold a joint meeting with the Ministerial Alliance in reference to the female labor question.

Matters of minor importance transpired and a number of accounts were passed and ordered paid.

The Meeting. After a hot and lively discussion. (Continued on Page 7.)

## Tremblay Marriage

### He Will Not Take Part in the Appeal Being Made.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

MONTREAL, April 17.—That Napoleon Tremblay, who was able by an ecclesiastical degree which was rendered civilly effective by the courts to secure a divorce from his wife on the ground that she was his fourth cousin, will not take any part in the appeal against the nullification of the marriage that will be taken to the Privy Council on the wife's behalf, was the announcement made to-day by Tremblay's lawyer, Paul St. Germain, K.C.

"My client cannot afford the expense," was the reason given by Mr. St. Germain for dropping the fight. Arnold Wainwright, counsel for Mrs. Tremblay, said Tremblay's decision would not prevent the case being heard before the Privy Council.

## COURIER PROVES WINNER IN REPORTING SIMCOE TRIAL

Complete Edition On Streets With Entire Verdict 12 Minutes after Jury Came in—Splendid Work in Reporting Facts Appreciated By Hundreds of Brantford Citizens.

This "Supreme in Everything" paper yesterday had sixteen columns with reference to the Meredith trial. The matter was all sent by wire, and there is an operator in Simcoe who says he never wants to gaze upon the face of a Brantford newspaper man again.

The verdict was reached at 4 o'clock, and so complete were the COURIER arrangements that at 4:01 the result was received by flash at the Brantford G.N.W. office and then broadcasted to the city.

By 4:12 the paper with the entire outcome of proceedings was on the streets, a good half-hour ahead of all competition.

Two other features: (1) The forecast that there would be a verdict for the plaintiff, and that the only difference would probably be over the sum awarded, proved to be absolutely correct. (2) This paper had the addresses of the two counsel and the summing-up of the Judge complete in all the essential details.

With regard to the telegraphic service, the COURIER wishes to heartily thank Mr. Cameron and Miss Steele of the G.N.W. staff here, and Mr. Wallace of the G.N.W. staff in Simcoe. They co-operated with great zeal and efficiency.

The sale of the paper was a record one, and despite a large extra edition, which was speedily sold out, and a second edition, which met with a like fate, the demands of the public for this Great Family Journal could not be met, and many were either disappointed, or else borrowed copies from others. Many appreciative references on the part of citizens are hereby acknowledged.

All the above reads like the gentle art of "blowing your own horn." Well, so it is—might as well be frank about that, for the very simple reason that those reading this screed will have reached such a conclusion several lines back. When you are found out you might just as well admit it, and then break new ground, with a firm and concentrated intensity of desire to do better.

So much for "shop," and we promise to never do the same again—that is, until we feel like it.

## THREAT TO HAVE STRIKE IN TORONTO AND LONDON

### New Development To-day in State of 2000 Garment Workers at Hamilton, 600 Women Are Out Companies Hard Hit

(Canadian Press Despatch)

HAMILTON, Ont., April 17.—The only new development in the strike of garment workers and allied trades here to-day was the threat to enforce a sympathetic strike in Toronto and London. A. H. Carroll, general Canadian organizer, who is in charge of the local situation, yesterday went to Toronto and succeeded in closing up two of Randall and Johnson's shops, which were turning out work for Hamilton firms. Mr. Carroll declared that unless a settlement was reached by to-night, there would be a general sympathetic walkout of all the shops in Toronto at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Green-Swift Company of London was conferred with and agreed to abide by the new wage scale. It also promised not to do work for Hamilton firms.

The Sanford Company, one of the largest clothing firms in Canada, which is probably hardest hit by the

strike sent a large quantity of work to Toronto, but the strikers say they succeeded in heading this off.

Margaret Daley, a prominent New York labor leader, is in charge of the women on strike here, who number over 600.

With over 1,600 employees on strike here now, a wage loss of \$5,000 daily and a daily loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the big clothing firms who are filled up with orders, the situation is becoming serious. The bosses are still standing pat and have so far refused to meet a committee from the unions. To-day they laid off all their cutters, the only one of the allied trades which did not join in the strike on the first day. The employers said they would have no work for these men until the strike was settled. The strikers have taken up with the immigration department at Ottawa the question of preventing the importation of labor from the other side.

### Fire Over Five Miles.

CRAVEN, Sask., April 17.—Big prairie fires raged all day Tuesday in the vicinity of Craven. Last night the breeze, developed into a gale and the front of the fire extended five miles. No damage has yet been reported.

### He Resigns.

SASKATOON, Sask., April 17.—James A. Bell, general manager of the Industrial League has resigned. The league has been severely criticized in some quarters. Bell says his resignation is due to the apparent dissatisfaction shown. He was getting a salary of \$7,500 a year.

### Prairie Fires.

RALVILLE, Sask., April 17.—Prairie fires which raged through the hills south of Radville burnt a strip 15 to 20 miles wide, destroying thousands of acres of pasture. As a result feed will be scarce. The fire burnt fiercely and the Henrich district stables and granaries with their grain, of George Eldridge were wiped out.

while from other districts come reports of men fighting the flames two days and nights. Three or four other farmers were burned out.

### Mr. Blake's Operation

TORONTO, April 17.—Hon. S. H. Blake underwent an operation this morning at 9 o'clock. The operation was successfully performed, and 2 o'clock this afternoon it was stated that for one of his age, 73, the patient was making satisfactory progress.

### Wrecked by Bomb.

WALTHAM, Mass., April 17.—The home of Salvatore H. Alberto, a grocer, on Newton Street, was badly wrecked to-day by the explosion of a bomb. Alberto, his wife, and three children were thrown from their beds but were not seriously hurt. Alberto believes the explosion to have been the work of the "Black Hand."

### THE PROBS

(Canadian Press Despatch)

TORONTO, April 17.—A moderate depression is approaching the Great Lakes from the northwest, but so far during its passing it has caused a few scattered showers only. Fine weather still prevails over the greater portion of the Dominion.

### FORECASTS.

Fine. Friday—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, fair, stationary or higher temperature.

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Saturday, April 19.—By special arrangement with Chas. Frohman, the big London and New York comedy success, "PASSERS BY," by C. Haddon Chambers. The play begins when Peter Waverton, rich and well-born, invites the cabman and the derelict to his apartment, largely for his own entertainment; and then the "Woman" who loved Peter and wandered away in the long ago, and next comes the boy, the beautiful boy, living evidence of that love. Come and see how it works out. An all-English company. Prices: 25c to \$1.50. Seats Thursday.

If it Happened it is in "THE COURIER;" If it is in "THE COURIER" it Happened.