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Three Months Term for Assault on Girl Here

Girl Claimed She Had Been Forced to Go Away in Her Night Clothes, and That Percy Labrash Beat Her. Another Man Fined for Assault on Sister-in-Law. Theft Charge Against Organizer. Other Cases.

Percy Labrash will spend three months at hard labour in Halleybury jail as the penalty for having assaulted Irene Morin "occasioning her actual bodily harm." Percy's story and that of his witnesses differed a great deal from that of Miss Morin and her witnesses, told before Magistrate Atkinson on Tuesday.

At 12.30 a.m. Sunday, November 8th, Labrash broke open the kitchen door. Miss Morin said, had a quarrel with her, saying she was going out with another fellow. "He grabbed me and put me in his car. Then he beat me up."

Kept in Shack Till Tuesday
Labrash had taken her to his place on a country road and kept her there until Tuesday morning when he brought her back to her home at 145 Main avenue, she said. She wasn't able to move around in the shack "because she was hurt."

"Did you do anything to stop him taking you out of the house?" asked Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell.
Her mother had gone out to telephone the police, Miss Morin said through an interpreter and a Mr. Clement and a cousin were also outside at the time.

Mrs. Morin was there when Labrash broke in, she said. "Then I went away to phone the police and when I came back he was gone with the girl. The police went to look for him but could not find him." Her daughter was "very sick" when she was brought back, Mrs. Morin said. Her eyes were puffed up and her arm black with bruises.

George Clement said Labrash had a fight in the house with another fellow soon after he came in. The girl just had a nightgown when Labrash took her from the house, he said, and "she seemed to be scared."

Police Couldn't Find Girl
Chief Paul said that the efforts of the police to locate the girl had been unsuccessful. He had not seen her until Tuesday when he visited the house and she showed him the bruise on her arm.

Labrash warned that he did not have to give evidence, told quite a different story. Miss Morin had asked him to go down to her place late Saturday night, "after the old lady had gone to bed." He had arrived at about 12.30 and grabbed the knob of the door. He shoved and the door opened, he said. "I found her in bed with Edgar Besky."

Labrash of Miss Morin, "and I'd been living with her for four months." She had told him that her mother had made her do that or get out of the house, witness said. After a fight with Besky and "chewing the rag with him," Labrash asked the girl to choose between the two of them and she had chosen him, so they started out together.

"I took her out to my home," he swore, "and the next day when I wanted to take her home, she wouldn't go. I never touched her in the car."
Is a Married Man
"You're a married man, aren't you, Labrash?" asked the magistrate.
"Yes."
"What were you doing fighting about a girl then?"
"She was going with me."
Asked how he thought Miss Morin had been injured, Labrash said she might have got between him and Besky as the two were fighting.

"You're under bond to keep the peace for two years?" asked the magistrate.
"Yes."
Tom Labrash, Percy's brother, said he had been out to the "Greenwood farm" where Percy and the girl were on Sunday evening and she had refused to go back to Timmins. She didn't want to go back because she had a black eye, he said.

Edmond Welcher corroborated this. Yelled but Nobody Heard
Miss Morin, recalled to the stand by the crown attorney, said, speaking of when Labrash was carrying her out to the car: "I yelled a little but nobody heard me. It was 12.30. I didn't like to make much noise because I was afraid of him." She had not wakened until Tuesday morning at the farm, she swore. She hadn't been hit while Percy was fighting in the house, and she hadn't been in bed with another man, she swore.

Assaulted Sister-in-Law
Convicted of assaulting Mrs. Rachael Lamstedt, O. Lamstedt, her brother-in-law, was fined \$20 and costs. This was a sequel to the case last week in which Mrs. Lamstedt's husband was fined a similar amount for having obstructed the police.

The whole incident came about as the result of a wine party Mrs. Lamstedt's evidence showed. Her husband and his brother had had several bottles of wine, despite her protests. During the argument about drinking, she had hit her husband and the brother pushed her away. Then she decided to go home but the bus driver wouldn't accept her big police dog as a passenger on the bus so she returned to the place at which she and her husband had been visiting that evening. Later the two men re-

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In Custody Tangle



Oblivious to the excitement going on about her in Los Angeles, Ruth Cowan, three-year-old British subject, is the centre of a legal tangle concerning her future custody. Ruth was taken to California after the death of her mother on a Saskatchewan farm to live with her aunt and uncle. Now her father wants her back but it is maintained he has forfeited his claim to her.

Appointed Engineer on Construction of New Line

George Coriveau of the Canadian National Railways engineering staff at Cochrane, has been appointed resident engineer, on the construction of the new line from Rouyn to Senneterre. Mr. Coriveau has been assigned the 10-mile Pascalls section and has left to take over his duties.

His successor in Cochrane will be J. C. Dumontier who is being transferred from Quebec where he has been on the C.N.R. staff of the Laurentian division. Other changes in the engineering staff at Cochrane are being made by the transfer of George Sawyer to Levis and his position being filled by T. S. Bauliane from Levis.

Ottawa Journal—The five great powers: Love, money, revenge, ambition and a good dinner.

Wipe Tuberculosis from the Porcupine, is Slogan

Concerted Effort Now Under Way to Counteract Effect of Prevalent Disease. Full Co-operation and Support of the Public is Essential.

He looked as husky and strong a lad as might be found anywhere in Timmins. The tuberculin test given him at school must surely be just a matter of routine; just to make sure that everyone's had the test.

A few days later his parents were told that he had a touch of tuberculosis. At first they were disappointed. Then their sorrow gave way to joy for they realized that a few months with simple home treatment the last trace of the disease would be gone and from then on, with reasonable care, they need never fear that their son would be a victim of tuberculosis. They knew too that a source of danger to the lad's playmates and classmates had been removed.

Coloured Lad Called Him "Daddy" Was His Face Red

During the recent campaign waged between Governor Lehman and Judge Bleakley for the governorship of the Empire State, an Elmira, N.Y., hotel served as a stopping place for one of the candidates and the group accompanying him, consisting, among others, of about a dozen newspapermen.

Two of the reporters succeeded in making the acquaintance of a pair of young ladies who were seated in the lobby. They were in the midst of a conversation with their newly found friends when a negro boy rushed up to one of the newspapermen and said plaintively:

"Daddy, ma says to come home right away."

A fellow member of the contingent of correspondents had given the coloured lad a quarter with the understanding that he impart the verbal bombshell to his brother scribe.

NORTH BAY YOUTH FACES CHARGE OF THEFT OF CAR

Cecil Pretty, 21-year-old North Cobalt youth, was arrested late Saturday night at Halleybury by Provincial Constables Byrne and Walker, charged with theft of a car belonging to a man named Green, of Swastika.

Pretty was in custody less than two hours after the theft was reported, the officers having spotted the car and occupant as it drove into New Liskard from the North. He was returned to Kirkland Lake today.

Mail and Empire.—Dishwashing Out, Says Barrymore's New Wife.—Headline. Just like anybody else's new wife.

Work Started on Sewer and Water Main in North

Services Being Installed for the North End of Cedar, Balsam, Birch, Maple, Elm Streets, and to Serve the New Public School Just Outside Town Limits.

Work has been begun on the much-discussed sanitary sewer and water main work to serve the north ends of Cedar, Balsam and Birch streets, to give adequate fire protection for that area and to protect the new public school.

A six foot right-of-way has been granted by Messrs J. P. Bartleman, Bannino and J. P. McLaughlin for the placing of sanitary sewer and a six-inch water main immediately to the north of the present survey and 180 feet south of the present boundary of the town. The job was held up for some weeks while a proposal was being considered to put the sewer and water line out at the boundary of the town, closer to the new school.

No Clue Found Yet in Cobalt Theft Case

Cobalt Council May Change Entrance to Municipal Vault.

Cobalt, Nov. 19.—(Special to The Advance)—A plan which would permit entrance to the municipal vault in the general offices of the corporation only from inside those offices, and not directly from the outer corridor, as at present, is being considered by the town council here. The proposal follows on the robbery from the vault early this month of a cash box, containing money, cheques and mining stock certificates, all of which allegedly disappeared while council was sitting in an adjoining chamber, and from which a view of the vault door is not possible.

If the suggestion under consideration is adopted a partition will be erected across an angle of the walls near the vault, the entrance to the offices at that point being closed off to public use and a new door constructed for this purpose at another part of the corridor. No clue to the disappearance of the cash box and its contents has been discovered by the police.

Finnish People to Give Programme in English

Pupils of Free English Classes of the Finnish United Church to Present Event on December 15th in the English Language. Have had Only One Term at the English Classes but Have Made Notable Progress.

The pupils of the Free English Language Schools of the Finnish United Churches of Timmins and South Porcupine decided at a meeting held during the school hours Tuesday evening (Nov. 17th) to hold a Christmas concert and social Tuesday, December 15th at 7 p.m. in the church. The entire programme will be delivered in English by the pupils and will consist of singing, recitations, stories, games, etc., in English language only.

The pupils have made great progress in their studies and are confident and enthusiastic about the success of the unique evening, during which for the first time they come out boldly in the English language to entertain their friends, relatives and visitors, whom they will invite to share with them this new experience.

During the fall term 97 adult citizens of Timmins and South Porcupine have taken advantage of these English Classes opened by the Finnish United Church at Timmins and South Porcupine for the Finns of the Porcupine Gold Camps. At Timmins there were 63 pupils and at South Porcupine 34. All have been very eager to learn the language of their adopted country. On account of many preparations for the holiday season, the schools meet only one day a week, starting this week, and the fall term ends with the joint Christmas concert, Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 7 p.m.—The Spring term will open the same week as public schools open.

MARY PICKFORD TO WED BUDDY ROGERS

Reported romancing for many months, the engagement of Mary Pickford, Toronto-born actress, and Charles "Buddy" Rogers, motion picture star and orchestra leader, will be announced at once, according to Rogers' father. They are pictured here returning from a gay Hollywood night spot after an evening together. Wedding date for the "sweetheart of the screen" and her handsome fiance, has not definitely been set.

Wedding at Finnish United Church, South Porcupine

Laine-Marttunen.—At the manse of the Timmins Finnish United Church, 16 Elm street, north, Tuesday, November 17th, 1936, at 6.30 p.m., Carin Laine-Marttunen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Marttunen of Port Arthur, Ontario, to Felix William Laine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust. W. Laine, both of South Porcupine, Ontario, Rev. A. I. Heinonen officiating. The wedding was quiet but pretty. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Holso also of South Porcupine. Mr. and Mrs. Laine will reside at South Porcupine.

New York City Buys Large Number of Christmas Trees

It will not be long before the seasonal traffic in Christmas trees from Eastern Canada to United States cities will commence. While there seems to be an increasing demand for potted trees and rather costly artificial trees, the traditional tree is holding its own. There have been marked increases in the number of trees exported from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the province of Quebec during the past two seasons, 1935 totalling 3,573,642 with a value of \$364,135, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. New York City is the main consuming centre, taking annually between 400 and 425 cars of from 1,500 to 2,000 trees, with Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Pittsburgh and other points within these areas taking somewhat smaller quantities. The trees in demand range in height from 12 feet down, the most common sizes being from 6 to 10 feet.

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