

A SAD TRAGEDY PICTURED

AT PRELIMINARY HEARING IN MURDER CASE.

Husband and a Daughter Were Present to Hear the Evidence Given—Accused Goes to Jail Without Making Any Comment.

Without a word of comment, and showing no signs of a breakdown, Mrs. Lovice Thompson was removed to the county jail on Wednesday afternoon, following her committal for trial on a murder charge by Magistrate Farrell. Just when the case will come up in the high court is not known, but it may be fall before the case is heard.

The case presented a sad picture in the police court on Wednesday. In the prisoner's box sat the unfortunate woman over whose head hangs the charge of murder, the most serious charge on the criminal calendar. Everything appeared to be strange to her. As the words of the magistrate, "You are charged with murdering your own child," she caught her ears, she did not move. It was quite evident that she did not realize the seriousness of the charge. And as the case proceeded the accused appeared to pay little or no attention to what was going on. Once or twice she was noticed to twitch her fingers as if rather nervous, but throughout all the ordeal she was very quiet. As witnesses were called and told their story, in which she was the central figure, she did not appear to take in what they said, and when it was all over and the magistrate remarked, "Committed for trial," she did not appear to understand what it all meant.

During the hearing the husband of the accused woman was also present. He occupied a seat within a short distance of his wife. And with him was one of his daughters, a young slip of a girl. The father and daughter showed more emotion than the mother. While seated from his wife, the husband felt his position keenly, and is willing to do anything to help her in her trouble. Surely, does not this story picture a sad tragedy.

AT THE STRAND.

Phenomenal Success of "The Romance of Tarzan."

The success of the feature picture, "The Romance of Tarzan," has been so phenomenal that the management of the Strand Theatre has arranged to retain it in Kingston for one more day. It will therefore be shown for the last time this evening, and patrons are advised that it is necessary to be on hand early to secure seats. The house has been sold out every night this week, and there is sure to be another great rush for seats to-night. "The Romance of Tarzan," is a feature film of more than average merit, and is full of thrills and love interest from start to finish. The story of how "Tarzan of the Apes" was nursed by his foster mother in the heart of the African jungle, and becomes as a wild man of the woods is seen at its best in the screen portrayal. His life in the jungle, and his many narrow escapes from death at the hands of savages, and his extraordinary power over the wild beasts are all splendidly shown. Then

comes his discovery by relatives, and his advent in civilization, coupled with his longing for his mate, the daughter of Darwin. The final happy ending of the story leaves the audience in a well-satisfied frame of mind. The exhibition of intelligence and training on the part of the animals has never before been equalled on the screen, and must be seen to be believed.

In addition to the feature picture, the second episode of the serial, in which Ijoudini, the master wizard or handcraft king is seen in some wonderful feats gives exhibitions of his skill. This picture will also be shown this evening, as well as other features. The singing of Frank Besenger has much to do with the splendid patronage which the Strand is enjoying. This silver-toned vocalist is heard to much advantage in a number of ballads and lyrics, and he is recognized and applauded at every performance. Much of his program is sung by request of the patrons. It is probable that he will have to end his Kingston engagement at an early date, as a Detroit Theatre has offered him a lengthy contract at his own terms. He will again be heard at the Strand to-night and during the week.

HOPES SON IS ALIVE.

Lieut. J. G. Smith May Not Be Dead, as Officially Reported.

Henry A. Smith, grocer, 155 Division street, thinks that there was a mistake on the part of the Record Office, Ottawa, when he received the message informing him that his son, Lieut. J. G. Smith, died from influenza and pneumonia at Camiers, France, on February 27th. In a letter written in his son's handwriting, and dated Dunkirk, Feb. 26th, the day before his supposed death at Camiers, he informed his father that he was in good health, and expected to be on his way home. Lieut. Smith served in the 201st Field Company, Royal Engineers, and was still with the unit on the date his letter was written. Mr. Smith immediately sent a cable to the address given, and is anxiously awaiting a reply. From this letter he received Tuesday, twenty days after it was posted. The post mark is "Dunkirk, Feb. 27th, 1919." Mr. Smith also wired the Record Office, Ottawa, but has received no explanation of the discrepancy between the official report of death and the son's letter. The official despatches stated that he was in the hospital at Camiers on Feb. 20th seriously ill, and on the 24th dangerously ill, and on the 27th died. The message also stated that he was with the C. M. E. and L. R. work shop, whereas the letter showed that he was with his unit, the 201st Field Company, Royal Engineers, stationed at Dunkirk, which is about forty miles from Camiers. Mr. Smith expects definite word within a few days that will clear the matter up, and hopes for the best.

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BOARD OF WORKS BLUNDER

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At this point in these serious days of reconstruction. Mr. Gray pointed out that this letter had never been seen or heard of by any member of the Board of Works, and that for that reason they were not aware of the percentage of bitumen in the analysis of the Imperial Oil Company. The tender accompanying this letter was \$2,916 less than the tender which was accepted. The analysis, which follows, was made by Mr. Gray, who is a graduate chemist and engineer of McMaster and Toronto Universities, and by C. M. Baskin, the chief chemist of the Imperial Oil Company.

THE ANALYSIS.

Table with 4 columns: Sample No., Imperial Paving Asphalt, Penetration, Specific gravity, Flash, Penetration at 77 deg. F., Melting point, Volatility, Solubility.

\*This indicates that the percentage of pure bitumen in each sample is respectively 99.9% and 99.8%.

To prove that this analysis showed the presence of bitumen in their sample, Mr. Gray produced a book which he had borrowed from the city engineer's office. This book, entitled, "Highway Engineering," by Arthur H. Blanchard and Henry H. Drowne, is an authoritative work, and it gives the definition of bitumen as follows: "Bitumens are mixtures of native or pyrogenous hydrocarbons and their non-metallic derivatives, which may be gases, liquids, viscous liquids or solids which are soluble in carbon disulphide." From this letter we received Tuesday, in the city engineer's office, where any member of the board sufficient interested could have seen it, it is proved conclusively that the analyses submitted by the Imperial Oil Company gave the presence of bitumen, in its report, its percentage of solubility in carbon disulphide.

Big Difference in Price.

Mr. Gray stated that his company has supplied similar material to the cities of Toronto, Montreal, St. John, N. Hamilton, London, St. Catharines and Winnipeg, and the Quebec Government for their provincial highways. The tender given to Kingston was lower than that given this year to London and Hamilton, owing to the lower freight rates. The price per ton in the tender to Kingston was \$24.15, and the price in the tender of the United States Asphalt Company was \$33.87 per ton, a DIFFERENCE OF \$9.72 PER TON. The price of the Canadian price is in conformity with the price in the New York market at the present time, and the other price does not conform with market conditions.

On Tuesday Mr. Gray also interviewed Ald. Wright, who said that he was sorry that a misunderstanding occurred regarding the omission of the word bitumen, as he thought that was a grave error. He agreed with other aldermen to attend a meeting of the Board of Works called to reconsider the question. Alderman Graham said that if four of the members of the board desired a special meeting to reopen the subject he would call one. Alderman Cooper also expressed regret that the contract was awarded without having a representative of the Imperial Oil Company present to explain matters. Patterson and Norris also agreed to having a special meeting of the board. Mr. Gray stated to Alderman Cooper that his company in putting forward a tender did not believe in the policy of doing any lobbying, but tendered entirely on the specifications.

Mr. Gray suggested to John Morris that it should be found out whether the city had been compromised in the matter, and was informed by the city clerk that a letter had been sent to the United States Asphalt Company accepting their tender and that the matter was closed.

Mr. Gray then visited the mayor and impressed him with the necessity of having the tenders reconsidered in order that the city might effect a saving of close on three thousand dollars, and also to safeguard the interests of the city in the future when similar tenders were called for. Mr. Gray then suggested to the mayor that it would be advisable to send a wire to the United States company informing them that the contract had been cancelled, but the Mayor said that such action was up to Alderman Graham. Before seeing Alderman Graham, Mr. Gray called on Mr. Whiting, city solicitor, and received the assurance of that official that such a wire could not be interpreted to the disadvantage of the city. Mr. Gray also called on Dr. W. W. Sands, and was informed that he was not at home. He then went to Alderman Graham and asked him to send a wire cancelling the letter, which would not

reach its destination until the following morning. They both went to the telegraph office, after having tried without success to find the city solicitor in order to have him word the wire, and send off the message cancelling the acceptance of the tender until the analysis was completed and the matter given further consideration. This wire was signed by Alderman Graham for the Mayor with the latter's permission, and delivery at the United States Company's office at eight-thirty on Wednesday morning was proved. A special meeting of the Board of Works was held in the city hall on Wednesday afternoon, at which Mr. Gray was asked to state the case for the Imperial Oil Company. He repeated his willingness to stand the cost of any analysis which might be

desired to test the statement that the two products were identical. He also said that his company was willing to give laboratory assistance in testing the sand used, the asphalt as it left the kettles and the asphalt as it was laid on the street. The city engineer informed the board that any one of three samples submitted would be satisfactory, but that as he was not asked for any recommendation he could not give any statement as to which he would prefer. Mr. Gray advised the board that if any error occurred in shipments, and that if any shipments were unsatisfactory, they would be taken back to the factory and replaced at the company's expense. In a discussion on the wording of the analysis letter which was sent with the tender, and stated that the solubility of the asphalt in carbon disulphide was proof of the percentage of bitumen.

Continuing, Mr. Gray, gave the Whig representative some figures showing that the policy of streets, and works in the past four years in their purchases of road oil or tarvia had been made from one firm. In 1915, 1916 and 1917, the council had bought 16,000 gallons of road oil yearly at ten and ten and a quarter cents a gallon, when they were offered asphalt, a product equal in every respect, for five and a half cents a gallon.

To prove the correctness of his statements, Mr. Gray read at some length the reports of the analytical books and magazines, and gave the results of tests made, by the leading engineers on the American continent. Although asphalt oil is well recommended as the best material for treatment of streets, and is a cheaper product than tarvia and superior road oil, Mr. Gray says that it is impossible to sell the city of Kingston any of the former material, although they would obtain it at a better service and would save thousands of dollars. In 1917 the United States Asphalt Company was awarded the contract for asphalt paving, although their price was \$2,100 more than that of the Imperial Oil Company. On that occasion the council was of the penetration of the paving was the stumbling block, and the city lost over two thousand dollars by refusing to consider the plan of fluxing the road with oil, and obtaining a superior pavement at a lesser cost. In that year the council were advised by competent engineers that they could flux their roads without any lessening in efficiency. This was verified by Mr. Gray by producing two issues of the "Canadian Engineer," in which appeared articles on the advisability of fluxing of roads, and in one of which appeared an editorial taking exception to the folly of the KINGSTON BOARD OF WORKS IN BUYING OVER TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY FOR THEIR ASPHALT.

Seeks Investigation. Mr. Gray feels that the present time is the most favorable of all for having this matter fully investigated. Up to the present, the situation is that the acceptance of the United States Company's tender has been cancelled, and the tenders are being reconsidered. The public will no doubt watch with great interest for further developments. Under date of to-day City Solicitor Whiting wrote the mayor advising him that the letter sent to the American company did not bind the city to the agreement; that it could only follow the passing of a by-law by the council.

LEAVING McGILL. Prof. John MacNaughton For Toronto University. It is announced that Prof. John MacNaughton has been appointed Professor of Latin at Toronto University, and will take up his new duties in September next. Professor MacNaughton has been attached to the staff of McGill University, Montreal, as Professor of Classics for the past ten years. He was formerly with Queen's.

Captured Junction Town. Copenhagen, March 20.—The important railway junction town of Mjølhus, south-west of Riga, has been captured by Lettish troops, the Lettish official statement announces. The Bolsheviks are retiring along the whole front.

SAID HALIM IS UNDER ARREST

More Prominent Turks Taken Into Custody—Action Approved by Allies.

Washington, March 20.—Further arrests have been made by the Turkish government with the approval of the allied commanders in Constantinople in the effort to eradicate the influence of the committee of union and progress, said to be the strongest political organization that has controlled Turkish policies and the government for a number of years.

Three arrests, which have just been reported to the state department, include that of former Grand Vizier Said Halim, who also was at one time minister of foreign affairs. Those arrested included Mousa Kiazim, formerly sheik-ul-Islam; Minister Halli, who held the portfolio of foreign affairs in the union and progress cabinet; Rifaa, who it is believed here, was president of the senate; former Minister of Finance Djadid; Shukry, formerly minister of public instruction; Igelal Noury, an editor, high in official circles in the committee; Emin-Yunus Nadi, also an editor, and a former member of the chamber of deputies, and General Vehib Pasha, commander of the Turkish forces in Armenia after the massacres.

OTTAWA WON'T PAY GRATUITY IN A LUMP

Possible Death of Applicant Before All Is Paid Is the Reason.

Ottawa, March 20.—The Militia Department has received many applications from returned men for an advance of the total amount of the war service gratuity provided for. The latter have represented that they desired to go into business, or to embark upon some enterprise in which the money is immediately needed. Such applications have been rejected. The reason is that if an unmarried soldier dies within the period of his gratuity the balance due to him reverts to the State, while in the case of a married man who dies within the period the balance goes to his dependents, who would be disposed of it if it had been paid in advance.

It has been represented to the department that in some parts of the country men of the legal profession are undertaking to clean up a little money by drawing up the declarations of applicants for gratuities. It is pointed out that lawyers' fees are not necessary, inasmuch as any commanding officer can draw up such documents without pay.

ASKS CHECKING UP OF THE INCOME TAXES

Senator Wants to Know How Many Politicians Paid the Tax.

Ottawa, March 20.—Senator Tanner, of Halifax, is anxious to know to what extent legislators in Canada have complied with the provisions of the Income Tax Act. He is asking in the Senate for the number in each province of senators, members of the House of Commons, and members of provincial legislatures who made returns of income in 1918 and paid the tax due in that year. He is also seeking an analysis of those who have made returns and payments, the number of persons and companies, the number of professional men, of business men, of mechanics, and, lastly, of farmers.

Kingston in the Estimates. In the Dominion estimates there is an increase of \$26,800 in the amount to be voted for Kingston penitentiary, \$239,800. Salaries remain the same, but there is an increase of more than \$20,000 in working expenses, and \$5,000 in lands, buildings and equipment. The estimates also include \$150,000 for enlargement of the educational block, Kingston R. M. C. No mention is made in the estimates so far about Kingston harbor improvements.

Presentation of Instruments. Presentation of new instruments by the Trades and Labor Council, Kingston, to the Salvation Army band, in the Salvation Army Citadel, at 8 o'clock to-night. The committee of Trades and Labor Council will be present to present the instruments to the band. The band will give a musical programme under the direction of Lieut. Granger. Doors open at 7.30.

SS. Baltic at Halifax. (Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, March 20.—The White Star liner Baltic, bringing the 53th Battalion, of Toronto, the 43rd Battalion of Winnipeg, the 1st C.M.R. of Brandon, part of the second C.M.R. of Toronto and the 10th Field Ambulance of Winnipeg, arrived in port at eleven o'clock this morning.

Stop Unfair Advertising. Ottawa, March 20.—A delegation of retail merchants waited on the Hon. A. K. MacLean and presented a series of recommendations for consideration of the Government. Among them was a suggestion that the Government should take some steps to prevent dishonest advertising.

Travelers from the north country state that there is still much snow there and there has been splendid sleighing out of Sharbot Lake this week. C. M. Wood, Kingston, has been chosen D.G.M. of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland meeting in Cornwall. Denial has been given to the report that Premier Clemenceau would resign the office of Minister of War. The Wolfe Island ferry boat reached the Grand Island wharf again to-day. Judge Lovell will conduct Division Court at Sydenham on Friday morning. Read the supplement. Good news, local and telegraphic on its pages. Influenza has been discovered in epidemic form in the Brazilian army.

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