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A COLLARLESS DOG.
Jessie Crossmith, 24, Sobolars-road, Chingford, was fined 2s 6d inclusive for allowing a dog to stray without wearing a properly inscribed collar.
GIPSY FINED.
Sophie Shaw, a gipsy, living in a van at Folly-lane, Chingford, was summoned for using the van as a dwelling place, within 200 yards of the highway, so as to cause annoyance to residents and occupiers of land in the neighbourhood.
Station-sergeant Maber said that on October 24th he saw 14 caravans on land within 200 yards of Folly-lane. He took the names and addresses of the occupiers. The defendant's van was within 22 yards of the roadway. He told her she would be reported for a summons.
Richard Thomas Ledger, of Folly Farm, Folly-lane, said there were about 20 vans on land adjacent to the lane on October 24th. The vandwellers were a nuisance to himself and adjoining occupiers. They broke down field fences and let out the cattle. On sanitary grounds also they were a nuisance.
Replying to the Bench, Sergeant Maber said that the gipsies had since moved farther along the lane into Walthamstow parish. The Walthamstow police were awaiting the result of this summons before taking action against them.
The Chairman: Defendant will be fined 21 inclusive, or 14 days.

P. S. A.
At this meeting on Sunday last the Rev. Thomas Heppell, the president, occupied the chair. During the five minutes allowed to the Chairman he spoke on the work of the P.S.A., both retrospective and prospective. They had, he said, great reasons for thankfulness to God for the success of the undertaking. The numbers of those attending had exceeded his expectations, and he hoped they would be even larger in the fresh year when they were just starting. There were those who talked disparagingly of the movement, but the promoters of the cause in Waltham Abbey were going on with it because they believed it was a good thing. He urged the members to cultivate more and more the spirit of brotherhood, and to make their motto, "A helping hand," their ideal for the coming year. He said that he had a feeling of hopefulness for the work of the future, and asked those who had an interest in it to pray that God's richest blessing would rest upon it.
The speaker was Mr A. A. Goodbody, of Walthamstow. His subject was "Is life worth living?" His manner and delivery were impressive and earnest, and his address was inspiring. He drew pictures of the life that was well worth living, and also of the degraded life. He appealed for pity for the fallen, and not censure; their obscurity had probably not been so good as those of his hearers. His answer to the question was this, "It depends upon the life you lead." He contrasted the dark and bright sides of life, and strongly appealed for the Christ-surrendered life, the life that was willing to endure some sacrifice, that would lend a helping hand to raise the fallen, that would speak a kind word and do a loving action. "Do something," he said, and concluded his address with the words of Kingsley:
"Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long,
And so make life, death, and that vast far-over
One grand sweet song."

The soloist was Mr W. T. Thomson. He sang in an impressive manner two solos, which were greatly appreciated.
The meetings of late have reached a high standard, and the meeting of Sunday next promises to be exceptionally good. Mr James Ross is to give recitals from "The Pilgrim's Progress." His recitals have been given in many parts of England with great profit to his hearers. Mrs Fish has promised to sing, while Mr W. Parcell is to render a selection on the violin.

GOFFS OAK.
TEMPERANCE MEETING.—On Monday last, at the Nockold Temperance Hall, Mr Brooks, a teetotal veteran of 78, gave a brief speech replete with homely truths delivered in a hearty and genial manner that made his facts and opinions all the more convincing.—Mr Evans followed, making touching reference to the thoughts and feelings that ought ever to be associated with that dearest of all words—"mother." He earnestly advised young men to cultivate a manly feeling of self-reliance as an aid to success. The most noble and enduring form of manliness, as a rule, found expression in the true-hearted youth who never forgot his mother. Keep out of drinking company, continued the speaker, for the man who drinks is a target for a her evil to fire at. The arrows of disaster, sorrow, ill-health, and wrong-doing are ever flying into the midst of those who live irregular lives. From this cause alone, men of incurable wounds are to be found in every walk in life—victims to drink and bad company, social outcasts deeply scarred in mind, body, and estate by the arrows of adverse fortune that ever pursue those who traverse the riotous paths of folly and self-indulgence.—The proceedings were varied by dialogues, songs, and recitals by the choir and others, and solos by Miss Bernard, who also presided at the pianoforte.—Meetings every Monday at 7. A hearty welcome to all.

Inspector Jones: Very regrettable. That was the only chance of saving this man's life.
The Coroner (to witness): Didn't the inspector whom you saw in the factory ask what you were doing there?—No, Sir.
The Coroner: It is unusual, isn't it, for a stranger to wander about inside the factory without being asked what he is doing?—Yes, Sir. It is unusual for any outsider to be there.
Dr. J. Damer Priest, divisional surgeon, said he was called to the factory at 11.50 p.m. on October 8th. He went at once to the south-east side of the refinery bridge, and saw deceased lying on the river bank. Artificial respiration was being performed, but life was extinct. The body had been in the water about 60 minutes. The following morning witness examined the body at the mortuary. He found an ante-mortem bruise on the left temple, and another bruise over the left biceps muscle. Skin abrasions were present on the right side of the face, back of the left hand, and chest, all of which had been produced after death. The appearance of the body was consistent with death by suffocation from drowning.
Stating his theory of the accident, the doctor said that presuming the constable was operating the boom, the counterpoise, in ascending rapidly, might have struck him, causing him to overbalance and fall into the water. The pulley rope had come off the pulley wheel.
The Coroner, summing up, said that if the unfortunate constable did anything, when operating the boom, to cause it to come down with a sudden jerk it might easily have struck him and knocked him into the water. When in the water he would be very much handicapped by his heavy clothes. He did not know if the constable could swim.
Inspector James said he understood the officer could swim. He added that when the body was recovered it was found that the policeman's cap which Free had been wearing had been torn away.
The Coroner invited the jury to say whether, in their opinion, the boom could be improved upon in any way.
Mr Sharland, a juror, said he considered the boom was a very old-fashioned, out-of-date thing. The period taken to fill and empty the cylinder was a waste of time. When the jury saw the boom worked the cylinder came down, bumped up again about nine or ten inches, and then "went back again." If a person was standing close by he would be liable to be knocked on the head. There was no hand-guard or anything to save a man from falling into the water. There was a stone kerb very much broken projecting over the water, but no hand-guard. He considered the boom was a very out-of-date apparatus.
The Coroner: You think something might be put there to shield a man and prevent him from tumbling into the water, or do you mean the boom itself is inefficient?
Mr Sharland: Yes; it is out of date. If a man slips there is nothing to save him.
The Coroner: Your two points of objection are—(1) the time taken to fill the counterpoise, and (2) the absence of any guard to protect a man from falling into the water if he slips.
Captain Goodwin said he could not conceive of anything which would make the boom more efficient. He entirely disagreed with the juror. In his (Captain Goodwin's) opinion the boom was inefficient. When the cylinder was quite empty it took eight or nine minutes to fill it.
Colonel Fisher said there was no need for the constable to hurry over operating the boom. As a matter of fact it was an advantage that the counterpoise should work as slowly as possible. Certainly a railing could be erected there. But as the boom was at present arranged there was no reason for the operator, if he worked it properly, to expose himself to danger.
The Coroner: I think it would be satisfactory if some sort of a protecting railing were put there.
Mr Sherman: Several jurymen have expressed the opinion that a railing of some sort should be put there, as in case of future accidents it would prevent a man from falling into the water.
Colonel Fisher: A railing shall be put there.
The jury then returned a verdict of "Accidental death."
Immediately after the inquest the body of the deceased constable was conveyed in a Washington car from the mortuary to Marylebone (Great Central) railway station en route to High Wycombe, where the funeral took place. An escort of about 60 police officers from the Enfield Highway sub-division (including the R.O.P.F. police) accompanied the car as far as Waltham Cross. Sub-divisional Inspector Large and Inspector James were in charge of the escort. Numbers of people gathered to watch the procession as it passed along the streets.
The funeral took place on Saturday, and was largely attended. Among those present were Police-Inspector James and P.O.s Griffin, Rowe, Atkin, Thompson, and Murray (R.G.P.F., Waltham Abbey), and several other police officers from Great Mariborough-street ("O" division), where P.S. Free was formerly stationed. Those sending floral tributes included the War Department police, and the police of the Enfield Highway Sub-division and "O" division. There was also a beautiful artificial wreath from private friends at Waltham Abbey.

FORTHCOMING TARIFF MEETING.
A series of six Tariff Reform meetings under the auspices of the Hertfordshire League arranged for the following: November 22nd; Waltham (N. 24th; Hoffs Oak, November 29th; December 5th; Turnford, D. Flinestead End, December 15th; Mr K. K. Noon and Mr S. K.

WALTHAM TOWN.
ORGAN RECITAL.—Then a congregation at St. Cyprrian's Church evening, when the organist (N. gave a capital organ recital some excellent vocal selections in the programme:—"Offertory Wely"; "Chanson de joie"; "As pants the heart" (Spohr), "militaire" (Gounod); "Prelude (Bachmannoff); selections from (A. R. Gaul); "Jerusalem" by Dr. Spark; "Andante in Love divine, all love excel Miller and Wood; "The last arranged by Dr. Spark; "T. D minor" (Bach).
TURNFORD.
CONCERT.—There was a the Institute last (Thursday) occasion of a capital concert, beautifully decorated with flowers and pot plants. Mr G. J. H. genial chairman, and was supported by Mr. J. P. A. Rae, P. H. J. ford, E. G. Twyman, R. T. C. and C. Gude. A first-rate programme appreciated, and was contributed following:—Mr F. Cassell (piano) fessor Eugene (comedy) con- Hedger, Miss R. Bryant, Mr Mr E. Evans.
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