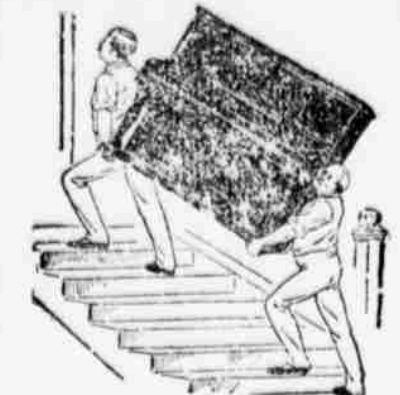


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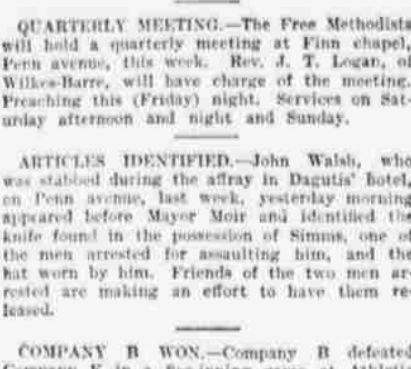
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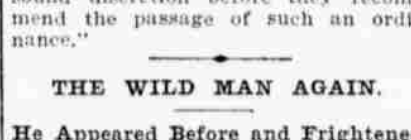
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(Signed) "M. E. Sanders, D. A. Powell, Thomas Leysan, M. A. Rafters, Thomas Reynolds, T. Owen Charles."

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Old Forge Hungarian Who Claims to Have Been Illegally Imprisoned in the West Side Police Station Brings Suit Against Constable J. J. Davis and His Bondsman, Thomas D. Bevan—Much Litigation Grows Out of a Bill Collector Being Scalded by a Woman.

Three weeks ago, he is more or less by a few days, a Hungarian, or Polish or Slav woman, as the case may be, down in Rendham, Mudtown, Jerusalem, or some other "patch" in Old Forge, scolded a collector for a merchant to whom she owed a bill. The whole court machinery of Lackawanna county has been set in motion as a consequence.

The woman was Mrs. George Dulange. A warrant was sworn out for her arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct. Constable Davis of the Fourth ward, and Timothy Jones, of the Fifth ward, were entrusted with the serving of the warrant. They went to the house July 11 last and encountered the husband in the yard, milking the cow.

Just what occurred is in dispute. The husband says he simply told the officers his wife was not at home. The officers say he abused them and acted in a generally disorderly manner. At all events, Dulange was arrested and taken to Squire Foley's office where Constable Jones prosecuted him for disorderly conduct.

The squire fined Dulange \$3 and costs, amounting all told to \$12.51. In default of payment Dulange was committed to the county jail and the commitment given in charge of Constable Davis.

PLACED IN STATION HOUSE. On the way up through West Scranton Constable Davis took his prisoner of the car and lodged him in the station house. This was at 9 o'clock at night. Dulange was allowed to remain in the station house until the next morning.

His friends made the claim that his whereabouts were lost to them, and that when they sought him to have him released on bail they could not find him, although they looked everywhere except the right place.

Attorney P. F. Loughran was engaged to find him and have him released and succeeded. An attempt was made to get him out on habeas corpus proceedings, but Judge Archbold would not allow it, ruling that the commitment was regular. The prisoner's friends contented themselves with taking an appeal and giving bail.

The Scrantonian of last Sunday contained a thrilling account of the affair in which two merchants of Old Forge, Messrs. Schwartz and Sommers, were made to appear as being the cause of Dulange's alleged persecution. The two merchants had Attorney Loughran arrested for libel and the hearing is to take place today before Alderman Kason.

Yesterday Attorney Loughran, representing Dulange, instituted proceedings to recover \$2,000 damages from Constable Davis in a cause of action of which the following is a statement:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the suggestion and to the use of George Dulange vs. John J. Davis, constable, and Thomas D. Bevan, surety.

To the Prothonotary of Lackawanna county: Issue summons in trespass, returnable according to law, in the above stated case, and on hand, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part thereof.

P. F. Loughran, Attorney for Plaintiff.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the use of George Dulange, complains of John J. Davis, and Thomas D. Bevan, defendant, of the plea that they render to the said plaintiffs the sum of \$2,000 which they owe to and justly due from the said plaintiff, to the use of the aforesaid, and plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant.

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Second—For the said George Dulange in the sum of \$1,000.

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