

# Dragged, Pushed and Bruised Girl Victim of Ruthless Cop

Released From No. 2 Station When  
Sergeant Admits Mistake

Some policemen have brains and use them; other policemen have brains and don't use them. There are still others who lack grey matter in their heads, and the only reason they have heads is that the Good Lord had to furnish something on which they could put their helmets or keep their ears apart.

A certain police officer on duty on August 10th at 12 noon on the South side of Queen St. West, near Bay St. seems to belong to the latter category. From his actions he would lead one to think that he has a superabundance of brain and the irreducible minimum of "little grey cells" which that fabulous amateur detective, Hercule Poirot, thought necessary for the detection of crime.

Section 30 of the Criminal Code says—"Every peace officer who on reasonable and probable grounds, believes that an offense has been committed whether that offense has been committed or not, and who on reasonable and probable grounds believes that any person has committed that offence, is justified in arresting such person without warrant, whether that person is guilty or not."

This section of the Code protects police officers who know or even do not know and only suspect an offense has been committed, from incurring damages for illegal arrest.

The said police officer was involved in the apprehension of 21 Year old Laurence Grover about 12.45 last August 10th, near Bay and Queen Sts., and his treatment of this girl when he made the arrest was about as brutal and unnecessary as it could be. He is twice her size and in his man handling of her must have severely hurt her. When she visited the office of this journal some time later she trembled violently and could scarcely tell her story coherently. The ordeal was a harrowing one for her.

Miss Grover's arrest came as a result of a slight resemblance to one, Miss Eleanor Fraser, who was being sought on a charge of kidnaping a Hamilton baby. The officer noted the resemblance, thought he had found the missing girl, and imagined that her arrest by him would redound to his credit when merit marks and promotions were being harped out. It was in vain that Miss Grover protested that she was not the wanted girl. He refused to believe her and insisted on dragging her to West Dundas station in full view of the curious noonday crowds in the vicinity of Queen Street and the City Hall. Had he even the nite of a brain, or any gentlemanly feelings or common humanity, he would have called for a patrol wagon or a police cruiser and whisked her away to the station

without any humiliation. Either he is a sadist, or he likes to show off when he arrests anyone. But it is a safe bet that he did not look so valiant to the lunch hour crowds while hugging a girl half his size to the police station.

According to her story, Miss Grover did try to explain to the officer that she could soon prove that she was not the wanted girl, if only he would drop into the City Hall, where she had friends working. He did partly accede to her request by taking her into the Hall, but when she wanted to contact the friends who could have proved her innocence, he refused to listen and insisted on dragging her through the municipal pile to Albert Street.

This is not altogether Miss Grover's own story. In fact, part of the incident was witnessed by a HUSH FREE PRESS reporter at the Albert Street entrance of the City Hall. There he saw the officer twist the girl's arm and saw her head smashed against the Albert Street door jamb. The crowd which had congregated there were angry, but their respect for the law held them from doing anything drastic. But many of them were loudly condemnatory of the officer's behavior.

## A. P. Softens New Warning Linking Cancer With Cigarettes

A NEW medical warning linking lung cancer to cigarette smoking was issued July 15, but only a watered down version of it reached newspaper readers because the Associated Press, which sent out the story, followed it with a bulletin editors asking them to kill the entire article because it was "controversial." A substitute story, sent an hour and a half later, was considerably weaker than the original report, but even this edited version was suppressed by most papers. In NYC, for example, only one of the nine main papers, the NY World-Telegram mentioned the item. The Telegram used the corrected version.

The new warning was issued by Dr. Alton Ochsner, a professor of surgery at Tulane Univ., who addressed the Rocky Mountain Cancer Conference in Denver.

"I've found in the past 20 years that the incidence of cancer of the lung has soared upward in a line parallel with that of the cigarette sales chart," he said. "There is no conclusive proof that smoking causes cancer of the lung. But I'll tell you this. I don't smoke. I'm afraid to."

Hits Cigarette Ads  
The original story, carrying the

ficier's behavior.

Miss Grover's story to a HUSH FREE PRESS reporter was that, at the time named, she was sitting in the Municipal Hotel on Queen Street West drinking a ginger ale (she does not drink anything stronger) and waiting for a girl friend when a waiter approached her and told her that someone outside wanted to see her. She went out, to find the police officer, whose name can be ascertained, waiting for her. He asked her name and address and a few other pertinent particulars, jotted them down in a book, and then said, "you are coming with me to the police station." She asked, "What have I done?" He muttered something about a baby and Hamilton.

Miss Grover replied that she knew nothing about a baby and that she hadn't been in Hamilton for over two years. But the officer refused to believe her and grabbed her by the arm roughly. She protested, and told him that she knew a girl in the medical health dept. of the City Hall who knew her and her family and could vouch for her.

He refused to take her to see her friend; instead, he caught her by the arm and literally dragged her

byline of AP correspondent Elliot Chaze, was sent from Denver at 6.25 p.m. It began:

"The cigarette companies won't like this, but a man who ought to know thinks a lot of citizens are digging their graves with their lungs."

"Dr. Alton Ochsner, professor of surgery at Tulane Univ., takes a dim view of the cheery four-color cigarette advertisements."

The article then quoted Dr. Ochsner's findings as quoted above, and continued:

"(Ochsner) said that a research group in Argentina had found that tobacco contains a 'tar' which will cause cancer. He said this tar, when applied to the skins of animals, was a strong enough irritant to turn the trick. He made it plain, however, that he was not certain this tar had the same effect on the lungs."

The story then quoted him as saying that although lung cancer occurs primarily in males, it is increasing among women, and, he added, "As you know, women are beginning to smoke more and more heavily."

through the City Hall corridors to Albert Street. There she balked, going further and a melee ensued. He could have called the wagon or cruiser or put her in the cells but his apparent lack of brains and youth and inexperience, would not permit him to do so. A court clerk and a HUSH FREE PRESS reporter watched all this,—twisting of her arm until she screamed, then the banging of her head against the door jamb. Her blouse was ripped, and there were big blue-black bruises on her arms. Finding that it was useless to struggle or expostulate further, the girl allowed herself to be escorted to the station atoot.

At the station, detectives came to see her and compared her with photographs of the Hamilton baby stealer. Then they let her go. She came straight to the office of this journal and told her story, her hair ringing from the blows she had received, arms and body aching from the brutal treatment she had received.

She said she had worked steadily until about a month ago, first at the Helen Simpson Lynett Flower Co. on North Yonge Street, then at the Len & Rollason dental laboratory on Bay Street, and the Dept. of Public Health Industrial Hygiene Branch at Queen's Park. She quit the latter employment a month ago, owing to leg trouble.

That is Laurence Grover's story. That it is at least partially true, is not wholly, is confirmed by HUSH FREE PRESS and others. However, if only part of it is true, the offense was brutal and carried matters with a very high hand. He had no right to take her past the City Hall without first proving or disproving her contention that she was not the girl sought. This could easily have been done, and would have saved a lot of trouble later. Instead, this girl was brutally manhandled and put to the nominaly by being beaten and dragged through crowded streets to the jail, and curious gaze of thousands of people.

Surely the citizens do not have to stand for such treatment. Is this kind of treatment decent people have to take from our police force? Why has Magistrate Browne to say anything about it? Does Chief of Police John Holm approve of such conduct? The even send bums to the station in ice cruisers or patrol wagons, this half-baked cop had to make a spectacle of the girl and a fool of himself by dragging Miss Grover through the streets.

Miss Grover does not want trouble. She has nothing to hide, and is at least entitled to an apology that is letting the cop off easily. Had this all happened in a residential area instead of the Chinatown, more would have heard of it and the policeman would most likely have been suspended pending inquiry.

Miss Grover's family are decent and live on Windermere Ave., owing to crowded conditions in home, Miss Grover was compelled to move. She resides on Isabella St.