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TORONTO WOMAN BRUTALLY BEATEN IN RIVERDALE PARK BY FOUR MEN WHO ESCAPED BY SWIMMING RIVER

Mrs. E. Ford Was Set Upon by Thugs, Who Kicked and Beat Her Into Unconsciousness, Then Swam the Don and Got Away Thru the Bush—Worst Assault Case Toronto Police Have Had For Years.

Riverdale Park was the scene of a brutal assault last evening, when Mrs. E. Ford of Dawes road, a woman about 50 years of age, was set upon by four men, who beat her into unconsciousness and submission by kicks and blows from their fists.

Mrs. Ford had spent the latter part of the afternoon in the park, and had crossed the river to climb the grassy slope to the car line. It was growing dusk and the woman evidently was hurrying to reach the car before dark.

As far as the police could learn last evening, the men leaped on her from behind a bush. She had but time to utter one scream, when one of them dealt her a blow on the side of the head which partly stunned her.

Heard Her Scream. Her one cry, however, proved sufficient, for it was heard by attendants in the Swiss Cottage hospital. The police were informed of the hearing of a woman's cries somewhere behind the hospital, and two mounted men and three constables were immediately dispatched to the scene.

In Serious Condition. Mrs. Ford afterwards stated that she had been kicked and punched by her assailants; she said that they took a purse containing \$2.75 from her before the hospital attendants scared them off. The police ambulance conveyed the woman to the hospital, where she is yet in a serious condition from shock.

Altho special men are scouring the district for signs of Mrs. Ford's assailants, up till a late hour last evening no arrests had been made.

CHOOSE MAYOR HENRY TO CONTEST EAST KENT

Mayor of Ridgeway to Run as Conservative Candidate Against Ferguson.

Special to The Toronto World. RIDGEWAY, May 18.—At a convention of the Conservatives of East Kent here today, P. J. Henry, mayor of Ridgeway, was chosen as Conservative candidate for the legislature, to oppose W. R. Ferguson, the present opposition member.

Hon. L. B. Lucas, in an address, said that he believed that Sir James Whitney, now that he was back in harness in good health, would appeal to the people in the near future.

MORE WHEAT SOWN IN WEST BUT FLAX GREATLY DECREASED

Canadian Press Despatch. WINNIPEG, May 18.—Following is a summary of conditions from 135 points in the west reported by The Free Press: The condition of the ground at seeding was almost universally good.

PEOPLE WILL SHARE PROFITS AS WELL AS LOSSES OF C. N. R. STRONG ARGUMENT OF WHITE

Finance Minister Contrasted Partnership Terms With Railway Bargains Made by Former Government—Pardee Urged Government to Take Over System at Once.

OTTAWA, May 18.—The government defence of the Canadian Northern Railway agreement was ably presented to the house today by Finance Minister White. Mr. White demonstrated that the business interests of the country required that the Canadian Northern be not allowed to go into liquidation.

QUEBEC VILLAGE SUFFERS FROM COSTLY FIRE

Practically Whole Business Section Wiped Out, Many Residences Burned and Loss of Hundred Thousand Dollars Sustained in Conflagration Lasting Two Hours.

Canadian Press Despatch. OTTAWA, May 18.—Practically the whole of the business section and part of the residential area of the Village of Fortage du Port, Que., which is about 50 miles from Ottawa, on the Ottawa River, and has a population of nearly 500, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

The fire, it is said, started in a sample room at Dolan's Hotel, about 2 o'clock. A few minutes later the building was a mass of flames and the village being without any fire-fighting apparatus, the fire spread rapidly to adjoining buildings, and in two hours it had wiped out the whole of the business section, without even giving time to the occupants to save any of their personal effects.

SCARBORO BEACH PERFORMER INJURED WHEN POLE SNAPPED

High Wire Artist Fell Twenty Feet While Crowd Looked on—Taken to Private Hospital in Serious Condition.

One of the Jacksons, while performing on the tight rope at Scarborough Beach, last evening, fell a distance of 20 feet to the ground, at 10.30 o'clock, when one of the poles to which the wires were attached, broke off near the top.

Luckily only one of the troupe was performing when the accident occurred. The man had gone perhaps half way thru his routine, and was advancing on the wire by short leaps when the crowd below were startled by the sound of breaking wood, and saw the pole bend inward, the wire sag, and the performer crash downward to the ground.

CHIEF FIGURES IN THE McMULLEN TRIAL



H. H. Dewart, K.C., attorney for the defence; R. T. Harding, counsel, and Former County Constable McMullen. Anthony Latchewitz, handwriting expert for the defence, and Miss Poyner, one of the witnesses.

MAY ARBITRATE PANAMA ISSUE

Sentiment Grows in U. S. Senate in Favor of Appeal to International Tribunal.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, May 18.—With the canal tolls exemption controversy nearing a vote, sentiment in the senate is growing in favor of an effort to substitute for the pending bill a resolution which would provide for the submission of the dispute between the United States and Great Britain to an international tribunal.

GERMAN URGED STOCK LIEN

Mr. German (Welland) pointed out that the government had taken no mortgage upon the Mackenzie and Mann holding of Canadian Northern stock.

JOURNAL'S CHALLENGE REMAINS UNACCEPTED

Dr. Jessop, Conservative Candidate in Lincoln, Has Not Put Up Money.

ALDERMEN OF OTTAWA TO RAID THE TREASURY

Voted Themselves Annual Salary Tho Funds Are Not Provided.

AMBASSADOR GIVES THANKS FOR WELCOME

Brazilian Mediator Sends Message to Duke of Connaught.

Canadian Press Despatch. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 18.—Dominio Da Gama, Brazilian ambassador, tonight sent the following telegram in reply to a message of greeting from the Duke of Connaught: "I earnestly thank your royal highness for your cordial words of welcome and your good wishes for the success of our work of international goodwill."

GUN-RUNNING AGAIN DISCUSSED

Lloyd George and Birrell Called Upon to Answer Queries of Unionists.

TO JOIN HANDS WITH FARMERS

Labor Men and Agriculturists May Unite on Election Candidates in Semi-Rural Constituencies.

Coalition of labor and farmer organizations for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest a number of semi-rural constituencies in Ontario during the coming election will be one of the subjects discussed and probably decided upon when the delegates to the Ontario Labor Educational Congress meet in St. Thomas on May 25.

REID KILLED IN SCAFFOLD'S FALL

Former Toronto Policeman Who Aided Krafchenko's Escape, Victim With Fellow Prisoner.

Canadian Press Despatch. STONEY MOUNTAIN, Man., May 18.—A fatal accident occurred at the penitentiary this afternoon resulting in the death of ex-Constable Reid, sentenced to seven years for his connection with the escape of Krafchenko from the Winnipeg jail and Convict Hawkins, a 20 year man, who last summer escaped from the penitentiary only to be recaptured the same afternoon.

DECREASE REPORTED IN INLAND REVENUE

Returns for April This Year Less Than for April Last Year.

AN ITALIAN CONQUEST

The soft felt hats made by Borsalino of Alessandria, Italy, have conquered the whole of society's world. Not only are they stylish to look at, but are made of material absolutely good.

FORMER ALLIES ARE TRAITORS TO BECKER

Plitt Testified That Ex-Police Lieutenant Warned Him to Keep Away From Times Square on Night of Rosenthal Murder—Defence Will Open Case Today.

Canadian Press Despatch. NEW YORK, May 18.—District Attorney Whitman today completed his case against Charles Becker by placing on the witness stand two men whom he considered his star witnesses—Charles B. Plitt, Jr., the former policeman's friend, companion and press agent, and James Marshall, a negro youth who said he saw Becker and Jack Rose talking at the "Harlem Conference," which was declared by the court of appeals to have been the "heart of the conspiracy to murder Herman Rosenthal." The gambler's widow and several other persons also testified before the prosecutor declared his case ended.

Plitt swore that Becker had asked him while on board a train on the way from New York to the deathhouse at Sing Sing prison following his conviction, to kill Jack Rose. Plitt also said Becker had made him carry messages to Jack Rose, both before Rosenthal's murder and after Rose was locked up in the Tombs charged with having taken part in the crime.

Becker's "Stool Pigeon." Marshall went fully into the details of his alleged operations as a "stool pigeon" for Becker. He was placed on the stand as the "disinterested witness" to the "Harlem Conference," which the court of appeals said was essential to legally convict Becker as the instigator of the plot that resulted in the killing of the gambler.

Becker warned Plitt before the murder to keep away from Times Square the night it occurred and also to establish an alibi for both himself and Plitt according to Plitt. Up to two months ago, Plitt had been considered by Becker's counsel to be one of Becker's best friends and in fact he made several affidavits calculated to help the former policeman's case. His testimony today was a complete surprise to the defence.

Mrs. Becker to Testify. The defence will open its case tomorrow morning. Becker will not be the first witness. His attorneys, after a conference tonight, refused to say later, altho it is known that Becker has demanded that he be given an opportunity to speak for himself. Mrs. Becker will positively go on the stand and try to save her husband from the electric chair. She is expected to contradict much of the testimony given by witnesses for the state who swore that Rose and her husband were very friendly. It is understood that she will also attack Plitt.

If Becker testifies it is understood he will admit that he met Rose on many occasions, but will assert that the relations between them were simply those that exist between every policeman and his "stool pigeon," which Rose admitted he was. There are about thirty witnesses under subpoena to testify in Becker's behalf.

The case may be in the hands of the jury by Saturday night.

Special to The Toronto World. OTTAWA, May 18.—The inland revenue returns for April show a decrease compared with April a year ago. The figures are: April, 1914, \$1,793,521; April, 1913, \$1,888,607.

Annie Russell's Good Company. The supporting cast with Annie Russell, the noted comedienne, who began a week's engagement last night at the Princess Theatre, is greatly superior to the general run, and the play, "The Lady in the Case," one of the season's best comedies.

The soft felt hats made by Borsalino of Alessandria, Italy, have conquered the whole of society's world. Not only are they stylish to look at, but are made of material absolutely good. The W. & L. Dineen Co. Limited, 140 Yonge Street, have recently imported a select shipment of these excellent hats. Pearl gray, dark gray, greens, blues and brown, in the new prevailing shapes so much worn this season all through Europe. Prices of any shade, only \$4. Borsalino has also introduced an unusual self-comforming black stiff hat, lightweight and fine quality, which is destined to have a very large sale. Go into Dineen's and look them over.