

LIFE SENTENCE FOR MONACELLI

Jury Declare Slayer of Nicholas Lagamy To Be Guilty of Manslaughter at Woodstock.

Sufficient Evidence For a Verdict of Manslaughter Declares Judge in Passing Sentence.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 21.—After about an hour and twenty minutes deliberation this afternoon, the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Monacelli, the Italian, charged with the shooting of Nicholas Lagamy. The prisoner was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

When the court reopened this afternoon the jury after a short address from His Honor, retired to the jury room. There they elected Edward London foreman, and after one hour and twenty-two minutes' consultation, brought in a verdict of manslaughter. Mr. Ketchum, counsel for the prisoner, Sheriff Thompkins, Deputy Sheriff Armstrong and other officials seemed pleased with the verdict. Demerchut, a strong ally of the prisoner, is expected to be in court tomorrow.

His Honor on hearing the verdict said: Thank you, gentlemen for your attendance. You are now dismissed until the first Tuesday in December when this court will finish the business on the docket.

Solicitor General McLeod—I move for sentence at once, as I wish to leave town today. I would also ask that a bench warrant be issued against Albert Demerchut, for failure to obey a subpoena issued for this trial.

His Honor ordered that a bench warrant be issued for Demerchut at the next court.

After having been informed that Monacelli could understand English if spoken slowly, his honor said: "Well, Sandy, you have been charged with a very serious offence. You have had fair trials before the magistrates and now in this court. We have spent some time over your case. Twelve men have found you guilty of manslaughter. Evidence has been brought in that you had some provocation or you would not have done the deed. Had they found you guilty of murder, I would have said that there was sufficient evidence to support a verdict of wilful murder. They said, instead, that it is manslaughter. I will not find fault with their verdict which they have conscientiously delivered.

I am going to give you a heavy sentence. It is right that you should be severely punished. Why did you want a revolver in your pocket with five chambers loaded? Why should you carry that revolver out of your pocket at the slightest provocation and kill a fellow man? If you felt that you were in danger you should have tried to escape from the place where you did it. You committed the deed. I do not like to see you punished.

No man would like better to see you a free man than I. Mr. Gault calls upon me to pronounce the sentence that you are to be imprisoned in the Dorchester Penitentiary for life. If you are a good boy and behave well and your friends can convince the government that your sentence should be shortened, I will do nothing to oppose the shortening of the sentence. It will be a lesson to you and other foreigners that you must not take life.

When the court opened this morning, Mrs. Wallace, recalled, said she found two bullets on the floor, one in the opposite direction from where the dead man sat.

Mr. Ketchum opening for the defence said there were a few witnesses to be called. There were some whom he would like to have had in court, but it was not possible to get them.

HALIFAX LABOR MEN WANT REPRESENTATION Decide At Meeting Held Last Night To Take Part in Coming Provincial Campaign—Candidates Not Named.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21.—At an enthusiastic meeting of Halifax labor men held tonight, at which all unions in the city were represented, it was definitely decided to nominate a labor candidate for the coming provincial elections. There was a large attendance at the meeting and the men who were strong party workers in previous elections were strongly in favor of labor representation in the Legislature. It is not yet known who the candidates will be, but there is plenty of good material in the labor ranks.

CHILEAN NAVAL PROGRAMME. Santiago, Chile, Oct. 21.—The Chilean government has decided upon naval expenditures to the amount of \$20,000,000. The programme includes the building of one Dreadnought.

KING EDWARD OFFICIATES AT THIS OPENING

Royal Edward Institute At Montreal Opened By His Majesty Three Thousand Miles Away.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 21.—A slight click of the whir of an electric motor, the spectacle of doors opening of their own accord, and of the Royal standard slowly unfurling itself from a flag staff surmounting a triangular opening in the structure, and the sound of short sharp words of command as the guard of honor of the first regiment Prince of Wales Fusiliers presented arms and their regimental band played the National Anthem, were the immediate and obvious features signaling that His Majesty King Edward the VII, three thousand miles away in the library of West Dean Park, Chichester had pushed into position the switch which sent across the rolling Atlantic an electric current officially opening the new Royal Edward Institute this morning.

It was a most interesting scene. Beneath a large canvas tent erected on the space immediately opposite the institute, at the east end of Bellmount Park, were assembled ladies and gentlemen representative of every branch of public and social life and activity. His Excellency, the Governor General was represented in the person of the Chief Justice of Canada, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick.

TO SUCCEED DUNSMUIR AS LIEUT.-GOVERNOR

Authoritatively Reported That Mr. T. W. Sterling Is To Succeed To The Lieutenant Governorship.

Special to The Standard. Nelson, B. C., Oct. 21.—It is reported on excellent authority, that Mr. W. Stirling, of Kelowna, will be appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia to succeed Hon. James Dunsmuir, and that an order-in-council will be passed with a few days making the appointment.

Mr. W. C. Wells, of Nelson, to whom the appointment was originally offered, definitely declined the offer, but is alleged that the Ottawa Government intends to increase the British Columbia representation in the Senate and will this session introduce legislation to that effect.

Mr. Stirling is a prominent fruit rancher in the Okanagan.

QUEBEC SHOE FACTORIES GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Unable To Continue To Exist Owing To Labor Situation, Two Quebec Factories Are Throwing Up The Sponge.

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Oct. 21.—Two of Quebec's shoe factories, employing together 550 hands are, according to the Chronicle, about to renounce their situation in Quebec has made it impossible to stay in business in their present location and meet the keen competition existing in the Canadian boot and shoe industry. The firms in question are the James Muir Company and the Riverside Shoe Company.

It is stated that the employer has entirely lost control of his help. No employe can be discharged without the permission of the union, and after an investigation has been held after the business agent men can only be engaged by sending to the office of the union and taking the name next on the waiting list, he be good next to a scale that takes all the profits of the business, and are so large that the men will not work a full week.

PROTEST FERRER'S DEATH. London, Oct. 21.—A mass meeting was held here tonight in protest against the execution of Francisco Ferrer recently at Barcelona. It was attended by many members of the House of Commons, Prince Kurapatkin, Dr. Clifford and other champions of freedom. An eloquent speech was made by Cunningham Graham. He declared that the martyrdom of Ferrer and the overthrow of Maura had given Spain a liberal cabinet and Alfonso, if he has light to see it, the greatest opportunity to lead his country to freedom and progress.

GOVERNMENT'S SLOWNESS IN COMPLETING RAILWAY IS DENOUNCED IN LONDON

ANOTHER BOLD BANK ROBBERY IS REPORTED

Six Men Blow Safe Of Bank In Small Quebec Village And Got Away With \$2,500—No Attempt At Secrecy.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Oct. 21.—\$2,500 was the amount secured by a sextette of burglars who this morning blew open the safe of the branch of the Banque Nationale at St. Alme, a little village near here at an early hour this morning. Like Other Affairs. The affair closely followed the lines of previous bank robberies in this province, an entire disregard being displayed by the robbers of any possible interference with their design. An attempt was made to muffle the sound of the explosion when the safe was blown and when the manager, Mr. Caderet came down stairs to investigate he was met with a volley of shots and an intimation that he had better get up stairs again. His wife who had raised a window and was shouting for assistance was warned to shut up and get inside again by a trio of men posted on the outside. Several villagers who came running to the scene were requested to remain on the opposite side of the street, a request they found no difficulty in complying with.

The job finished the robbers entered a waiting team and drove away. The team was found near the railway track this morning. Local and Montreal detectives have so far been unable to locate the men.

MR. W. C. PEARCE SPEAKS BEFORE S.S. CONVENTION

St. Andrews Church, Chatham, Thronged To Hear Eloquent Address—Proceedings Of The Convention.

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 21.—Today's session of the Sunday School Convention culminated in a splendid meeting tonight, which was attended by upwards of 1,000 people. St. Andrew's church being packed to the doors. The address was given by Mr. W. C. Pearce, who is a most eloquent and entertaining speaker. It was after 10:20 o'clock when the large crowd which had gathered for the occasion, interest in Mr. Pearce fled out of the edifice.

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Sir Charles Rivers Wilson Intimates That Action For Compensation May Be Instituted.

Rehearses Protests Made To Sir Wilfrid Laurier In Construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Lively Meeting of Grand Trunk Railway Directors Held Yesterday—Rivers Wilson Retires.

London, Eng., Oct. 21.—Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, presided at his last Grand Trunk meeting, which lasted two hours and a quarter and ended in a stormy scene over the board's proposal that Sir Rivers should receive a retiring allowance of £1500 annually. The amendment deferring the proposal till next meeting was carried against the board of directors by about 3 to 1. Mr. Smithers, the new chairman, announced that the board held an overwhelming preponderance of proxies and demanded a poll, which is a new proceeding. It is certain to result in favor of the board.

Dignified Exit. Sir Charles made a quiet and dignified exit from the presidency of the Grand Trunk Railway Company at today's meeting. He spoke a whole hour in the calmest possible manner on the accounts and prospects of the road, with a complete grasp of every detail. He stoutly defended the refusal to show a Canadian board of directors saying that it was imperative that the financial control of the line should remain with the board here. He waxed eloquent on the beauties of the Prince Rupert and the amazing growth of settlement along the prairie section of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Only in the last few sentences did his voice show a little sympathetic break, as he spoke of his own growing infirmities, an apparent reference to his deafness, for in all else he showed no lack of the fullest possession of his faculties and closed with the hope that he might be remembered as one who helped to bring the system from the verge of bankruptcy to the present promise condition.

A storm arose after Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson left the hall, and Mr. Smithers, the new chairman, having taken out allowances, Sir Charles Pearce, who was given by W. C. Pearce, who is a most eloquent and entertaining speaker. It was after 10:20 o'clock when the large crowd which had gathered for the occasion, interest in Mr. Pearce fled out of the edifice.

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Ottawa Has It That Nova Scotia Premier Is To Give Way To The Member For Louisbourg.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Mr. A. K. McLean, M. P., for Lunenburg in the city in his political course. There is every reason to believe that he has been invited to enter the Nova Scotia cabinet as Attorney General to succeed Mr. Pipes and ultimately to the leadership.

It long has been common talk that Mr. Murray had a chance to leave the Provincial Premiership and Mr. McLean's name has been mentioned with frequency as his successor. The present emergency caused by Mr. McLean was in consultation with Mr. Fielding tonight.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT ON FREDERICTON RIFLE RANGE

Marker L. C. Brousseau Struck In Side By Stray Bullet In A Precarious Condition At The Victoria Hospital.

Fredeshton, N. B., Oct. 21.—Private L. C. Brousseau of H. Co. R. C. R. was dangerously and perhaps fatally wounded in an accident at St. Mary's Rifle Range this afternoon. He was acting as one of the markers during the musketry course by recruits under Color Sergt. Farnsworth, when a bullet which apparently struck on the top of the protecting bank behind Brousseau was watching the target, glanced off and passing through his right side. The bullet, he had assistance and then sank to the ground unconscious.

Surgeon Major Weaver and two other officers hurried to the range in response to a call for physicians and the injured man was taken to the hospital. Tonight it was said that Brousseau had a chance to recover.

Major Fiset carried out the usual military precautions tonight at the hospital and had Brousseau, who gives his name as Halifax, make his will while a priest administered Extreme Unction. There was no precaution for safety at the range omitted by Color Sergt. Farnsworth and his men.

COOK PINS FAITH ON RASMUSSEN'S STORY

Declares That Statement Attributed To Dane Is Valuable Contribution To Pole Controversy.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 21.—Robt. Reid, late commissioner of the Transcontinental Railway, left an estate of about \$70,000 divided as follows: \$18,000 real estate and \$52,000 personal. The real estate was for the most part in Cuba, Cement and British Columbia stocks. He died without a will so that the widow gets one-third and the three children, Elma May, Arthur William and Helen, get an equal division of the remainder.

ity either of the executive officer of the board. The executive officer, that is Mr. Hayes will not have greater power or authority and the board will have no less authority than before.

Nothing was said about Mr. Smithers' retirement from the stock exchange as Canadian telegrams today suggested or about the appointment of Lord Milner or some such high authority outside the board as the new chairman. As a matter of fact Lord Milner was deeply immersed in British politics just now, and expected to occupy a high place in the next Unionist ministry.

The amendment that the decision regarding the payment of a pension to Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson be delayed carried by a vote of 832 to 316. I am informed that Mr. Smithers has retired from the stock exchange to devote himself entirely to the Grand Trunk chairmanship. Mr. Hayes' name appears ready in open advertisement as president.

Calcutta, Oct. 21.—No Europeans but a large number of natives perished in the cyclone which, a few days ago wrecked God and swept through the eastern Bengal region.

NEW MINISTRY IS FORMED IN HAPPY SPAIN

Antonio Maura Announced The Resignation Of His Cabinet Yesterday And Opposition Leader Takes Reins.

Madrid, Oct. 21.—The Spanish Cabinet which was formed January 25, 1907, under the premiership of Antonio Maura, resigned today as a result of the bitter attacks made against the government by the former premier, Moret y Prendergast, representing a powerful opposition.

At a conference with King Alfonso, Premier Maura told the king that in face of Senor Moret's statement that the opposition would refuse to discuss even the most urgent measures he has no option but to resign. He asked the members of the majority to support the new ministry.

Upon the receipt of the resignation Moret y Prendergast undertook to form a new ministry, himself assuming the post of premier and minister of the interior. The new ministry who took the oath of office tonight are as follows: Premier and Minister of the Interior—Moret y Prendergast.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Perez Caballero. Minister of Finance—Senor Alvarado. Minister of War—Lieutenant General de Luque.

Minister of Marine—Read Admiral Concas. Minister of Public Works—Senor Gasset. Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Paroso. Minister of Justice—Martinez del Campo.

When the president of the Chamber of Deputies made the announcement of the cabinet's resignation, it was received with such an ear-splitting uproar that he was forced to adjourn the sitting.

Rome, Oct. 21.—The Vatican did not expect the fall of Premier Maura, but says simply that in making or unmaking of cabinets in Spain is none of its affair.

It is understood that the new government's program includes the re-establishment of the constitutional guarantees in Barcelona and Corona, the suppression of the censorship, the celebration of the centenary in the region, amnesty for political offences, the publication of the documents in the Ferrer case and the holding of elections within a few months.

It is now believed that one of the first acts of the government will be to replace General Marina, commander of the Spanish forces in Morocco, by General Weyler.

EDITH THOMAS AT HOME DENIES SUICIDE STORY

Canadian Girl With Histrionic Proclivities Found In A Dying Condition In New York Refutes Newspaper Stories.

Special to The Standard. Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 21.—Miss Edith Thomas, the stage struck young lady, who was reported to have attempted suicide in New York, after writing a most pitiful letter in which she told of the hard lines of a young girl trying to make her living unassisted in the great American city, has arrived home. She denies that she tried to kill herself or that she had any thoughts of so doing.

"Die?" she asked, "now why should I want to die? I've been getting along very well, and if I hadn't been taken ill I should have undoubtedly have won a place among New York's successful actresses. That suicide story is all the imagination of a New York yellow reporter. My! They are an unscrupulous lot, those New York newspaper men, and not at all like the gentlemen one meets in the same line of business in Canada."

"Now all there was to it is this. I had been ill, as I told you. I was taking medicine and I had left the bottle standing on a shelf alongside a bottle containing a wash which I had been using. The lotion contained poison and inadvertently I used the wrong bottle to take my medicine from. The doctors had quite a job pumping me out, but I'm all right now. As to that pathetic letter, I give you my word I knew nothing about it until I read it in the papers."

Miss Thomas exhibited a portion of her own writing to show that the letter attributed to her was a fake. Miss Thomas says she had a pretty good time in New York, despite the

Definite Announcement Made Yesterday of Amalgamation Mooted Some Days Ago.

Mr. N. Curry Assumes Presidency of New Concern—Giant Plant In Contemplation.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 21.—The car merger was announced as an accomplished fact today, by Mr. N. Curry, of Amherst, N. S., who will be the first president of the Canada Car and Foundry Co. the title of the new concern. The president-elect also stated that the first money payment would be made on Monday.

Largest Holder. Mr. Curry is the largest holder in the Nova Scotia concern and he stated today that he would take stock alone for his holdings although stock, cash, etc. will be paid to others. Mr. N. Curry is president; Mr. F. W. Miller, vice-president; Mr. N. S. Reader, second vice-president, while the board of directors has not yet been completed. There will be no general manager for each company will probably work along separately for a while, but the merger will be in fact as well as in name in the near future.

The number of men employed by the amalgamated concern will be from four to five thousand, but this will be increased, as Mr. Curry says, they have very interesting plans ahead.

A new plant is contemplated for the purpose of constructing steel passenger coaches as it is quite within the realm of possibility that in a very short time all trains will be built of steel from the locomotive back to the last car. In fact, the railway companies give the new company anything like proper encouragement, a million dollar plant of this kind will be established. As before mentioned, the capital of the new concern is \$3,000,000, \$500,000 preferred stock and \$2,500,000 common.

POLICE CLAIM NOW TO HAVE IDENTIFIED BODY

Unofficially Reported That Dis-membered Body Found Recently Near Tiverton Can Be Identified Without Head.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 21.—A second autopsy upon the mangled body minus the head which was picked up in portions of Tiverton, R. I., last week, was held in a local undertaking shop by Massachusetts authorities today. At its conclusion, after four and one-half hours of examination, the participating physicians would give out no statement. The result of the autopsy, it was said, will be turned over to District Attorney James T. Swift. The autopsy was in charge of Medical Examiner Thomas F. Gunnig of this city, assisted by Medical Examiner George B. McGrath, of Boston, Dr. John W. Coughlan, of Fall River, and Medical Examiner E. P. Stinson, of Tiverton. Medical Examiner Stinson, president of the first inquest which was held in his garage at Tiverton, last week. It was admittedly hasty and the Massachusetts officers since the case was decided to be within their jurisdiction, sought a thorough understanding of the condition of the body. Unofficially, it was rumored that the physicians believed identification of the body as that of Amelia St. Jean probable, even without the head. This is more than the police have dared to hope for and will give them their definite basis to work on. Otherwise they could not have pushed their case against "Prof. Frank Hill, as they are without proof of the identity of the missing girl aside from the clothes discovered at a considerable distance away from the place the body was found and which have been positively identified as those of Miss St. Jean.

Following suggestions by the medical examiners, Mrs. St. Jean, mother of the missing girl, is to be brought here again to view the body.

hard work and she shows a photograph of herself and "a bunch" of friends out for an automobile spin. I'm going back to New York just as soon as I'm rested up, to resume my theatrical engagements, she said in conclusion.

FARMAN LANDS PRIZE

Blackpool, Eng., Oct. 21.—Henry Farman has been awarded the grand prize of \$10,000 for the longest flight at the aviation meeting. He covered 47 miles yesterday in his best attempt. Rougier won the second prize of \$2,000 in this contest. Paulhan was third, receiving \$1,400. The unfavorable weather today prevented any flights.