

# EYE-WITNESS TELLS STORY OF TRAGEDY; NO SIGN OF MONEY

## Jew Says First Intimation of Trouble Was Report of Gun

## Four Witnesses Examined at Inquest at Plaster Rock

## Preliminary of Italians Adjourned—Jew Talks of Tragedy

Plaster Rock, Dec. 22.—Parnasky, who was in Andover for the examination, was wearing the coat which was pierced by the bullet of the Italian. Quite a large hole had been made on the left side and the bullet passed through the clothing close to his body after killing Green. The weapon used was said to have been a large army rifle.

Speaking of the shooting he said Green fell on the first shot and after a glance at the Italians who had come out of the bush he turned and ran back to Ferguson's camp, more than a mile away. When he reached there he was completely exhausted. He believed it was Leon Sefuel who did the shooting.

The prisoners, who arrived from Plaster Rock today had their hands and feet badly swollen. Tony, the younger, is about 20 years old and can speak English. His mother, who is seven or eight years older, professes not to understand it. He is a determined looking man and taller and darker than Tony. Chief Foster, who returned to Plaster Rock last evening, will begin an organized search today for the money, nothing of which has yet been found.

**The Inquest**  
PLASTER ROCK, Dec. 22.—After having examined four witnesses Coroner Beveridge adjourned at 11.30 o'clock tonight the court that is enquiring into the murder of John Green, the murdered Montreal peddler. The examination will be taken up again tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

W. T. Jones, employed in lumbering operations told of having seen the Italians sitting on a pile of logs previous to the tragedy. Mr. Dasker was the witness upon the conclusion of whose evidence the adjournment was taken.

**Parnasky Will Again be Called**  
It is understood that Parnasky will be called again tomorrow for the purpose of furnishing additional evidence. The body of Green is being prepared for burial and will be sent to Montreal for interment tomorrow. The Italian element is quiet tonight and no disturbance is anticipated. Searching parties today hunted vainly for the missing booty and although the field of the fugitives' operations in their attempt to escape was thoroughly covered no light has been shed upon the mystery of the missing valuables.

**Coroner Beveridge** empaneled the following men to constitute the jury: Arthur Bridgeway (foreman), Ernest Ferguson, J. W. Goucher, Fincood Giberson, James Johnson, Herman MacLean and Thomas Cummings.

The Jew's companion of the wounded man was the first witness examined. He gave his name as being that of Alex. Parnasky.

**THE JEW'S STORY.**  
He said that on Sunday morning last he was of being along the right of way in the direction of Plaster Rock accompanied by the deceased Green, when at a point one mile and a half from the latter place he heard the report of a gun. He was slightly in advance of Green at the time, and upon turning quickly toward him he pitched suddenly to the ground. Looking up he saw the gun in the hands of the shorter of the two Italians, who has since been identified as Tony Arofta. It was pointed at him, and he fled. He heard the discharge but the bullet missed him. Continuing his flight he reached the residency where he gave the alarm.

Dr. Coffin was then called. The witness stated that he, with Dr. Taylor, had conducted a post mortem examination upon the body of the murdered man. His death had been caused by a ball fired from a gun. The bullet had entered Green's breast between the second and third ribs on the left side, had passed through his body and

had come out two inches above the right hip. In its course it had lacerated the side of the heart, the left lung and the liver. Death had been instantaneous.

**DR. TAYLOR CALLED.**  
Dr. Taylor, who with Dr. Coffin had conducted the post mortem, was next called.

The witness merely corroborated the statements made by Dr. Coffin and added no new evidence.

John Dasker, a teamster employed by Wm. Ferguson, was the last witness called.

He stated that he had passed along the right of way just previous to the murder. One mile and a half beyond Beaver Brook he had seen two Italians, whom he has since recognized as the prisoners captured by Chief of Police Foster. They were sitting on a pile of logs when he passed. He saw no gun and had nothing to say with the men. About a half mile further on he met the two peddlers coming in the opposite direction. He wished them good morning and passed on. He heard no shots.

This concluded at eleven-thirty o'clock Mr. Dasker's evidence and the court was adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Five or six witnesses are yet to be examined, and the verdict will not be reached, it is thought, until tomorrow afternoon.

**PRISONERS REMAINED.**  
PERTH, Dec. 22.—Chief of Police Foster arrived here shortly after ten o'clock this morning, accompanied by a constable and having in custody the two Italians charged with the murder of Edward Green on Sunday last. Word of the coming of the prisoners had been received last evening and many people turned out to meet Foster. There was a great deal of excitement about the arrests but no disposition on the part of anyone to create trouble.

Commissioner Farris of the N. B. P. is here holding court in a number of liquor selling cases and it was at first arranged that the two Italians should be brought before him. But Mr. Farris will be busy all day and as he wishes to get home for Christmas the Italians were, at his request, dealt with by Police Magistrate McQuarrie. They were escorted to the hall where a large crowd had gathered, and were formally arraigned. Without being asked to plead, the two were remanded for seven days, and were this afternoon taken to the Andover jail. The prisoners have recovered from the effects of their exposure. They offer no resistance to the officers.

## CONCERT AT PRINCE OF WALES

The pupils of the Prince of Wales School assisted by their teacher, Miss C. M. Hays, gave a very enjoyable concert on Friday evening, many driving out from Musquash to attend. C. W. Dean acted as chairman and Miss Hays presided at the organ.

Those taking part were from tiny tots with recitations and dialogues, up to young ladies and gentlemen who sang solos, duets, etc. Quite a long programme was carried out, the pupils acquitting themselves very creditably, and it would be very hard to mention any special number as all did so well.

Great credit is due Miss Hays, not only for the very great interest she has taken in her pupils in connection with their school duties, but also for the excellent manner in which the concert was conducted.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus, who greatly delighted the children by distributing gifts to each from a well-laden Christmas tree which was displayed at the close of the entertainment.

Amongst the presents on "the tree" was an envelope for Miss Hays containing a gold piece from the parents and friends of the scholars as a token of their good-will and appreciation of her services.

Those taking part were charged but after the entertainment a silver collection was taken up and a goodly sum was realized, which is to be devoted to the purchase of blackboards for the school.

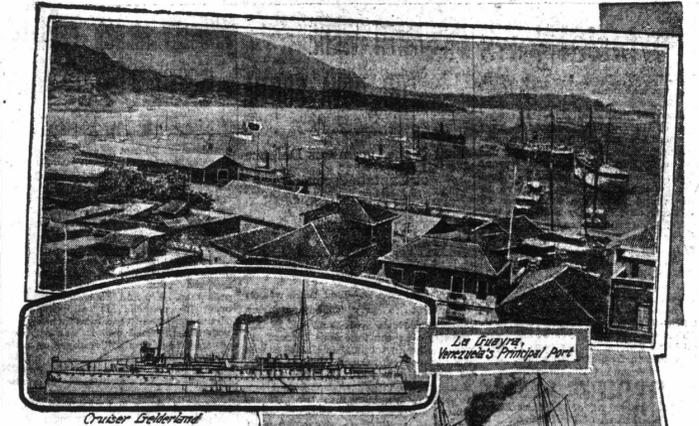
The very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "God Save the King."

## THIS RUNAWAY WAS EXCITING

A very exciting runaway occurred on Main street about 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A delivery team owned by C. F. Francis took right near Portland street during the absence of the driver and made a wild dash down the hill. Officer Semple, who was on duty at the foot of Main street, saw the team coming and thought that an accident could not be averted as the street was crowded with pedestrians and teams at this point. People scattered in every direction as the terrified animal reached the corner of Paradise row. In endeavoring to turn the corner the horse slipped and fell, and before he could rise Officer Semple had him by the head and held him on the ground until he cooled down. Very little damage was done to the rig.

KILBURN, N. B., Dec. 22.—Hayden Inman, working in the woods near Birch Bridge, Victoria County, was yesterday struck in the side by a log and so injured internally that he cannot recover. He was eighteen or twenty years of age and the son of Richard Inman of Kilburn.

# CASTRO IN A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE GOMEZ



# JAMES BARNES ON THE STAND

## Methods of His Construction Co.

## CENTRAL INQUIRY

## Barnes Denies Advancing Money to Members of Parliament

The Central Railway commission held two sessions yesterday, but did not succeed in bringing out any very important evidence.

James Barnes, ex-M. P., told about the organization of the Barnes Construction Co., their method of getting the contract and something of the methods used to finance the company. He denied that he had advanced money to members of parliament by note. Some of those associated with him in the company ever got any money out of it.

**Amount He Had Received**  
C. N. Skinner's evidence was about the amount he had received from the N. B. C. & R. Co. for legal services. He also told about the purchase of a block of Central Railway stock in New York. J. M. Robinson was called to give certain information about the proceeds of some bonds. He had not been able to discover a check that was wanted, but gave a certain amount of information about the way the funds were drawn.

Geo. G. Sowell was the only witness at the afternoon session. He told about the sale of a gravel pit to the N. B. C. & R. Co.

**MORNING SESSION.**  
All the members of the commission except Mr. Teed and the usual counsel were present.

Mr. McDougall inquired about the amount of the fee which Mr. Barnhill's company had secured and Mr. Barnhill stated that the \$300 which was shown on the books was every cent which they had received from the commissioners.

James Barnes, ex-M. P., was called to the stand.

Witness said that at the time of taking the contract for the railway section, he had associated with him several gentlemen who were afterwards incorporated with him in the Barnes Construction Co. They were Fred Whitehead, Sen., Fred Thompson, Willard Kitchen, and Mr. Barbour, the civil engineer.

Witness remembered getting the contract for \$170,000. He admitted that he knew of Mr. Wheaton tendering at a lower figure and that he had negotiated with the latter through Thos. Bell, of St. John, to induce him to withdraw.

Counsel asked if his associates were not aware of these negotiations. Witness thought they knew something was going on but did not think they knew the nature of the negotiations, although they knew their purpose.

Counsel asked for an explanation of several drafts drawn on him by the company. Witness explained that drafts were negotiated to raise money for current expenditures. The amounts were: \$108,115; \$38,900; \$127,000. Counsel thought this explanation not sufficient as witness had apparently charged the company with about \$200,000 for which no equivalent was shown on the books.

Witness said he could not remember the circumstances and so could not explain this.

The Central Railway Enquiry resumed at this morning with A. B. Copp, M. P., for Westmorland on the stand. Witness said he was in the legislature when N. B. C. and R. Co. was formed. He had learned that the company was practically operated by the government. This was brought to

# BARQUE SINKS WITH HER CREW OF SEVENTEEN

## Another Added To French List

## OVERDUE AT ST. PIERRE

## Believed to Have Foundered During Storm of Nov. 17th

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 22.—Another marine disaster is added to the long list of French vessels and crews lost during the past season. This morning a telegram was received from St. Pierre, stating that the French bark Orere, which left France on Nov. 8th, with a consignment of salt for St. Pierre, was lost with her crew of seventeen men.

Even with adverse winds the ship should have arrived in St. Pierre over twenty days ago, but when a few days ago life-belts bearing the name of the ill-fated ship were picked up on the English coast bearing evidence that the long overdue vessel had foundered all hopes of her ever reaching her destination were then abandoned. It is thought that the disaster overtook the bark Orere during the memorable storm of Nov. 17th, when several ships and crews perished and added to the long list of 1908 disasters in French shipping.

**DIES FROM EFFECTS**  
Mrs. John Doyle, who took carbolic acid Monday night, died yesterday morning at the hospital.

Mrs. Doyle secured the poison Monday afternoon by telling her sister she wanted it to use for a sore on a horse's leg.

Shortly afterwards her sister, Mrs. Selmes, who lives in the same house, found her lying on a lounge and Mrs. Doyle said that she had taken the carbolic. Several doctors attended her and all pronounced her on the point of death, but the woman's remarkable vitality kept her alive until yesterday morning.

From the fact that her mouth or throat were not at all buried it was thought that the woman had mixed the acid with whiskey before drinking it. Her husband or other relatives can ascribe no motive for her act.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Doyle is survived by one child, her mother, Mrs. Wilcox, and a sister, Mrs. Selmes.

**PLAGIARISM.**  
At the literary club a sympathetic crowd surrounded the humorist, whose house had been robbed.

"They cleaned out the storeroom," said the man—"everything, but thank goodness, they didn't swipe from my desk the manuscript column of jokes for next week's paper."

"Perhaps they knew," suggested a member cynically, "that the jokes had already been swiped."

places. He thought he saved several thousand dollars last year in settling the claim with Rhodes, Curry and Co. He believed their claim was for about \$25,000, and he settled for about \$10,000. He saved on other accounts he settled.

Some disputes arose as to what had happened to the account which Mr. Copp had submitted to Mr. McAvity. Mr. Barnhill stated that he had seen the document in court in Mr. Powell's hands, but it could not be found.

Witness said that when professional services were not paid in cash he generally entered them in the docket books. These matters were not in that class and did not go on the docket book and he did not think he had entered them in his private account book.

Mr. Powell stated that after July, 1904, all money spent by the road was advanced by the government and kept in a separate account. Witness did not know the details of the matter.

Mr. Powell asked if he did not think Mr. Copp did what was done in a less in allowing nearly a million dollars to be spent on the road without more investigation.

Witness then thought this a question that he as a member of the house should be called on to answer.

Mr. Barnhill objected to the sum mentioned in excess of the book. Counsel asked if witness consulted any of the books of the company before settling these accounts. Witness could not say. Could not say if there were books to be examined.

Mr. Barnhill pointed out that claims against the company would not appear in the company's books until they were paid and consequently the witness would not have been able to get the information there.

Mr. McDougall said that the way items entered in Mr. Winslow's account was evidence that looks were not kept. The company's ledger was here produced, but Mr. Copp could not identify it as the book he had examined.

This concluded his examination and he was allowed to stand down.

The commissioners proceeded with the examination of accounts and witnesses of the company until adjournment for lunch.

The session resumes at 2.30 this afternoon when J. Howe Dickson and G. W. Babbitt, of Fredericton will be witnesses. Hon. Wm. Fugatey is also expected to give evidence this afternoon.

# INTENDED FOR RATS BUT PORKERS GOT IT

## Hotel Man's Sad Mistake

## POISONED LUNCH

## Later Thrown in Swill Barrel—Farmer Feeds it to His Pigs—Six Dead

In an attempt to kill a few rats an employe of an uptown hotel was responsible for the death of a half dozen fine fat pigs, and there is talk of a lawsuit before the affair is finished.

It appears that a section of the hotel where a free lunch is served was at night visited by rats and in an attempt to get rid of the nuisance the employe thought that to saturate the lunch with poison would be good. The lunch was covered with the poison, but no dead rats were found the next morning, so without any thought of any serious results the poisoned food was thrown into the swill barrels. It appears that a farmer who resides near the city has a contract for the hotel swill, and among the feed he received was the poisoned lunch. It was fed to the pigs and no less than six fat porkers were killed.

There is talk of an action for damages against the hotel management.

# SAD TRAGEDY AT MONCTON

## Child's Clothing Catches Fire and She is Burned to Death

## DIES IN AGONY

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22.—After suffering terrible agony for more than an hour, seven-year-old Leonie Weir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, died from burns received while playing about a stove. During her mother's absence from the house, her clothing caught fire. The little girl had two younger sisters had been playing in the home and Leonie was near the stove when her clothing burst into flames. George Jonah was the first to be acquainted with the little one's misfortune and was about twenty-five yards from the house when the smaller girls came running toward him and calling out, "Leonie is on fire!" Jonah ran to the house as quickly as he could and found Leonie sitting on the floor between the stove and the chair and moaning as if in great distress and suffering terribly. He opened the door of the room and from there he snatched a quilt with which he wrapped the burning child, thereby extinguishing the flames. It was too late, however, to save the child's life. Her sides being burned terribly about the face and body, she inhaled flames. The unfortunate girl's clothing was found almost of her and when discovered was almost in a naked condition and burned beyond recognition.

Six hundred of the city's poor will be provided with Christmas baskets by the Salvation Army on Friday evening next. The officers who have the matter in hand will be in a position to report definitely this evening, but it is not expected that the figures when given in will differ greatly from the statement above. A number of very pitiful cases have been come upon by the workers in their canvases of the poorer quarters, and none will be forgotten on Christmas Day.

The officers state that their appeal for funds is meeting with a ready response.

# SIX HUNDRED WILL BE FED

"Prospects for a bright hockey season at St. Joseph's are quite bright," said one of the students who arrived in this city yesterday for a reporter for the Sun. Three St. John boys will have positions on the septette. They are Leo Doherty, Urban Sweeney and William D. Ryan. The rest of the team will be the same as last year, excepting Urtican, the goal tender, who is not at the college. Strong new material is being developed and an excellent team will be formed. Games will be played with the other colleges and a fast season is looked for.

# BRIGHT HOCKEY PROSPECTS

**COMPLETELY DESTROYED**  
BRANTFORD, Dec. 22.—The large flour mill at Norwich, owned by I. J. Rankin, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The damage is estimated at eighteen thousand dollars. Incendiarism is suspected.



# WOUND STITCHED UP.

## Operation Saves the Life of a Leeds Butcher.

Leeds, Dec. 22.—A remarkable operation on a butcher, who was accidentally the course of his business, was removed to the infirmary in a collapsed state. The wound had been a severe one, the heart being punctured. An was instantly performed and of the heart successfully. For the moment at all the results of this prompt treatment, the man's life is being out of such remarkable as that of stitching up the comparatively recent previous only been rendered possible high state of efficiency in surgical work.

The patient, who is three years older to the one mentioned has been dealt with successfully, an extraordinary instance, man's life was absolutely despondent some time ago, as the resuscitation was performed, the operation was performed as usual, and the man eventually under slight treatment. A considerable time afterwards he began to perform his duties as well as over-

# AT WHITEFISH POINT

Dec. 21.—The part of the prior where the steamer was lost two weeks ago has by sailors "the graveyard" and the term seems to be applied, for many bodies lie at the bottom of Whitefish Point. About this time last year the Cyprus left the Soo, Duluth, in an attempt to take the southern course lake, but after leaving Whitefish Point she was overtaken by a blinding snowstorm. That she shipped water hatchways and foundered, of her crew of 22 escaped, son and the Cyprus, with number of 46 men are by the only boats which have with their entire crews at for the wings from the lake dangerous for Questions have arisen as to the cause of the disaster after November 1. The answer that mariners is that the companies including the southern course, far the shortest, round point, keeping near the and pass through Portage there is what is termed, at course" which swings between Point and Manitowishongee and northern course leads Whitefish Point to the north of the island, around the north shore and hence

Clemson and Cyprus were overdue it was thought she had taken the northern finding of floating on put to rest such Cyprus was a new boat, on trip. When she was arine man pronounced her ft, but she could not warious Lake Superior. With it was different. But, a before her sinking, she breakwater at Cleveland, temporarily repaired.

# SKUNKS

DEPT. P  
The name of the Black Watch is on a tag on a plug of Black Cheating Tobacco. Stands for Quality.