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STEEVES IS SENT TO HIGHER COURT

Trial at Hopewell Cape in April

Magistrate Gaskin Gives Decision at Preliminary Hearing in the Niagara Road Tragedy—"Innocent," Says Prisoner.

Moncton, N. B., March 1—Oliver Steeves, who was recently arrested here in connection with the tragedy on February 15, in Niagara Road, Albert county, where the bodies of his wife and five children were found in the ruins of their home, was this morning committed to stand trial at Hopewell Cape, Albert county on the charge of murdering his wife.

The accused, who was again brought before John W. Gaskin, J. P., in Union Hall, Cowardin, when asked if he had anything to say, replied: "I am innocent and will reserve my defence for the next hearing if sent up."

In committing the prisoner, Magistrate Gaskin said: "I have listened to the evidence presented and I think there is enough evidence to place him on his trial. I think it is a case that should be investigated by a grand jury. If this is an accident, it certainly is a tragedy; and, if the poor family is investigated, and if it is a crime it is much worse."

The trial will take place in the fourth week of April.

REV. J. F. MCKAY CHOSEN MODERATOR

Rev. Frank Baird Presbyterial Clerk for Fourteenth Time, and Peter Campbell Again Treasurer.

The election of officers and the presentation of reports occupied the attention of the quarterly meeting of the St. John presbyterial, being held in St. Andrew's church, Moncton, N. B., last evening. The routine matters were taken up and disposed of. In the absence of the moderator, A. J. W. Beck, of Millville, the acting moderator, Rev. J. M. MacPherson of Stanley, presided. Rev. Frank Baird of Chipman was secretary. Rev. J. A. MacKegan gave notice that he would present a memorial from St. David's church.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. F. McKay of Harvey; clerk, Rev. Frank Baird of Chipman (re-elected for the fourteenth term); treasurer, Peter Campbell (re-elected). These officers will take office in July.

The presbyterial roll was then called, and some discussion ensued as to some of the names placed or suggested to be placed on it. Rev. Dr. Ross asked that the name of Rev. T. Hunter Boyd be placed on the constituent roll. Mr. Boyd is emigration chaplain at Glasgow, Scotland, and was present at the meeting. Objection to his name being placed on the roll was taken by Hon. J. G. Forbes, but a motion to place the name on the roll was carried. Hon. Mr. Forbes voiced his dissent and gave notice of appeal to the general assembly.

Rev. A. MacKegan said there were several visitors present and asked that they be invited to sit and accompany the assembly. The courtesy of the court was extended to Rev. Dr. Parviharson, port chaplain; Rev. W. H. Spencer, acting pastor of St. Matthew's church; Rev. M. Purdy, superintendent of the Maritime Home for Girls in Toronto. Mr. MacKegan presented the report on the organizing work in connection with the forward movement. He detailed the work of the committee and moved that the forward movement committee be replaced by a general interest committee which would appoint a sub-committee on life service.

Germany Offers Seven Billions and Half and Meets Prompt Rejection

Allies Will Give Formal Reply Tomorrow Morning

Lloyd George Tells Delegation at London Conference That Unless Written Statement Contains More Than Oral There is No Need to Continue Conference.

London, March 1—Germany, through her delegates to the conference with the allies here today, made reparations offers of approximately thirty billion gold marks, or about \$7,500,000,000. It was understood outside the conference that after Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, had finished his statement on reparations to the conference, Lloyd George, the British premier, replied in substance that unless the Germans had something more to offer than what appeared in Dr. Simons' statement there was no need to continue the conference.

Lloyd George told the German foreign minister: "If the written proposals are of the same general character as the explanation of them it is not worth while for us to read them."

"You have a complete lack of comprehension of the position of the allied and of your own position. We will discuss your proposals and give it to you tomorrow at eleven o'clock."

When the Germans left the conference they appeared to be greatly depressed. Lloyd George and M. Briand were smiling as they came from the conference chamber.

Dr. Simons, German foreign minister, then in effect, said Germany would pay fifty million marks, subject to the various discounts and reductions and the sums already paid. A heavy examination by the French delegation of the written proposals of the Germans indicated that after the reductions Germany would pay about thirty billion marks.

Briand said that the proposals were so drawn they amounted to an offer that if the Allies would advance German money, most favorable terms, then Germany would pay them.

The Germans apparently figure that if the capital sum of about thirty billion marks were taken now, it would amount to about two hundred and twenty billion marks in forty-two years at five per cent.

The difficulty, however, it is pointed out in Allied quarters, is for Germany to obtain these thirty billion marks without the Allies doing it largely for them, which the Allies regard as wholly unacceptable.

Advices to official circles in Washington today said that Germany had submitted to the Allied reparations committee a list of reparations payments to be made by January 21, last amounting to twenty-one billion gold marks, or approximately \$5,250,000,000.

FRENCH ARE STIRRING IN THE RHINE COUNTRY

Preparing in Case Germany Must Be Forced to Submit

Marshal Foch Awaits Decision of the London Conference—Big British Naval Demonstration Part of Programme.

Paris, March 1—Great military activity was noted yesterday along the portion of the Rhine occupied by the French near the Mayence bridgehead.

The military secret being maintained several miles behind the line was brought up, as also were long lines of ammunition trucks, which the airplane camps at Valenciennes and Villancourt began to show activity, commencing at noon yesterday.

It is reported that the movement of Senegalese, Algerian and Moroccan troops arriving at Marseilles during the past few days has greatly increased.

The greatest secret being maintained as to the nature of these penalties and concerning the military movements, was reported in London today by a British official, who stated that a great naval demonstration by the British has been decided on at Kiel, Hamburg and other ports of the Belgian and French troops will operate on land.

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London, March 1—Four German delegates, Dr. Walter Simons, foreign minister; Carl Bergmann, an expert on finance; Herz Von Simson, secretary of the German foreign office; and Dr. Simons, head of the judicial section of the foreign office, entered the conference with the allies on the reparations conference today. Before going to Lancaster House, where the conference began, the German representatives paid a visit to their cabinet. The Germans, it was learned, were not given plenipotentiary powers by their government, and during the conference they will remain in constant communication with Berlin. The whole delegation was very reticent, and was not hopeful of the outcome of the meeting.

It was reported that the final decision will be taken, said one of the Germans, "which really means terms."

The French government was strongly represented at the conference by three of the most influential members of the cabinet in addition to Premier Briand. They were Louis Loucheur, minister of liberated regions; M. Barthoin, minister of war; and M. Doumer, minister of finance. In addition, Philippe Berthelot, secretary of the French foreign office, was in attendance.

Before entering the conference today, M. Loucheur said: "We are ready to receive and courteously examine any proposal the Germans make regarding the reparations. It is not impossible that if it were equivalent to the global reparations faced in the Paris agreement, the allies will no doubt accept them. But not one sou below the amount determined by the Paris agreement. The British, Italian and Japanese governments, as well as the French government, have decided that these terms formed the minimum amount Germany must pay; and there can be no reduction."

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hombrow to the Times reporter, "that a feller out in Colorado's propoed the end of the world in five days, another feller in New York made five years' limit. The fust feller was goin' to jail, and I s'pose he did not talk to gulls, an' it looks as if he figured he'd git enough in five years so's he could hev a good time waitin' fer the reel end of the world. You newspaper grab up these yarns an' print 'em same as you would the latest news from Ottawa."

"I s'pose that's so," said Hiram—"an' we got more propoets in Ottawa than they hev in Colorado an' New York. An' 'f what they say about one another is true they orto all be in jail."

"Are you disturbed by these predictions?" asked the reporter. "Me?" said Hiram. "I'm goin' out to-morrow to heal in another jag of wood for next winter—yes, sir."

NO LIBERAL IN BY-ELECTION IN YORK-SUNDAY

Frederick, N. B., March 1—The executive of the Liberal party of York and Sunbury counties met last evening at which Andrew Hayden of Ottawa, general secretary of the Liberal party in Canada, was present.

Should the Liberals formally decline to accept the Allied reparations demands everything is said to be in readiness to proceed with the London conference. It is reported that the movement of Senegalese, Algerian and Moroccan troops arriving at Marseilles during the past few days has greatly increased.

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LOCAL NEWS

AT THE HOSPITAL. Irvine Durkin, the lad who fell down the hold of a steamer yesterday morning, was reported in about the same condition as yesterday.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Charles I. Heffer was held this afternoon from his late residence, 129 Broad street, to Fernhill. Service was conducted by Rev. E. E. Styles.

PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL. Sergeant Harris, of the Moncton police force, arrived in the city on the Maritime express at noon today from a brief visit to the provincial hospital, Lunenburg.

PLUM DAMAGED. A leak yesterday in shed No. 4, Sand Point, did damage to a considerable amount of four awaiting shipments on the steamer Melmore Head. After investigation by the city engineering department, it was announced that the leak was caused by an overflow of closets in the immigration building.

Anti-Bolsheviki Are Gaining Upper Hand in Russian Capital

Paris Hears They Have Secured Partial Control

Trotzky is Said to Be in Hiding—Troubles in Moscow More Menacing for Red Leaders and Some Concessions Are Reported Offered.

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POLICE COURT TODAY HEARD A VARIETY OF CASES

Mabel Russell, aged thirty-five, was in the police court this morning, charged with wandering about and not being seen give a satisfactory account of herself at 445 this morning on the north side of King Square. Detective Saunders told of seeing her carrying some old clothing in her hands. He also said a chum was there but some distance away.

Detective Hiddiscombe told of finding the two girls in a room in the Asia Hotel with two men, and he said he put them out. The accused said she was married and her home is in Milwaukee, and on being questioned as to her place of residence in the city, she said she lived in Princess street, but later said she boarded at another number in the same street. The accused said she was registered at one hotel as Miss Stevens and at another as Miss Perry.

REPLY TO U. S. IS IN FRIENDLY TONE

League of Nations' Response to Note From Washington Re Mandates.

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TRAGEDY IN HIGH SOCIAL LIFE OF CHICAGO

Chicago, March 1—Herbert P. Ziegler, manager of a company branch office here, was shot and killed early today by Mrs. Isabelle Cora Orthwein, formerly the wife of a wealthy St. Louis oil man, in her apartment, in the exclusive north shore residential quarter. They are said to have been friends since Mrs. Orthwein obtained a divorce from her husband six years ago.

Police said Mrs. Orthwein told them that a quarrel started last night and later she appeared at her apartment and demanded admission. She refused, he forced open the door and she shot him.

The iron bolt which was found by the police on Sunday morning in the wash tub inside the outer porch door, was identified by the witness. She was quite positive that it had been in the tub on Saturday. When young Ross returned to the hotel, he said that Perry, he had told her not to go out there, and he had suggested sending for the doctor. She did not go out to see her father, and did not suggest bringing him in. She recognized the iron bar and thought it had been burned in the fire and it looked, she said, like a rusty look before. She could not remember where she had seen it last.

ARREST SOON IN YARMOUTH MURDER

Halifax Detective Believes Robbery Not Motive

Evidence About Dying Man Lying for Long Time Outside House After He Was Found There by Ross.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 1—No trace has yet been found of the murderer of Captain George H. Perry. Detective Kennedy of Halifax arrived last evening, and is following the case closely and may have some startling evidence for the coroner's jury tonight.

At the session last evening Mrs. Perry was recalled and further examined by the coroner, and also subjected to a stiff examination by the crown attorney, R. S. McKay, K. C. Other witnesses examined were Eleanor Perry, daughter of the deceased, Dr. Webster, the family physician, who was summoned the night of the murder, Dr. C. K. Fuller and Dr. A. R. Campbell, who performed the autopsy; Mrs. Maud Markie, wife of Millidge Markie, and Elizabeth, who had visited at the home of Thomas Nickerson on Saturday evening, where Capt. Perry was found to have been lying for a long time.

The last witness was Mansfield Ross, who is paying attention to Eleanor Perry.

Evidence showed that Capt. Perry was found about 11:30 and remained outside where he had fallen for at least an hour or until the doctor arrived and brought him in.

Mrs. Perry explained that the outside back door, the door of the storm porch, was the door that locked, having a Yale lock, to which Capt. Perry had the key. This door could, however, be unlocked from the outside by one putting an arm through a broken pane of glass in the window alongside the door and turning the Yale lock from the inside. So far as she knew there were only two persons who had the key to the door, and she said she had seen the door open and that they were so far as she knew, away from the house.

The next door, which she had opened from the storm porch into an inner porch, had a bolt on it, but this bolt was never shot. The door from the inner porch into the kitchen was not locked.

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Mansfield Ross said he was paying attention to Eleanor Perry. He spent the night there Thursday and Friday both. The captain did not object to his paying attention to his daughter, who had never quarrelled with the captain. They were on the best of terms. He had sat on Friday night until about 3:30 with the captain playing cards, the captain telling she yards and explaining to him the various rigging of a ship. He said that Perry went to town on Saturday afternoon and did not arrive home until late; did not wait supper for Captain Perry, Mrs. Perry, Eleanor and he had supper together. He did not see the captain come in but heard him go into the dining room to his supper. He did not see the captain again that night until he found him lying at the back door. He told Eleanor and her mother, and they went out to the front door to see Mrs. McNutt's, the next door neighbor, to telephone to a doctor. McNutt and his son-in-law, Mr. McIsaac, came into Perry's room after he returned. Nothing was said about taking the captain into the porch and afterwards dragged outdoors. When he went out to the back door first, he found the outside door wide open. He noticed spots of blood on the porch door when he first went out. He would think Captain Perry had first been struck down in the porch and afterwards dragged outdoors. He had seen the chief of police search Captain Perry's pockets. Everything was there, watch and chain, open pencils, but his purse was missing. His clothes did not look as if pockets had been rifled.

Arrest Soon, Says Kennedy. Yarmouth, N. S., March 1—(Canadian Press)—Inspector Horace Kennedy, of Halifax, would say nothing this morning except expressing the view that robbery had not been the motive for the Perry murder. He intimated that an arrest might be expected soon.

ARCHBISHOP DAUGHTERY IN PARIS ON WAY TO ROME

Paris, March 1—Archbishop Daugherty of Philadelphia arrived here this forenoon, accompanied from Boulogne by a company of Knights of Columbus and prominent French Catholics who had met him when he disembarked from the steamer from England. He will reach Rome tomorrow.

MR. MICHAUDS QUERY. Ottawa, March 1—(Canadian Press)—To what extent, if any, the control of exchange by the United States affects the value of the pound sterling in Canada and the Canadian dollar in England is the subject of a question put to the government by Miss Michaud, M. P., of Restigouche, N. B.