

MAY REDUCE CHARGE AGAINST DENTON GARFIELD

GARFIELD BROTHERS TO BE TRIED SEPARATELY, RUMORS OF CONFESSION CONTINUE

Younger Brother, Denton, Expected to Face Murder Charge This Afternoon—Crowds Throng Oxford County Courtroom at Woodstock—Sensational Developments Are Expected During Progress of Trial.

Woodstock, March 9.—The assize court adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon to meet again at 2:15. The civil case now in progress will take another hour or so, and it is not likely that the Johnston murder case will be reached before 3 o'clock. It is now definitely stated that Denton Garfield will be tried first. There is a rumor that the charge against him may be reduced to manslaughter. The crown might possibly accede to this on account of his having reported to have made a statement.

Woodstock, March 9.—A big surprise was sprung this morning, when Montague Neeson, counsel for the defence, announced that Denton and Norman Garfield, charged with murdering Ben Johnston on the night of January 20, would have separate trials. This course, he said, was not suggested by him, but by the crown. It is said the trials will not last long, and that likely Denton Garfield will be placed in the prisoner's dock first.

ASSASSINATION PREMIER DATO WELL PLANNED

Motorcycle Carried Men Who Committed Murder. WORKED WITH SPEED. Minister of Interior Acting as Temporary Premier.

Madrid, March 9.—This city was horrified last night when it became known that Eduardo Dato, premier and minister of marine, had been assassinated while returning to his home from a late session of the Spanish Senate. Immediately after the news was received in official quarters, arrangements were made to carry on the Government until a new premier could be appointed by King Alfonso. The Count de Bugall, minister of interior, will act as temporary premier.

All trace of the man who killed the premier was lost in the excitement attending the assassination. Immediately after the crime had been committed, the criminals, who were riding in the side of a motorcycle, sped away and disappeared. Murder Well Planned. Premier Dato left the Senate chamber at 8:30 o'clock and entered his car, which was waiting for him. The machine was driven through Calle Arenal to Puerta Del Sol, and thence through Calle de Alcazar. A motorcycle with a sidecar, carrying two men, had followed the premier's car and reached the Plaza Independencia, near Senator Dato's home, the motorcycle increased its speed and approached the side of the premier's automobile. At that point the streets are quite dark, owing to the fact that a large park borders on the right side of the Plaza.

ST. MARYS MAN IS FINED \$500 FOR A VIOLATION OF D.T.A.

Magistrate Butcher Imposes Heavy Penalty On T. W. Lucas.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Marys, March 9.—Convicted of T. W. Lucas, a driver for the Dominion Express Company here, was fined \$500 and costs. Magistrate Butcher this morning. When his house was searched a quantity of liquor was discovered.

GODEFRID MEAT MARKET ROBBED

[Special to The Advertiser.] Godefrid, March 9.—A robbery took place here last night sometime, when some person or persons broke into O'Brien's meat market. They looked things over and took about \$15.35 in silver from the cash register. They made their entrance from the rear of the store. The police have two cases on their hands now, the McFadden shooting and the robbery, and as to either one they have no clue yet.

MAY BE SEVERAL CANDIDATES IN WARD 4 ELECTION

Nominations At City Hall At 7:30 o'clock Tonight.

TWO CANDIDATES SURE

Rumors of Several Men Consenting To Contest Seat.

Developments in the Ward 4 by-election will take definite form tonight when candidates are nominated for the position on the council vacant by the death of Ald. C. G. Goodhead. There is a possibility that several candidates will be in the field and it is a certainty there will be two at least. M. Donahue nominated by the Labor Representation Committee and H. J. Childs have both declared their intention of entering the contest. George A. Burdick an ex-alderman who has been frequently mentioned as a possible nominee announced today that he would not be in the morning. He expects to be away during a considerable period of the year and for that reason would not be able to devote his full time to council duties if elected. J. H. Saunders may still enter the contest although he was not decided late today. Ex-Ald. L. S. Holmes may also be a contestant. The nominations are to be made at the city hall between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock tonight. The candidates will have to be nominated in writing, and their proposer and seconder will have to be present. The election will take place ten days later, on Saturday, March 13.

CHECK ARTIST WANTED HERE UNDER ARREST

Merwin W. Wickett Arrested in Buffalo Tuesday Morning. ONCE TOO OFTEN

Tried To Pass Check On Local Bank of Commerce.

Mervin W. Wickett, alias Payne, alleged check artist, wanted in this city on the charge of victimizing several local merchants and banks was arrested in Buffalo on Tuesday. He was named by Detectives T. Nickle, an officer will leave for Buffalo today to bring the prisoner here for trial. During the past week Wickett was alleged to have passed checks amounting to several hundreds of dollars on local merchants, the majority of whom were jewelers. Some of the bogus checks were accepted by local banks. Wickett met Waterloo Buffalo when he endeavored to cash a check drawn on the local branch of the Chamber of Commerce, made out to the name of Payne. The local bank wired Buffalo to check the check and it was ascertained that the check was worthless and that Payne was wanted in this city. He was held by the Buffalo authorities.

GALLIFRUIT BILL PASSES. Quebec, March 9.—Canadian Press.—The Gallifruit bill, intended to put an end to lockouts and strikes in municipal services in the Province of Quebec, was passed by the Legislative Assembly by a vote of 25 to 10. The bill is applicable only to policemen, firemen, waterworks employees and employees in charge of the incineration of garbage. It will apply to municipalities having a population of more than 10,000. Under this law it will be unlawful for any employer to declare a lockout or for any employee to strike without having submitted the dispute to a board of arbitration.

Romance That Commences In Ireland Fails To Culminate In Happy Wedding In Canada

Miss Kathleen Pick of Toronto Is Suing Harry Smyth of Hamilton To Recover \$10,000 for Alleged Breach of Promise—Woman Claims He Gave Her Barrel of China, But He Denies This—Says She Offered Many Excuses.

Toronto, March 9.—Miss Kathleen Pick of Toronto is suing Harry Smyth of Hamilton to recover \$10,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage. She alleges that they both lived in Ireland before coming to Canada, and that in July, 1917, they agreed to marry. She sailed for Canada the same month, and he followed in May, 1912. Miss Pick says that in August, 1912, he gave her a ring and his word to marry her. Later, she says, he gave her a barrel of chinaware for use in their home when they were married. She declares that a reasonable time for the wedding has now elapsed, and asks damages for injuries to her health and feelings, pointing out that she expended time and labor in preparing for the wedding. Smyth denies that he gave her the barrel of chinaware, and adds that he ordered her to return it to him some time ago. He alleges that on all occasions when he wished the marriage to take place, Miss Pick made excuses and refused to consent, and wholly exonerated and discharged him from performance of the alleged promise. He claims that her action is barred by the limitations act. The case will be tried with a jury.

INDIAN WAR MEMORIAL



The Prince of Wales unveiling an Indian War memorial at Patcham Downs, N. Brighton, England.

ADMITS GERMANY AIDED CAUSE OF IRISH REBELS

Boston, March 9.—Germany's participation in the Irish revolution, which started at Dublin on Easter Sunday, 1916, was admitted by John Devoy, a New York Sinn Feiner, in an address delivered here last night. He said that this was brought about by Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States, who made a deal with the Germans for a shipload of arms to be delivered in Ireland.

Devoy said the "Irish republican brotherhood" sent word to sympathizers in the United States of the plans for the Easter Sunday attack upon the British forces in the previous January, and requested that the Clan-Gael in the United States furnish a shipload of arms to be delivered in Limerick as soon as possible. "It was not possible to get any such quantity of arms in the United States without the knowledge of the United States Government," Devoy said. Therefore, he added, the aid of Germany in securing these arms was enlisted. He declared no other help had been received by the revolutionaries from German sources.

NOT SUFFICIENT RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS, SAYS PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

Twenty-Six Hours of Instruction Given During Year Not Nearly Enough, States Rev. D. C. MacGregor at Meeting of Protestant Ministers—One Public School Teacher Tells Pupils Great Deal of Bible is Mythology.

That 26 hours of religious teaching and imparting of Bible knowledge during the year, as provided by the Sunday schools, was insufficient for the young people of today, was the opinion advanced by Rev. D. C. MacGregor at a meeting of the Protestant ministers of the city held this morning in the M. C. A. The subject of discussion was "The Teaching of the Bible in the Public Schools." Rev. Frank Langford, general secretary of the Methodist Episcopal church, opened the discussion, telling of a system in the state of Dakota, and also Toledo, Ohio, where religious instruction and Bible teaching is given by teachers of the same standard as those teaching public school. In one of these places the students are given time during school hours to attend a specially prepared syllabus. Legislation in Canada provides for a certain amount of Bible reading and prayer in the schools. In some schools the regulations are not carried out to the fullest extent, and in others they are. Rev. T. S. Roy said that he had devoted more time than originally allotted. Rev. T. S. Roy said that he had devoted more time than originally allotted. He said that the person in question was not a man of profound education, and was doing more destructive than constructive work. He said that he had devoted more time than originally allotted. He said that the person in question was not a man of profound education, and was doing more destructive than constructive work.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE FOR BENEFIT OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Ald. John Ashton Completes Arrangements With Manager Stewart of Patricia for Friday Night. Through arrangements made by Ald. John Ashton with Manager William Stewart of the Patricia Theatre, a large number of performances at that theatre next Friday night will be used to relieve the unemployment situation. The money will be turned over to a committee of the trades and labor council, and will be used for relief purposes which are brought to the attention of the organization. Plans are being made through the labor organizations to insure a large attendance, so that as big a fund as possible can be collected. Other theatre managers have been approached with a similar proposal by Ald. Ashton, but no agreements have been made with them.

PETROGRAD NOW IN CONTROL OF REVOLUTIONISTS

Terrific Battle Staged in the Streets of City.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Reds Suffer Heavy Losses in Attack Upon Kronstadt.

Copenhagen, March 9.—News of the Russian situation today was conflicting with the latest Helsingfors dispatches reporting that the Soviet Government forces had recaptured the fortress of Kronstadt, Gorko and Syabak this morning, and were training the big guns of these fortresses upon Kronstadt, where fires were observed. An infantry assault by the Soviet troops upon Kronstadt is reported to have been repulsed with enormous loss to the attacking force. These reports were preceded by claims made by the revolutionaries that Petrograd was in the hands of the revolutionaries. According to a special dispatch, however, the Soviet troops recaptured the southern suburbs of Petrograd. Thousands of fugitives from Petrograd are claiming for entry into Finland, the Finnish advice state.

Copenhagen, March 9.—Petrograd is reported to be in the hands of revolutionary forces which for several days have been fighting against Russian Bolshevik troops near that city, says a special dispatch from Helsingfors received here this morning. The revolutionary forces were victorious, the dispatch declares, after a terrific bombardment of Petrograd from Kronstadt, Krasnoy, Gorko and Syabak, which was followed by machine gun battles in the streets of the city.

COMMUNIST CONGRESS. London, March 9.—Workers in Soviet Russia are unanimously indignant over the revolutionary uprising at Kronstadt, and are begging to be allowed to help against the forces engaged with the Soviet troops there, says a wireless dispatch from Moscow. It is said in the dispatch that friction is beginning to be noticeable among the mutineers.

The tenth congress of the Russian Communist opened at Moscow yesterday under difficult circumstances, the message states. The republic is surrounded by an endless number of enemies, it continues. "The short breathing space given Russia has been interrupted by new Entente intrigues. The confronting the republic must be carried through at a time when she is struggling against counter-revolutionary forces."

COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED. London, March 9.—Communications between Russia and Siberia have been cut for more than a fortnight, says an official wireless message from Moscow today. The break is ascribed to the work of social revolutionaries operating with generals formerly attached to the forces of the late Admiral Kolchak, the message adds. A Tokio dispatch of March 6 quoted travelers arriving in Vladivostok from Chita, seat of the Bolshevik Far Eastern Siberian republic, as stating that an anti-Soviet movement had been organized by troops and peasants in the interior of the republic.

Tax Amusements To Secure Money For Charities

Quebec, March 9.—The David bill, now before the Quebec Assembly, which seeks to provide assistance for public charities, will secure big revenues mainly from taxation on amusements. The bill provides that there will be a tax of 25 cents on every \$1 admission ticket to race meetings, 50 cents on every \$2 ticket, and so on in like proportion. When the receipts of pari-mutuel machines will be deducted, 8 per cent will be deducted, 8 per cent will go to the race track association and 4 per cent to the government. If the receipts amount to \$15,000, 5 per cent will go to the race track association and 5 per cent to the government; if \$20,000, 6 per cent will go to the race track association and 6 per cent to the government; and so on. One-half of the proceeds of the general amusement tax will be given to the municipalities to be distributed to local charities, and the other half will be paid to the government.

Motion Picture Censors to 'Cut Out' Everything That Is Degrading, Suggestive

High Standards Are Set by Provincial Board—Pictures That Leave Glamour About Criminal Will Be Condemned—Some 'Wild and Woolly' Films Will Be Permitted.

Toronto, March 9.—The standards set for moving pictures by the Ontario Board of Censors provide for the exclusion of "degrading, suggestive, immoral, the improperly suggestive, the harmful and the indecent." Shocking and unnecessary details of deeds of violence and struggle scenes will be cut out. Pictures which deal with firearms or displays of knives or guns may be eliminated or cut to a flash, as the board thinks wise. Some pictures of the "wild and woolly west" variety, where there would be no possibility of reproduction or incentive to imitation, would be allowed at the discretion of the board. In some cases, it is said, it may be necessary to allow the showing of evil or crime, but only where it depicts a subsequent struggle between the forces of evil and those of good. The results of the issue should always be shown to be disastrous to the criminal and productive of a catastrophe, clear and convincing. Pictures which leave a glamor about the criminal will be condemned. The supervision of moving picture advertising, including theatre displays and billboard posters, has been placed under the board of censors, who will see that no objectionable advertising or parts eliminated by the board will be shown.

GERMAN PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED AREAS CONTINUE THEIR WORK

Threatened Strike of Workmen Failed to Materialize—5,000 Allied Soldiers in City of Duesseldorf Alone—The German Miners Are Placed Under Military Control by Order of General Degoutte—Train Service Is Restricted in Occupied Districts.

Duesseldorf, March 9.—Although 7,000 British, French, and Belgian soldiers were today occupying Duesseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhr, the people of these cities were proceeding about their usual affairs in apparent utter indifference to the presence of the Allied forces. There were no signs today of any immediate labor movement by German workmen as an outcome of the occupation, the effect of agitators to bring on the long-threatened general strike in protest against the imposition of the Allied penalties having failed. This refusal of the workmen to strike at least for the time being is attributed by the leaders to the poverty of the men, which would not place them in a position to do so without their daily wage. However, the temper of the laborers in the Essen district is reported such that it is feared the agitation may develop a menacing situation there.

5,000 Troops in City. Allied troops numbering of 5,000, with four tanks and three river flotillas, are stationed here, but the military are not in evidence, except that double sentries were at the street corners with machine guns. Alongside of the order of the French general of occupation, which was published in public places, was the proclamation by President Albert, calling the people to bear up peacefully under the onerous slavery. General Degoutte's order places the railways and other functions of the public utilities, under military control. It likewise forbids passenger train service, except for military and international travelers. There have, however, so far been no cancellations of trains or other changes in the service. General Gaucher, commanding the French troops in Duesseldorf, visited the burgomaster today, and told him General Degoutte had no objection to the opening of the Rhine Provincial Land Tag, called for Sunday, provided no speeches were made with regard to the occupation.

UPHOLDS DR. SIMONS. Berlin, March 9.—Protests voiced by the supreme allied council in London by Dr. Walter Simons, foreign minister and head of the German delegation at the reparations conference, were emphatically rebuffed by Chancellor Konstantin Fehrenbach, who spoke before the Reichstag yesterday. After announcing that negotiations at London had been broken off, and that the German delegation was returning to Berlin, the chancellor said: "This violation of law and justice cannot be defended on any juridical grounds. It assumes doubly pernicious aspects when directed against a people from whom the last defense has been taken. The events of the past week have confused the German mind the methods pursued by the Allies cannot possibly accomplish the rehabilitation of Europe nor bring about a liquidation of the war." "In the course of the London negotiations, Foreign Minister Simons appealed to history," said the chancellor in discussing the question of responsibility for the war. "I feel permitted to declare the judgment of history is already established, and that the nature of the verdict is such that any attempt to fasten responsibility solely on Germany must fail because it is false."

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 9.—Yesterday in Parliament. IN THE COMMONS. Main estimates were tabled and a Motion of Confidence in the Government was passed. The national railways briefly explained by Hon. J. D. Reid. Third reading of the bill to amend the Excise Act was given to the House.

Bill to define Canadian nationality discussed, but did not reach second reading. A. R. McMaster's bill to ban corporation directors from holding certain positions was given to the majority vote. Members of all parties were present. A. B. McColg's resolution on the standardization of machinery parts referred to the committee. Resolution concerning deepening of St. Lawrence waterway discussed at length, but debate was not completed when House adjourned. Today's Parliament. IN THE COMMONS. Business for today was not fixed at the close of yesterday's proceedings. Senate meets at 2 o'clock for routine business.

CONDEMNNS DOHERTY PROHIBITION MEASURE AS BEING UNWORKABLE

Victoria, March 8.—Attorney-General Deb Harris, during the discussion in the Legislature yesterday on Premier Oliver's motion asking the Legislature to approve an address to Ottawa requesting an amendment to the Canadian temperance act to prohibit importations of liquor to British Columbia, as described under the moderate liquor bill, criticized the Doherty measure as being unworkable. He said that the measure had been refused to take advantage of because it was wholly unworkable. The attorney-general contended that Ottawa would not be justified in refusing to grant the amendment to be asked for.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.			
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 63; lowest, 33. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 28.			
TOMORROW—COLDER.			
Forecasts.			
Northwest winds; fair and somewhat colder tonight and on Thursday.			
Temperatures.			
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Vancouver	46	32	Clear
Calgary	46	32	Clear
Winnipeg	46	32	Clear
Port Arthur	46	32	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	36	16	Clear
Harry Sound	26	8	Clear
Toronto	62	22	Rain
Kingston	60	20	Rain
St. John	42	24	Cloudy
Montreal	46	28	Rain
Quebec	34	22	Cloudy
St. John	34	24	Cloudy
Halifax	34	22	Cloudy
Minus (—)			Below zero.
The trough of low pressure is moving slowly eastward, causing showers in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba the weather is fair and cold.			