

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 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 dock first. When the assize court resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning, a civil action was continued, and by noon had not been concluded. Rooms in which the assize court was held were crowded, and a night session is expected. Which of the two brothers will be tried first had not been decided at noon. Inspector Reynolds arrives. Several London witnesses who were not in the city yesterday arrived on morning trains. Annie Harkness, alleged wife of Denton Garfield, also arrived this morning, having journeyed to London last night to obtain some of Denton's possessions which were in a trunk owned by her. Among the articles she secured was said to be the prisoner's discharge papers from the Mechanical Transport Section of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, with which he was attached as a driver. Persons who failed to gain entrance to the courtroom both yesterday and Monday were in the corridors again early this morning, and although the charges were not likely to claim the attention of the court until 2 o'clock, they persisted in crowding about the doors to the room. D. H. Reynolds, chief inspector of immigration, is here, having come from Ottawa. It is possible that he may take the witness stand to testify in connection with Norman Garfield's record which was secured from the officials of Washington State Penitentiary.

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 Sugal, 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 car 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, Puerta Del Sol, and thence through Calle de Alca La. A motorcycle with a sidecar, carrying two men, had followed the premier's car. When the premier's car 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.

When the motorcycle had drawn up even with the automobile, the two men in the side car and the driver of the machine opened fire upon the premier. 21 shots being discharged. The whole tragedy was enacted in a few minutes, and as the last shot rang out the motorcycle swung into a side street and vanished.

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

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

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

GODERICH MEAT MARKET ROBBED

[Special to the Advertiser.] Goderich, March 9.—A robbery took place here last night sometime, when some person or persons broke into O'Brien's meat market. They looked through the cash register. They took \$15.35 in silver from the cash register. They made their entrance from the rear of the store. The police have two suspects on their hands now, the McFadden brothers, who are charged with shooting and to either one they have no clue as 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 Contesting 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. Mowhead. 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 has 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 19.

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 announced today. According to Inspector of Detectives T. Nickle, an officer will leave for Buffalo today to bring the check artist 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 are jewelers. Some of the bogus checks were accepted by local banks. Wickett made his 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 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 through the Legislative Assembly this morning. The bill will be 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, 1918. Miss Pick says that in August, 1918, 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 on all occasions when he wished the marriage to take place, Miss Pick made excuses and refused to consent, and wholly excused 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. Bighton, 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 shipment 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 shipment of arms of the delivered in Limerick as soon as possible. "It was my duty to get as much quantity of arms in 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 expressed by Rev. D. C. MacGregor at a meeting of the Protestant ministers of the city held this morning at 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 Sunday school board, 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 these teaching public schools. In one of these places the students are given time during school hours to attend a class of religious instruction in near-by churches, where children of Protestant denominations are taught from 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 the teachers devote more time to the original subject. Rev. T. S. Roy said that he had constantly heard rumors in the city that a teacher in one of the public schools was telling pupils that a great deal of the Bible is mythology. He said that the person in question was not a man of profound education, and was doing more destructive than instructive work. Roy said that he should have specialists in teaching the Bible just as we do for any other subject. He said that he would like to see us to do something that will put the Bible on a par with other subjects.

The twenty-six hours of Bible teaching received in a year in the Sunday schools is all the religious instruction that the children get at home, and parents frankly confess we do not know how to begin to teach them the things of the Bible. Twenty-six hours devoted to a subject taught in the public schools would not advance anything. Roy said that he would like to see us to do something that will put the Bible on a par with other subjects. He said that he would like to see us to do something that will put the Bible on a par with other subjects.

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, the proceeds from all 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 fortresses of Kronstadt, Gorko and Syabarak 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 forces. These reports were preceded by claims made in Helsingfors that the revolutionaries were in control of the city. According to the revolutionaries, the Soviet troops recaptured the southern suburbs of Petrograd. Thousands of fugitives from Petrograd are claiming for entry into Finland, the Finnish.

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 revolutionaries were victorious, the dispatch declares, after a terrific bombardment from Kronstadt, Krasnoye, Gorko and Syabarak, 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 fight 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 party 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 task confronting the republic must be carried through at a time when it is struggling against counter-revolutionary forces."

COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED. London, March 9.—Communication between Russia and Siberia has been cut for more than a fortnight, says an official wireless message from Moscow today. The break is attributed to the forces of social revolutionaries operating with general forces formerly attached to the forces of the late Admiral Kolchak.

A Tokio dispatch of March 6 quoted travelers arriving in Vladivostok from the Chinese seat of the Bolshevik Far East as being astonished that one man knew the Chinese republic, as stating that a 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 taxatlon 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 amount to \$10,000, 10 per cent will be deducted, 8 per cent to go to the race track association and 4 per cent to the government. 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, 4 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 Censored—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 "the degrading, the 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 display 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, Duesseldorf, however, the people of the cities were proceeding about their usual affairs in apparent utter indifference to the presence of the Allies' forces. There were no signs today of any immediate labor movement by German workmen as an outcome of the occupation, the efforts of agitators to stir the long-threatened general strike in protest against the imposition of Allied penalties having failed. "The 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 be an obstacle to their going without their daily wage. However, the tempo of the laborers in the Essen district is reported such that it is feared the agitation may develop a menacing situation here."

5,000 Troops in City. Allied stations 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 issued in public places, was the proclamation by General Degoutte, calling the people to bear up patiently under the onerous slavery. General Degoutte's order placed under military control the passenger train service, except for workmen and international travelers. There, however, cancellations of trains or other changes in the service. General Gaucher, commanding the French troops in Duesseldorf, visited the burgomaster today, and told him that the military had no objection to the meeting of the Rhenish 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 Paullin, 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, and I assume a doubly perilous aspect when directed against a people from whom the last defense has been taken. The events of the past week have convinced the Government 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."

AUSTRIANS SYMPATHIZING. Vienna, March 9.—Sympathy with Germany in the development which followed, continued on page three.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 9.—Yesterday in Parliament. IN THE COMMONS. Main estimates were tabled and a big business day. The national railway bill explained by Hon. J. D. Reid. Third reading of an amendment to the exchequer court bill. Bill to define Canadian nationality discussed, but did not reach second reading. A. R. McMaster's bill to bar corporation directors from holding certain positions strongly supported by majority vote. Members of all parties in the opposition. A. B. McCall's resolution on the standardization of machinery parts referred to special committee. Resolution concerning deepening of St. Lawrence waterway discussed at length, but debate was not completed when House adjourned. Today 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 9.—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 amendment to the Canada Temperance act to prohibit importations of liquor to British Columbia, as described under the moderation liquor bill, criticized the Doherty measure as a worthless one, which prohibition provisions had 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.

ASHPLANT WILL ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATEMENTS

Will Make No Further Utterance at Present. WAITING FOR ACTION. On Part of the Legislature or Other Parties Interested in His Remarks. Because his case has been taken up by the Ontario Legislature, if E. Ashplant today declined to make further statements regarding the situation which has arisen over his remarks on the gas situation at the city council Monday. "I will not accept any responsibility for any discussion on this matter by telephone or for any summary of my remarks which may be made by another person," he said. A written statement signed by myself is the only kind for which I am responsible and it would be right for me to give out such a statement now that the matter is before the house. Informally, Mr. Ashplant told the advertiser that he was willing to accept full responsibility for his address to the council and would make a statement regarding it to the Legislature or any parties who might bring action against him. Previous statements by him on the gas situation showed his attitude towards it and towards the Legislature, he claimed. He had only glanced over the advertiser's report of the council meeting in which the incident was recorded but to his mind it was a fair and accurate report.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns for LOCAL TEMPERATURES, TOMORROW—COLDER, and WEATHER. It lists temperatures for various locations like Toronto, Goderich, and other nearby areas, along with weather forecasts such as 'fair and somewhat colder' or 'rain'.