

Mystery of Death of Harry L. Williams Probably Solved By Evidence Supporting Suicide Theory

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FAIR AND WARM

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CANADIANS CLOSER TO LENS; GERMANS CAPTURE PANTZIU

TWENTY-SEVEN FISHERMEN PERISH IN FURIOUS GALE ON MASSACHUSETTS COAST

Nineteen of Number Hailing from Provincetown, Cape Cod, Fishing in Dorries Which Were Swamped by 65-Mile Blast From the Southeast.

THE MEN BELONGED TO THE SCHOONERS MARY C. SANTOS AND NATALIE J. NELSON

Eight Gloucester Fishermen Comprising the Crews of the Schooners Daniel and Alice Stetson Also Believed to Have Been Lost—Much Wreckage.

Boston, Aug. 13.—Nineteen Portuguese fishermen of Provincetown were drowned when the dories in which they were fishing off Cape Cod were swamped by a gale that came up suddenly late Friday afternoon. The men were from the fishing schooner Mary C. Santos and the Natalie J. Nelson, which arrived here last night.

Several other fishing schooners reported narrow escapes for their crews in the gale. Two men from the Magnolia were saved after they had been washed overboard. Captain Lewis Sears of the schooner Alice was pulled from the water by his crew.

HENDERSON DEFENDS POSITION

Ex-Minister and Lloyd-George Have Disagreement in the House of Commons Over Stockholm Conference.

London, Aug. 13.—Mr. Henderson, in opening his address in the defense of his position in the house today, complained of "the unprecedented press campaign against myself, and the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of finding a precedent in history for the conduct pursued by Prime Minister and his colleagues in regard to the case."

Stockholm Conference. "If the full story in regard to the Stockholm conference must be told, in the national interest it should not be told now, and I am content to join the list of ex-ministers who are waiting the opportunity to state the full facts of their cases without prejudice to national interests."

On my return from Russia I proposed a visit to France, which was under consideration at a special meeting of the war cabinet twenty-four hours before my leaving for which Mr. Lloyd George did not attend. It being the decision of the labor party that I should go I wired the Prime Minister informing him of my position and I could make this comment, that the Prime Minister and his colleagues, have been convicted before the house of incontinence that the whole arrangements for the trip to Paris were made without their knowledge."

Mr. Henderson at this point by saying: "I would like to ask my honor-

COMPULSION OPERATIVE SHORTLY

Sir Edward Kemp Says Bill Will Be Put Into Effect Without Delay.

GEN. GWATKIN IS ATTACKED IN HOUSE

Hon. Mr. Hazen and R. B. Bennett Warmly Defend Officer.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Hon. Charles MacIl asked the Minister of Militia if he was correctly reported at Camp Borden in stating that the military service bill would be put into effect without delay.

A Chronic Objector. Mr. E. M. MacDonald, who was absent when the matter was under consideration (Continued on page 5)

NOVA SCOTIA MAN KILLED

Four Others Injured in Automobile Crash at Milton, Mass.

Boston, Aug. 13.—Russel E. Nix, a Nova Scotian, was killed, Miss Margaret McGrail, of Atlantic, was fatally injured, and Jeremiah Pitts and Hubert N. Fraser, both of North Weymouth, were slightly injured in an automobile crash at Milton yesterday.

Deputy Supt. of Police Timothy McDermott of Milton, who went to the scene of the accident, was struck by another automobile and seriously injured. The car in which Nix was killed was struck by an automobile in which were Harold E. Vincent and William H. Vincent of Hyde Park. They were placed under arrest charged with recklessly operating an automobile. The first car crashed into a tree at a curve and was run into by the Vincent machine.

Nix was 32 years of age and lived with his uncle, James E. Nix. He was a carpenter and belonged to Nova Scotia, where the body will be sent.

P. E. ISLAND MAN RAISES \$66,500

Rev. Dr. Simpson Breaks Twenty Year Record.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 12.—At the convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which closed here yesterday, \$66,500 was pledged as the offering of the congregation at two services in response to a strong appeal by Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, the eloquent leader of the denomination.

NO ELECTION JUST NOW IN GT. BRITAIN

Crisis Averted for Time at Least by Appointment of George N. Barnes.

IS SUCCESSOR TO ARTHUR HENDERSON

Latter Denounces "Shameful Treatment" at Hands of Lloyd George.

London, Aug. 13.—A day of great political excitement in London concluded tonight with the announcement that George Nichol Barnes, minister of pensions, had been appointed to replace Arthur Henderson as labor member of the war cabinet.

This crisis which seemed to threaten the existence of the government was at least temporarily solved, and unless unexpected developments occur there will be no appeal to the country.

No Passports. The government announced to parliament today that the ministers had decided not to grant passports to delegates to the Stockholm International Socialist Congress, thereby falling in line with other allies' governments in this respect.

Mr. Henderson, in the House of Commons today, made an impassioned defense of his position in the conflict between himself and the Canadian Prime Minister Lloyd George. He entered into great detail on the recent events, but still left much mystery regarding his relations with the premier since his return from Russia.

Aroused Sympathy. Mr. Henderson impressed the House considerably by showing that the question of his visit to Paris was the subject of a special cabinet meeting, and much sympathy was aroused in his behalf by his having been kept waiting for an hour outside the doors of a cabinet meeting and the fact that he first learned through the columns of an evening newspaper that his resignation had been accepted.

The debate in the House of Commons did nothing to reconcile the conflict of evidence between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson as to the time Mr. Henderson intended to take at last Friday's labor conference. Mr. Lloyd George maintained that the ministers had received the impression that Mr. Henderson intended to turn down the Stockholm conference, while Mr. Henderson denied that he ever had hinted that he would take any other course than that he had followed. He said he had been asked to state the government's position to Friday's conference and he would have had no alternative but to resign.

FIVE PERISH IN FIRE

New York, Aug. 13.—Five children of Charles Isola, of Brooklyn, were burned to death late last night when fire destroyed a two story frame cottage which Isola and Paul Russell, his partner in the trucking business, had rented for the summer at Mattawan, N. J. Three other children were saved.

Indications Now Pointing to Suicide as the Explanation of Death of Harry L. Williams

LENS CENTRE OF GREATER ACTIVITY

Germans Loth to Give Up Possession of the Coal Mine City.

MUCH FIGHTING BY AIR MACHINES

Field Marshal Von Mackenson Captures Town of Pantziu.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Lens was the centre of the main activity on the British front last night.

The Germans continued to exhibit signs of apprehension in a heavy bombardment of the back approaches near Vimy and to the west and northwest of the city.

The Canadian lines have been gradually tightening about this important French mining centre, and the Canadians now hold strong positions in the western environs. This apparently has been disturbing to the Germans, who have placed a high value on the retention of Lens because of its enviable position in the Pas-De-Calais coal fields.

Yesterday was another big day for the British air service. A large number of battles were fought over this front, with the honors decidedly in favor of the British. At least six enemy planes were destroyed and nine other machines were brought down out of control.

In the course of last week's air fighting one brilliant young Britisher accounted for his twentieth machine. Pantziu Captured.

Berlin, Aug. 13, via London.—Troops under Field Marshal Von Mackenson yesterday captured the Roumanian town of Pantziu, a railroad junction in southern Moldavia, which had been desperately defended by the Russian-Roumanian forces. The capture of the town was reported officially today by the German general staff.

NO PASSPORTS FOR STOCKHOLM MEETING

Announcement Made in the House of Commons by Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour.

London, Aug. 13.—The first hint of the government's attitude regarding the granting of passports to the delegates to the Stockholm conference was given during question time in the House of Commons today when Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the British foreign minister, in reply to a question by Joseph King, said that no passports had been granted to the delegates to the Irish trade union congress to attend the Stockholm conference, and that none would be granted, if applied for.

Developments Yesterday Disclosed That North End Provision Dealer Was Probably Financially Embarrassed and Had Not Been Conducting Profitable Business.

THE REVOLVER HELD CLOSE TO HEAD OF MARKET MAN WHEN FATAL SHOT FIRED

Latest Theory is That Friend of Williams May Have Found Body Before Drug Clerks and Detective Duncan and Have Secreted Gun—Reason to Believe Williams Borrowed Money on Insurance Policy.

Was Harry Williams a suicide? Investigation yesterday by Standard reporters did not develop one fact which would bear on the murder theory although several possible clues were run to earth without result.

In the first place it is fairly well established that Mr. Williams had business troubles, that he was, or had been, financially involved to a point where he found it necessary to borrow on his life insurance, that his business profits were not large, while his legitimate expenses were considerable. He was not a morose man but he worried over business and this being the case the opinion is now held that, while temporarily despondent, he may have taken his own life.

The strongest point in support of this theory, which is gradually displacing that of deliberate murder, is the medical evidence which was to the effect that the weapon by which the fatal injury was inflicted was held close to the head and the bullet, being nickel-cased and having great penetrative quality, passed directly through the head. Mr. Williams was not a weakling, he was not asleep at his desk when killed, and it is inconceivable that the assassin could have approached him from behind, placed the revolver against his head and fired the shot without Williams hearing him. If he had heard him Williams naturally would have turned, and if he had turned the bullet would have taken a different course.

Then there is the question of motive. In most cases of murder the motive can be classified under one of the five following heads: Robbery, revenge, a woman, sudden passion, or insanity. Six days of most careful enquiry by police and reporters has failed to develop a single clue leading to any of the first four. There was no incentive to robbery. Williams' general popularity and the testimony of his many friends indicate that he had no enemies; consequently he was not killed for revenge. His home life was ideal, his moral character of the highest and the third motive did not exist. He had no quarrel and was not killed in passion. There is then the solitary idea that his murder was the work of a maniac. This was generally held at first but subsequent investigation does not throw additional light upon it and the investigators are now inclined to cast it into the discard.

There still remains the theory of suicide, the only weak link in which is the absence of the revolver. If Williams was financially embarrassed, if his business affairs were not prospering and if he was inclined to worry, constant reflection over small profits and growing expenses might render him despondent, and even cause him to take his own life. It is also not impossible that the absence of the revolver may be explained in time.

In short, as the case stands now, there is at least as much to support the theory of suicide as any of those advanced to prove murder. The affair continues to monopolize attention and the premises on Main street are still a centre of attraction for the morbidly curious. There is, however, little to see there. Drawn blinds on windows and doors screen the scene of a tragedy the entire circumstances of which may never be revealed.

UNITED STATES ARMY CHARGED WITH GRAFT

Two Members of Exemption Board in New York Held in \$5,000 for Grand Jury.

New York, Aug. 13.—The two members of exemption board No. 99, Louis L. Cherry and Dr. Samuel J. Bernfield, who have been in the Tombs prison since their removal from office and arrest charged with conspiring for pay to exempt men eligible for draft, were arraigned today before United States Commissioner Hotelcock and held in \$5,000 bail for action by the grand jury.

Kalmar Gruber, accused as an "exception blank distributing agent," was arraigned at the same time and held in \$2,500 bail. All three waived examination. Later bail was furnished and the three were released.

JAP MISSION ARRIVES

A Pacific Port, Aug. 13.—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here today. It was headed by Viscount Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and was received by State Department representatives and by city officials.

POW-WOW AT KIEV. Petrograd, Aug. 13.—The Central National Council of the Ukraine has decided to convene on August 28 at Kiev, a congress of delegates of all nationalities with a view to the political re-organization of Russia on the basis of a federal republic.

HUN AIRMEN INTERRED. Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—A German airplane, with two occupants, landed yesterday at Oostburg, a Dutch town near the Belgian border, 15 miles northeast of Bruges. The occupants of the machine were interred.