

DEFENCE SAYS CLARK INSANE WHEN HE SHOT

Family Witnesses in Grand Falls Murder Reveal Long Life of Insanity in Family

FAMILY TAIN IS INCREASED BY HURT

Prisoner Shows No Interest at All in the Trial and the Evidence Produced.

Special to The Standard
Andover, N. B., Dec. 1.—If you have an uncle who may have been regarded as a real "devil in his old home town," and if that uncle took a sudden change when the travelling preacher came around, put on his best suit of clothes and went to the cottage prayer meeting where he prayed faster than "Bill Sharona," can't you watch out, it is a sign of insanity.

If perchance, you have another uncle who used to get drunk, it may be regarded as another queer thing in the family tree, all of which might be given a twist to prove you are insane. These were some of the things brought out by the defense today in an effort to convince the jury that Newman Clark is not guilty of killing Phoebe Bell, because he was insane at the time he shot her and was, therefore, not responsible for his acts.

Admits the Crime

The defendant's counsel, in opening his case before the jury said that he didn't deny that Newman Clark killed Phoebe Bell on March 25th, but that when he did he was insane and had for some time been acting in a queer and unnatural manner, his mind being weakened by disease until it became deranged and the illness was reached on March 25 when reason fled and the physical man, without any control, committed the murderous assault.

Somewhere in the far past there were two families, one by the name of Russell and the other a Dorsey. Charles Clark, father of Newman, had the flannel blood flowing in his veins and there was insanity there while the Dorsey blood traversed the system of Newman Clark's mother and insanity was there to be alleged.

Open Family Closes

Family closets were opened up by Mr. Jones, attorney for the prisoner, and some of the things that members of a family do not like to reveal publicly were brought to view in order if possible to save the prisoner from the gallows. The defendant's counsel sought to show that on both sides of Newman Clark's family there was insanity the affliction coming from the grandmother's side in each case. Witnesses were produced to substantiate the contentions of the defense. Uncles and cousins, besides an aged grandfather, and a mother, bowled by her sorrow and grief over the prisoner's predicament, told of the weaknesses existing in the family line and of the insanity among uncles and aunts. The prisoner's career from babyhood to his present state, when he went on a farm for himself, was told by the mother.

Fits While a Child

She said that in infancy he had been subject to fits. These persisted until he was about four years old when they seemed to have disappeared. They returned when he was 15, but nine years of age and caused him much trouble. After the attacks had ceased the boy, she said, would suffer severely with headaches and be in a semistupor condition. It was also brought out in evidence that Newman Clark, when a lad, had received two severe injuries to his head by falls.

Taint From Two Sides

The defendant's counsel maintains that the taint of insanity has been inherited from both sides of the family, and has been aggravated to some extent by the injuries received in boyhood. Witnesses were produced, mostly relatives, who claimed that there had been a great change in the last four years. Testimony was given showing that he had always conducted his affairs successfully until four years ago when he apparently lost interest and neglected his duties. It was said he was unable to carry on any conversation he may have started because of lapse of memory, that he would frequently lay something down that he had in his hand and then forget where he placed it. Members of the family testified that Newman would at times become morose, sit with his head in his hands and never speak unless spoken to, mannerisms foreign to his natural self. All these things on being related into a chain of evidence to convince the jury that the prisoner was insane when he killed Phoebe Bell and cannot be held to pay the penalty for his crime.

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TWO BIG QUESTIONS

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—Two important questions—political and co-operative marketing of grain—are to be discussed at a meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculturists in Winnipeg on Dec. 7 and 8, and vital decisions may be reached.

Christmas Nuts To Be Much Cheaper Than in Other Years

Drop of From 25 to 35 cts. Per Pound is Reported by the Wholesalers.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—Christmas nuts and raisins, as well as other holiday goodies will be much cheaper this season, according to a local wholesaler today. Although people put off ordering so long, that walnuts, almonds and filberts will be scarce and difficult to buy, housewives will notice a considerable difference in their cost. What the grocers bought a year ago for 85 cents, they are now purchasing for from 50 to 55 cents. Filberts and other varieties are reduced from 15 to 20 per cent.

RUM RUNNING BY AIRSHIP IS LATEST SCHEME

Ring at Winnipeg Has Clever Plan to Beat the Liquor Inspectors.

POLICE HAVE TAKEN FORTY-FOUR AUTOS

Fines When Offenders Are Caught Are Paid by the "Trust."

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—Airplanes are being used constantly by members of the alleged crime trust, which police believe has its headquarters in Winnipeg to smuggle liquor and other goods across the border, the Tribune declares it learned today. The Tribune story continues: "The mounted police and customs department officials campaign against the smugglers is proceeding with great energy."

Capture 44 Autos

With the last two months, forty-four automobiles have been seized while actually engaged in the running of liquor and smuggling of other goods. The officials are now in possession of full evidence, proving most thorough and costly organization on the part of the law-breakers, even to the extent that American smugglers have been and are guaranteed by certain liquor dealers and boot-leggers against interference by Canada law, so that when smugglers are captured the liquor people with whom they do business in Manitoba pay the penalty."

D'ANNUNZIO AT WAR WITH ITALY

State of War Will Come Into Effect on Friday Says Report.

DUTCH CABINET RESIGNS ON ISSUE OF SCHOOL SALARY

London, Dec. 1.—The Dutch cabinet has resigned as a result of the second chamber parliament rejecting the government's proposal for higher salaries for teachers, says a despatch to the Central News from The Hague. The Netherlands Cabinet, headed by Jonkherr De Beerenbroek took office in September, 1918.

EX-GERMAN EMPRESS IS EXTREMELY WEAK

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 1.—The condition of Augusta Victoria, the former German Empress, was little changed during the day. She was still fully conscious at five o'clock this evening, though much exhausted by the heart attacks.

FARMERS WILL NOT JOIN GOVERNMENT IN MANITOBA HOUSE

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—William Robson, leader of the Farmers' Party in the provincial legislature in a statement today, claims that he was entirely misquoted on November 22, when he was reported as having said that he and his party had agreed to support the Norris Government for one year. The Farmers' Party in the legislature would continue its absolute independence, he said.

LIBERALS IN LEAD IN THE B. C. ELECTION

Sharp Contests Are Reported in Many of the Ridings of Province.

MRS. RALPH SMITH MAKES FINE RUN

Definite Reports Not Expected Until Today as Ridings Are Hard to Reach.

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—With election returns from nearly all the ridings in the province still far from complete at 8:30 p.m., the Liberal candidates in many of the constituencies appear to be in the lead with their Conservative opponents close up.

Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines, has been elected in Nanaimo. Whit-side, Liberal, New Westminster, is elected by 381 majority, and Anderson, Liberal, in Kamloops, has a good lead. Four Liberal candidates in Vancouver appear at this hour to be leading, with the Conservative candidates holding a strong vote. In Victoria, three Liberals and one Conservative are leading. Mr. Ross, Conservative, is elected in Nelson by over 400.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—Four Liberal candidates are leading in this city, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Liberal, leads the poll, with MacKenzie, Farris, W. Macdonald, with Hon. J. W. Bowser, Conservative, following. Warden, Conservative, and Ramsey, Liberal, are close for sixth place—six to be elected.

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Standing at 8:30, western time, was: Elected, 3 Conservatives, 8 Liberals, 1 Independent, 1 Labor.

Roseland—Final, McLeod, Liberal, 1,773; Edging, Conservative, 243; Binagwall, Farmer-Labor, 225.

Newcastle—Guthrie, Socialist, elected. Geddie, Socialist, 651; Fraser, Liberal-Conservative, 462; Hawthorne, Labor, 393; Beckie, Soldier, 148; majority, 153.

Labor Man Wins

Pernie—Nine small polls to hear from—Uphill, Labor election conceded. South Vancouver—18 of 16—Rogers, Liberal, 1,118; Jones, Conservative, 1,099.

South Vancouver—Neelands, Labor, probably elected, leading by 569.

Richmond—Conservative, probably elected by 214 majority.

Greenwood—Hon. Dr. Maclean, Minister of Education, elected by 100 majority.

GEN. OBREGON NEW PRESIDENT OF ALL MEXICO

Fourth Time in 99 Years That New Executive Elected Peacefully.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—General Alvario Obregon was inaugurated president of Mexico at midnight last night. The simple ceremony of taking the oath of office marked the fourth time in the republic's history of 99 years that the executive power has been transferred peacefully.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA
College Hall, a part of Acadia University at Wolfville, N. S., is burned, with a loss of \$200,000. Bank robbers held up Merchant's Bank at London, Ont., and got loose money.

Brompton Paper and Hammer Co. closes work for the winter. Three escaped from Port Arthur prison after locking up the ward on a cell.

Bread is dropping to 14 cents per loaf retail in Edmonton today.

THE BRITISH ISLES
Since the first of the year 573 British subjects have been murdered in Ireland. Attempts to make many raids on Sinn Fein quarters in England and Scotland. Workless crowds in a London suburb have taken possession of the city hall as a place in which to live.

MEXICO
General Obregon has been inaugurated as president of Mexico.

EUROPE
D'Annunzio has declared war on Italy, the state of conflict to begin on Friday.

SAILOR CHASED BY THE FLYING DUTCHMAN DEAD

John Winters of Gloucester Claimed to Have Seen Ghostly Ship He Had Sunk.

PHANTOM CREW IN THE RIGGING

Vessel That Caused Fatal Accident Was Driven from Sea by the "Dutchman."

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 1.—The burial today of John Winters recalled to old time fishermen, a tradition of a modern Flying Dutchman and its ghostly crew that were believed to roam the seas in pursuit of a ship that had sunk them to the bottom. Winters was the last survivor of the crew of the Gloucester schooner Charles Haskell, which in a storm in March, 1889, was driven ashore and sunk. Salem fishermen and the entire crew on Georges fishing banks. He died of the fishermen's saug harbor in his 82nd year, repeating almost to the last the tale of the ghost ship of the fishing banks which was supposed to have pursued the Haskell throughout its career as a phantom.

Saw Phantom Crew.
Once off Eastern Point, at the entrance of Gloucester harbor, Winters said, a schooner ran down the water alongside the Haskell, and her phantom crew climbed the rigging, declaring themselves the ghosts of the Salem fishermen. Winters and others of the Haskell's crew refused to fish in the ship again, and a new crew was taken on. They returned with a similar story of a ghostly visitation at sea, took their dunnage bags and quit. Another, and still a fourth crew were shipped, but each came to port with a renewal of the story of a ship abroad in white and specter crew and the Haskell was hauled up, unable to get men. She finished her sea-going as a sand freighter, and the Salem ship was not heard of again.

MERCHANTS' BANK ROBBED BY GANG WITH FAST AUTO

Manager and Teller Were Forced to Hold up Hands by the Yeggs.

London, Ont., Dec. 1.—London experienced its first bank robbery when armed and masked bandits held up the South London branch of the Merchants' Bank at three o'clock this afternoon. The thieves secured \$700 and made their escape in a high-powered motor car. The manager and teller were backed up against the wall. The police started in pursuit immediately after being notified of the robbery.

INSPECTOR BELL DIES IN WEST

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—The death occurred here yesterday of Inspector A. L. Bell, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a pioneer officer of the force. He entered the Royal North West Mounted Police twenty-three years ago, and for seventeen years served in the Yukon.

AMHERSTBURG EDITOR IN HARNESS 46 YEARS

Windsor, Dec. 1.—The Amherstburg Echo one of the oldest weeklies in Canada, celebrating its forty-sixth birthday this week. John Ansd, its editor, has been in the harness forty-six years and five other employees have an aggregate of 149 years' service to their credit. The Echo was founded soon after Confederation.

SINN FEINERS MURDERED 673 SINCE JAN. 1ST

Statistics Do Not Include Victims of Londonderry and Belfast Riots.

NEARLY 3,000 RAIDS TO SECURE ARMS

Scotland Yard Busy Rounding up Suspects in England and Scotland.

London, Dec. 1.—Persons to the number of 673 have been killed or wounded in Ireland up to Nov. 31 of the present year by anti-government elements, according to a statement issued today by the Home Office. The deaths do not include twenty persons killed in Londonderry, and sixty-two in Belfast during the summer rioting, nor fifteen cadets killed in the Kilmichael ambush on Sunday night.

The statement says that 151 policemen have been killed and 230 wounded; that twenty-seven soldiers have been killed and 103 wounded. Citizens to the number of forty-one have been killed and 101 wounded.

Nearly 3,000 Raids
Sixty-seven court houses have been destroyed, and 629 police barracks have been destroyed since 1911. There have been 830 raids on constabulary stations and lighthouses. In addition to these there has been 2,961 raids made for arms.

Another official statement says the arrests in Ireland averaged considerably over 100 weekly. During the last three weeks of November forty persons were taken into custody for political offences, including 169 during the last week of the month.

Scotland Yard Busy

London, Dec. 1.—Operations of Scotland Yard, who are dealing with the Sinn Fein organization in London continued today active, searching of residences and business houses in various parts of the city. The searches were carried on mostly in the southwest portion of the city, which is largely a residential district for the middle class. Two men were detained as a result of the searches. One of them later was released, no charge having been preferred against him. The police are maintaining the greatest secrecy with regard to their operations.

Professor Re-arrested

Dublin, Dec. 1.—Professor John MacNeill, Sinn Fein member of parliament, was again arrested last night. He had been released from prison the previous day, having been arrested in Dublin on Nov. 28.

A large party of auxiliaries, equipped with a motor and searchlights, visited Professor MacNeill's residence at Booterstown, near Kingstown, and took him and his second son into custody. His eldest son is already in jail.

Priest is Arrested

Clon, County Kilkenny, Ireland, Dec. 1.—A Catholic priest was arrested last evening. He was conveyed to the military barracks.

AMENDMENT WANTED LEAVE ULSTER UNDER THE IMPERIAL RULE

House of Lords Defeated the Measure by Vote of 111 to 53.

FREDERICTON WOMAN CAPTURED A MOOSE

Fredricton, N. B., Dec. 1.—Mrs. R. S. Wilby, of this city, is one of the few women who succeeded in shooting a bull moose during the hunting season which closed yesterday. In the woods back of Grandpreux Station on Thursday last, where she was hunting with Leonard McAleer as guide, she succeeded in shooting a moose which had a splendid spread of antlers and which was one of the finest specimens of moose shot this season. Mrs. Wilby reports the moose as being very plentiful in that section, there being eleven in the lot in which she shot hers, and seven in another lot which she saw later.

MONCTON WANTS TO SUPPRESS STATESMAN

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 1.—At a public meeting here tonight to protest against allowing Lindsay Crawford to speak in Moncton, a resolution was passed with but seven dissenters, calling upon the government of the Dominion to take immediate steps for the suppression of the publication of the journal known as the Statesman, edited by the said Lindsay Crawford, and published in Toronto.

Edmonton Bread Selling Retail At Eleven Cents Now

Fourth Drop in Prices in Last Two Months Goes into Effect Today.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 1.—Local bread prices broke for the fourth time within two months this morning, when quotations were lowered by one cent. On the glide back to pre-war prices, bread today is being sold at nine cents a loaf, wholesale, and eleven cents retail.

INDIAN LOCKED WARDER IN JAIL AND THEN FLED

Changed His Clothes, Cooked Breakfast and Released Friends Before Flitting.

SENSATIONAL JAIL DELIVERY IN NORTH

Visited Other Cells and Said Good-Bye to Prisoners Before Quitting Prison.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 1.—At the Port Arthur district jail at six o'clock this morning, Joseph Bushie, an Indian convict under sentence of fourteen months, locked his warder in his cell, took his keys, released two others and then went into the jail kitchen, cooked a breakfast, changed clothes and leisurely walked out, leaving the civilian clothes tickets on the jailer's desk as a reminder.

Bushie as the warder was passing his cell, called to him, "Hi, warder, let me out of here, I've got scrubbing to do this morning." Warden Robinson asked the cook if that was so, and the kitchen man intimated that "he thought he might do a little."

Locked in Cell
As the warder opened the cell door, Bushie grabbed him, took away his keys, shoved him into his cell and locked the door. Bushie next released Webb and Gannigan, both short term men, and all three men repaired to the kitchen for a meal before taking their departure. The occupying prisoners took the best of the civilian clothes at hand. Gannigan fancied a machine gun coat belonging to a prisoner, Scotty Fraser. Before the three men left the building they visited the other prisoners, said their farewells, and as Gannigan passed Scotty's cell, he said, "Scotty, I'm going to wear your coat, so that you won't get it out, ta, ta, Scotty, see you later."

The escape was not learned until the day-warder came on duty at seven o'clock.

CONDEMN EXCISE TOBACCO TAXES

Retailers Declare it Bears Unequally Upon the Trade in Canada.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—That the present excise tax on tobacco is wasteful and bears unequally on certain of the interests concerned was the general trend of opinion at the meeting of the tobaccoists section of the Montreal Retail Merchants' Association this afternoon.

According to the present regulations a tax of five cents per pound is levied by the government on the growers, but the evasion of the charge is so easy to the farmer who may simply dispose of a large part of his stock privately without the formality of affixing the government stamp that the total revenue, according to the government amount.

The luxury tax also came up for considerable adverse criticism at the meeting today. "It is making dishonest merchants out of men who otherwise would be honest," said Mr. G. Laplante, president of the association. "Small merchants who know their customers are able to sell to them without charging the additional luxury tax, and this works a hardship on the larger business man who makes an honest return of all luxury charges."

FEDERAL AGENT SAYS HOPELESS TASK TO MAKE NEW YORK DRY

New York, Dec. 1.—Trying to make New York dry is a "hopeless task," says Frank L. Boyd, Federal Prohibition Agent here since Sept. 25, who has been relieved at his own request. In seventy-five days Boyd has made an average of thirty arrests a day and has confiscated liquor valued at \$1,200,000.

SCOTTISH ISLAND DRY

London, Dec. 1.—The island of Lewis in the Scottish prohibition bill has voted dry.

COLLEGE HALL AT WOLFVILLE IS FIRE RUIN

Flames Broke Out at 11:30 Last Night and Soon Destroyed Old Property.

COLLEGE RECORDS HAVE BEEN LOST

Students Found Fire Fiercely and Made Heroic Endeavor to Save Building.

Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 1.—College Hall, a part of Acadia University here, was the scene of a great fire this evening, and as a result it is a total ruin, with a loss of over \$200,000. The flames were discovered by a student in another building, a little before midnight. The alarm was raised at once, and the Wolfville fire department was soon on the scene. With the students it made a heroic endeavor to extinguish the outbreak, but it was soon seen that there was no hope of saving the College Hall, so the brigade centred its efforts upon saving the adjoining properties.

Built in 1879.
The building that was burned was erected in 1879 at a cost at that time of about \$80,000, but it was valued at over \$200,000 at the present time. A great many of the records of the Baptist denomination were stored within and while the students succeeded in saving some of these it is known that the majority were lost in the disaster.

Oil Paintings Gone.
Acadia College hall was one of the central buildings of Acadia University and was used as the administrative office of the institution. Efforts to remove the furniture did not avail much, and many valuable records were destroyed, including the irreplaceable oil paintings of all the past presidents of the university.

The fire was one of the most spectacular ever witnessed in this part of Nova Scotia. Fortunately there was no wind, else there would have been grave danger to the whole town. The fire was confined to the wooden walls of the large structure. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace, and it made rapid headway.

Airship Burned, Too.
The German airplane presented by the Canadian Government to the university, one hundred rifles belonging to the Boy Scouts, all the treasures in the museum, together with the furnishings and a fine collection of stuffed birds, the property of Robie Telfer, were destroyed.

There is insurance of about \$40,000. At 1:30 o'clock this morning only the smoldering ruins of the building remained. At one time it was thought that the fire would extend to the seminary, but fortunately this did not occur. President Cutler is at present in Boston and is not expected home before Friday.

WORKLESS TAKE CITY HALL FOR SLEEPING ROOM

Civic Buildings in Suburb of London Are Occupied by Unemployed.

ONE COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED HOMES

No Violence When City Hall Was Taken Over by Men Who Had No Shelter.

London, Dec. 1.—Restiveness among the city's unemployed, coupled with the lack of housing accommodations, led to the seizure of the town hall at Edmonton, a northern suburb of London, by several hundred men today. The occupation of the building was entirely without violence. The men announce that they will use the town hall as their headquarters until something is done for them.

The town hall at Tottenham, another working district near the city, was the scene of a similar peaceful seizure yesterday. The unemployed men who took possession of the building, however, evacuated it today when the council announced that accommodations had been found for them in the corner's court and in two large storehouses.

TIMES SQUARE HAS \$25,000 NOON FIRE

New York, Dec. 1.—Times Square, the heart of the theatrical district, was thrown into confusion about one o'clock today when a fire broke out in the quarters of a motion picture concern in the Langacre building. Many extra pieces of apparatus were summoned to check the spread of the flames.

A studio room, with contents valued at \$25,000, was destroyed by the fire, which made rapid headway.