

PUBLIC LOSE INTEREST IN M'CUTCHEON TRIAL

Courtroom Half Filled Yesterday
When Case Resumed Monotonous Journey.

DEALS APPEARED HONEST

Sales Agent for Accused Man Declared Western Property Was Not Misrepresented.

The third week of the trial of the McCutcheon Brothers, who are charged with conspiracy to defraud the public in connection with western real estate deals, was commenced yesterday before Mr. Justice Middleton and a jury in the criminal assizes. The trial, which was held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court, was held in the afternoon and was attended by a large number of spectators. The trial was held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court, which was held in the afternoon and was attended by a large number of spectators. The trial was held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court, which was held in the afternoon and was attended by a large number of spectators.

More than a score of witnesses have been heard and the exhibits at the close of yesterday's proceedings numbered 164. Public interest in the case is rapidly decreasing, the courtroom during the last three days' hearings not being nearly so crowded as when the trial commenced.

I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., for the defence, commenced his cross-examination of Walter McCall, a sales agent for the McCutcheon Bros., employed at the Toronto office, when the court resumed.

His evidence was in connection with the Council Crest property at Moose Jaw, which, he said, was the only property he had anything to do with.

He maintained that he did not make an improper representation in connection with this property, and the inauguration of a car service which would run to within a hundred yards of the property, was always pointed out as a future event.

Deals Appeared Honest. Six lots of property at Council Crest were bought by W. H. Huxford, the next witness, who lives at 1201 Dundas street. He understood that a railway was to run near the property, and that about forty houses were to be erected. He also invested a thousand dollars in property at Great Falls, Montana, but he received nothing in return for either of the investments.

Mr. Huxford, who lives at 292 Indian road, declared that the deals appeared to be perfectly honest ones.

At the resumption in the afternoon, A. K. Hull, an electrical engineer and shareholder in the Athabasca Development Company, was put in the box.

This company was the syndicate which handled the Connaught Park subdivision, in which the witness had subscribed \$500.

He stated that A. K. Goodman had approached him in connection with the investment as well as the Connaught Park subdivision, but had not known the form or since childhood in all probability he would not have made the investment.

Mr. Hull was named as a director of the company in the charter and after subjecting the witness to a severe cross examination, Mr. Hellmuth asked if it would be perfectly fair to have called him a dummy.

The witness replied that he depended on Mr. Goodman.

Edwin Smart of Brockville was only connected with the Hull Investors, which was formed in connection with the St. James' Park subdivision at Swift Current.

He said that he had been approached by F. E. Fairbairn and one of the accused, the former stating that the proposition was the finest they had ever handled.

SECOND RAID ON PARIS WAS ABSOLUTE FAILURE

PARIS, Jan. 31.—In the second Zeppelin raid on Paris, at 10 o'clock Sunday night, ten incendiary bombs were dropped. The authorities announced today that no damage was done, so far as is known.

Six of the bombs dropped in the second raid within 24 hours fell in an open field in the suburban section, burning into flame. The others fell in the vicinity of a factory, exploding harmlessly.

ACID STOMACHS ARE DANGEROUS

Nine-Tenths of All Stomach Trouble Said to Be Due to Acidity.

A Physician's Advice on Cause and Cure.

A famous physician whose successful researches into the cause and cure of stomach and intestinal diseases have earned for him an international reputation, said in the course of a recent lecture that nearly all stomach troubles, as well as many diseases of the vital organs, were directly traceable to a deranged condition of the stomach which in turn was due, nine times out of ten, to excessive acidity, commonly termed "acid stomach" or heartburn, which not only irritated and inflamed the delicate mucous membrane of the stomach, but also set up a train of symptoms, such as indigestion, flatulence, and constipation, which, if not treated, would lead to the most serious consequences.

He said that the use of ordinary laxatives, such as castor oil, which merely remove the acid from the stomach, does not cure the disease, but that the only safe and effective treatment is the use of a powerful antacid, which not only neutralizes the acid, but also soothes the inflamed lining of the stomach, and thus brings about a permanent cure. He said that he had treated thousands of cases of acid stomach, and that he had never known a case in which the disease was not cured by the use of his antacid.

KAISER DID NOT INTEND TO WAR WITH BRITAIN

Sir E. Grey Was Germany's Great Idol—Real Facts Withheld From People.

AMERICAN'S IMPRESSIONS

Nation of Suffering, United and Willing to Sacrifice Its All for Victory.

"You have got to reckon with patriotic and united people willing to give to the utmost into what every one of the German people looks upon as a war of self-defence," said Prof. W. A. Nelson of Harvard University, addressing the Canadian Club yesterday. The professor has recently returned from a year's work in Germany and was there for several months during the war.

The professor cautioned his hearers that if he told them any facts of conditions in Germany during the war which were not just as they would wish not to consider him pro-German. "If there is anything that is distinctive between the people of the allied powers as against those of the central powers it is their ability to look truth and facts in the face, and I am going to tell you facts as I saw them," he said.

Wonderful War Machine. "I do not know whether Germany meant to fight Great Britain in 1916 or 1917 or later, but I certainly know she did not expect to fight her in 1914," he said. "Two weeks before Britain entered the war Sir Edward Grey was somewhat of a popular idol in Germany, which shows how little the German people expected war with Britain."

On the outbreak of war he said he saw none of the enthusiastic celebrations of which we had read. The people took the news gravely, soberly, and even with depressed spirits. They had entire faith in their army and in their government to bring the war to a victorious close.

German Stupidity. The cleverness of the German government in moulding public opinion and holding the people unanimous for war is only excelled by their stupidity in their disregard for neutral opinion, the professor said. The docility of the German people, he said, cannot be really understood by Britons and Americans. Anyone who reads French newspapers can know by the erasures of the censor that they are not getting all that the newspaper considered news, whereas, while in Germany, he said he never saw a white space in a paper denoting that the censor had prohibited the use of a certain article. The difference, he explained, is that the French Government says what the press may not use, whereas the German Government tells the press only what they may use.

When the Lusitania was sunk the German people read that the Lusitania, an auxiliary cruiser, with 15 guns on her deck, had been torpedoed.

Nation of Sorrow. In Germany at the present time the professor said the only lounging on the streets were maimed or mutilated men and in the street cars and trains fully half the women were in mourning. "You see this thing over there until it depresses you beyond words; you see a nation in suffering."

He said that up to the 29th of September the German people had not been told about the battle of the Marne. Not until he left Germany and got into Geneva did he read about the repulse of the German army on that memorable occasion.

Speaking of conditions in France he said that during the German advance on Paris and before the battle of the Marne the French people thought the game was up. Now he said the Frenchman's simple logic was that if they could defeat them with inferior equipment then they can defeat them now with superior equipment.

"You do not realize how much faith and dependence they place on you," he said. "The French people hold an affection for the English now as great as affection between two different races can possibly be."

Overcome With Remorse. He had a word to say about air raids and reprisals. It was well known that he started the air raids, but was it worth while for the allies to throw their moral superiority away by reprisals? Very seldom he said does an aeroplane hit what it is aiming at. In conclusion he told a touching story concerning the methods of reprisals adopted. A wounded German crawled over to a wounded Frenchman on the field of battle and gave him a drink from his water bottle. After a while he took quick aim and shot him first. When he put his hand into the Frenchman's pocket to get the revolver he expected to find there he drew out a photograph of the dead soldier's wife and family which he had been going to show him. The professor said that this German lay for weeks in the hospital unable to get well although his wound was a minor one, suffering agony in the realization of the unjustifiable murder he had committed.

NAVAL FIGHT IMPENDING OFF NORWEGIAN COAST

British and German Warships Are Reported Not Far Apart.

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 30.—Extraordinary British and German naval activity has been in evidence along the Norwegian coast the past few days, according to the Stavanger correspondent of the Morgenbladet, who adds that a clash is possible at any time.

British warships and submarines have been sighted off the island of Usk, just north of Stavanger (which is on the lower coast of Norway), and German submarines and cruisers in the Skagerrack.

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\$60 to \$65 PERSIAN LAMB STOLES, \$39.00—These Stoles are made from the best quality, even curl glossy skins; plain round back, or fancy trimmed; finished with best quality black, soft silk lining. Regular price \$60.00 to \$65.00. February Sale, **39.00**.

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\$12.00 CHILDREN'S GRAY LAMB SETS FOR \$6.95—Children's best quality Gray Lamb Sets, storm collar and Empire Muff, well made and trimmed. Regular price \$12.00 per set. February Sale, per set, **6.95**.

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TWO MORE STEAMERS REPORTED LOST AT SEA

Apalachee, British Tanker, and Unidentified Ship Were Victims.

WIRELESS MESSAGES

Captain of White Star Freighter Bovic Has Brought Word.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The White Star freighter Bovic reported on her arrival here today from Manchester that she had picked up wireless messages, indicating that two steamships have been recently lost at sea, heretofore unreported. One was the Apalachee, a British tanker in the government service; the other an unknown steamer, whose crew was rescued by the steamer Finland.

A report that the Finland was standing by a steamer in distress was received by wireless at Halifax on January 26, relayed from the Finland by the French steamer Rochambeau. The message did not furnish any other details nor did the Rochambeau on her arrival here Saturday have any further information.

The captain of the Bovic said that the wireless messages he received as to the loss of the two steamships lacked detailed information. The movements of the Apalachee have not been reported since she entered the government service. She was owned by the Anglo-American Oil Co. of Newcastle, was built in 1914, and was a ship of 2,767 gross tonnage.

Series of Mishaps. An unusual series of mostly unexplained accidents to ships in the Atlantic have been reported lately. The Ryndam arrived at Gravesend damaged in some unrecorded way. The Pomoranian was towed into Queenstown damaged. The Philadelphia is in the Mersey, damaged. Collision with a trawler is given as the explanation. Two Dutch ships are reported in trouble today. The Thuban has been towed up the Thames, damaged, and the Maasdyk has been beached after an accident.

DUTCH STEAMERS INJURED. LONDON, Jan. 31.—A Lloyd's report says that the Dutch steamer Thuban has been damaged and towed up the Thames; also that the Dutch steamer Maasdyk met with an accident, in which two of her crew were killed, and that she was making water rapidly and had been beached in the Thames.

The Thuban, a new vessel of nearly 3,500 tons gross, left New York on January 11th for Rotterdam. The Maasdyk, of about the same tonnage, left Montevideo on December 21 for Rotterdam, according to the latest shipping reports available.

AMERICAN STEAMER OVERDUE. LONDON, Jan. 31.—The American steamer Orleanian is on the overdue list. She left New York Dec. 23 for Malta, and has not since been reported. The Orleanian is considered a bad risk, and the 90 guineas per cent. re-insurance paid indicates that the underwriters have almost abandoned hope for the vessel. She is of 2,293 tons gross and was built in Glasgow in 1886.

MONCTON RE-ELECTS MCANN. MONCTON, N.B., Jan. 31.—L. Wesley McAnn was re-elected mayor of Moncton today by a majority of 202 over Deputy Mayor F. C. Robinson.

BOMBS DROPPED ON DURAZZO.

ROME, Jan. 31.—Durazzo, Albania

has been bombed by Austrian aviators, who dropped manifestos advising the Serbians to return to Serbia, according to The Corriere Della Sera.

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