

BERRY CHILD TELLS FATAL NIGHT STORY

Father and Mother Had Not Quarrelled on Night Before Mother's Death.

MOTHER WORRIED PREVIOUS EVENING

Dr. Abramson Says Blow on Ear Would Produce Unconsciousness But Not Death.

Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., March 21.—Some important evidence was given in the Rachel Berry case today by Dr. Abramson, provincial pathologist, who held a post-mortem on the body of Mrs. Annie Berry at Petitcodiac last week, and at the hearing today he gave the results of his findings.

Owing to the advanced stage of decomposition in which he found the body, Dr. Abramson was unable to examine any part of the remains but the head.

He corroborated other witnesses as to the bruise on the right ear and declared that there was evidence that Mrs. Berry had received a blow on the ear before death, which caused hemorrhage in the inner cells in his opinion the condition in which he found the right ear was caused by a severe blow likely to produce unconsciousness, although not sufficient to cause death, as the skull was not fractured.

Dr. Abramson Dr. Harry L. Abramson, provincial pathologist of St. John, the first witness called by the prosecution this morning. He examined the skull and found that the internal ear, on the right side showed hemorrhage into its cells; that in the internal ear on the left side such condition was not shown. There was no fracture of the skull.

This hemorrhage on the right side, he said might be caused by force on the outside ear. It would be a severe blow. In his opinion, such a blow might be sufficient to produce unconsciousness as it caused hemorrhage of the internal ear. It would be more probably a blow at right angles or in other words a direct blow rather than a glancing blow.

Not Self-Administered Being asked about the effect of grasping a person by the throat before death, Dr. Abramson said that pressing of that kind would likely have raised marks about the neck. He was cross-examined. Dr. Abramson said he could not tell the cause of Mrs. Berry's death, as the body was too far decomposed. In his opinion the condition he found in the right ear existed before death. He did not think the blow on the ear as found on the body would cause death, although it might have produced unconsciousness. Dr. Abramson declared he was not in a position to contravert the evidence of Dr. King that the death of Mrs. Berry had been caused by drowning.

Child Gives Evidence Olive Berry, the twelve-year-old daughter of accused was next called. She said she was a daughter of the late Missie Berry and lived with her mother. "I last saw her alive on a Saturday night. She could not remember the date. This was after supper. Mother had not gone to bed before I did. She was making up her beds. I saw her around the house all day. I did not notice her ear being bruised on that day or on that evening. She never told me anything about a pain in her ear. The last I saw of my mother she was patching papa's underwear. I went to bed then. I talked with her some."

She next saw her father, she said, upstairs when he told her that her mother was gone. "He had been to sleep," she said. "He came to the bed and woke me up. He was dressed. I began to cry. Father did not go outdoors. He went downstairs. I heard him going down the steps. I did not hear him going outdoors. He was lying down on the bed. He came upstairs again. He had his clothes on then. He went downstairs again and he came up again. He did not go to bed that time. I did not go downstairs. The third time he came up, I think he sat on the rocking chair again. I was crying all this time. He did not tell me where my mother went. He said nothing else. I don't think he was crying. I don't know how long he stayed in the chair. I think he went downstairs again."

Up Very Early Loretta saw her father in the morning. I think he had the lamp burning. It was not quite daylight when we had breakfast. Papa cooked the pancakes. I don't remember whether he said anything about mamma being gone. Before breakfast he went down to see if he could see her tracks and said he could not see her tracks much as they were pretty well filled up. I had been with mother to bed that evening after dark. She said to me she did not know how she was going to put the night in. I don't remember about the bed looking as though he had slept in it. Every time she saw accused he was out of bed. He had on the same suit he always wore.

No Quarrel That Night Under cross-examination witness said her mother never talked that way to her before that Saturday night. She said her father and mother had no quarrel that night, and she never knew of her father beating her mother. Both her parents were good to her. At the conclusion of Olive Berry's evidence the prosecution announced their case closed.

Succeeds Bonar Law

RT. HON. AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN

London, Mar. 21.—Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, was today elected leader of the Unionist party. His selection, effected at the meeting of the Unionist members of the House of Commons at the Carlton Club, was unanimous.

He succeeds Andrew Bonar Law, whose retirement because of ill health was announced last week.

BANDIT FIGHTS 30 POLICEMEN UNTIL KILLED

Desperado Laughs, Swears and Jokes While Blood Runs Down Face.

DIED FIRING HIS LAST SHOT

Man Wanted for Murder Preferred Death in Battle to Hanging.

Chicago, March 21.—A "two-gun" bandit fought thirty policemen until killed with bullets today. He died trying to fire the last shell in his revolver. Buried on a back porch at 3127 Fifth avenue, the bandit made his stand, laughing, swearing and joking while blood streamed from his many wounds. Police have wired his description all over the country. They believe that he is wanted for murder and preferred to die in battle than surrender to a hangman's noose.

The battle started when Policemen James Nix attempted to question the man at Madison street and Francisco avenue. His answer to Nix was a bullet that penetrated the policeman's left leg. Nix sounded the alarm and pursued the bandit, keeping up a running fire. Policeman Walter Borndt joined the chase. Nix, weak from loss of blood, fell after following for several blocks.

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows Church the bandit scaled an iron picket fence. Policemen Berndt and his first clear shot and put a bullet in the right shoulder of the man, who screamed as he returned the fire. He at last reached the alley, climbed the stairs of the two-story brick building at 3127 Fifth avenue and crouched in a dark corner, prepared to shoot it out.

Shot-Gun Squad. Police Lieut. Wm. Fitzgerald arrived at this time with a squad of policemen. In a few moments the shotgun squad from the detective bureau reached the scene.

Sergeant C. J. Fitzgerald and Policeman John Finerty located the bandit on the porch. Others had climbed to the roof of a two-story building across the alley and started a steady fusillade. Mrs. Anna Sutherland lives alone in the apartment where the man took refuge. Going through her apartment, Sergeant Fitzgerald, Garrett Brennan and Policeman Finerty kept up a rapid fire, swooping the back porch. The bandit drove six bullets through the glass door, aimed at the police.

"Come and get me, you —" he called at them. Finerty took aim and fired. His bullet struck the man in the temple. The three rushed out on the porch. One revolver lay by the fallen man; a grip and another and tried to fire the last shot as he sank back dead.

Sinn Feiners Draw Ulster Boycott Closer

Irish Parliament Forbids Census as "An Invasion by Alien Authorities on Irish Rights."

Belfast, March 21.—Tightening of the Ulster boycott "until the British war of aggression on the Irish people ceases," was considered at a meeting of the available members of the Dail Eireann today. From time to time, it was decided, the Sinn Fein "ministry" through the department of trade will issue decrees naming prohibited articles. Fair notice will be given before their enforcement.

BEST OFFERS OF STANDARD'S CONTEST MADE

\$1,400 Maxwell Touring Car Offered as Special Prize for Best Work in 3 Weeks.

FOUR TIMES REGULAR NUMBER OF VOTES

See the \$1,000 Guarantee in Today's Contest Ad. That Best Offers Are Now On.

The Automobile and Movie Star Department of The Standard is making an announcement of unusual interest to the Standard's prize competitors in today's issue.

Another Special Auto. Another automobile will be given away as a special prize in the big contest. The special auto this time will be a five-passenger Maxwell, with a cash value of \$1,400. It will be given to the contestant who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money during a three week period beginning today and ending Monday, April 11th at 6 p. m.

The Maxwell is an extra prize and all votes secured while working for it will count towards the big Studebaker, the Gray-Dort, the regular prize Ford, the Movie Star Contracts and the other regular prizes.

Equal Start. All contestants start out with a "clean slate" for the special prize Maxwell. Work done previous to the announcement of this special offer does not count on the Maxwell. There are no new contestants or those low in the list have an equal opportunity to win this special prize auto, with those already enrolled.

Vote Schedule Quadrupled. To aid the contestants in getting the early start for the special prize Maxwell auto, four times the regular number of votes will be given for all subscriptions secured this first week of the special Maxwell offer. See full details of the offer in today's contest page. Also see the \$1,000 Guarantee on that page that the best offers of the contest are now in force. The Maxwell auto is the last special prize offer of the contest. The quadrupled vote schedule offer is the best vote offer of the contest.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL IN THE BIG PRIZE CONTEST; OR IN YOUR OWN INTEREST ENROLL NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BUSY.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—"The Girl From Nowhere." (A Musical Comedy).

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—"Geo. Welsh in 'No. 17'."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Mae Marsh in "The Little 'Fraid Lady'."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmdom's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

SEVEN SOLDIERS KILLED BY IRISH

Train Ambushed Near Headford Jct. in Kerry County—Twelve Others Wounded.

Dublin, March 21.—Seven members of the Crown forces, including an officer, were killed and twelve were wounded when a train was ambushed today, according to official announcements. The attack occurred near Headford Junction, County Kerry.

Tried to Wreck Amherst Train

Amherst, N. S., March 21.—The railway authorities are investigating an attempt made today to wreck a coal freight train, a mile from Amherst. The train was proceeding at a moderate speed and the engineer on looking out of the cab window, saw a sleeper wired to the rails. The train was slowed down, and the cow catchers hurried the obstruction to the side of the rails.

ENDORSE NEW SENATOR

Moncton, March 21.—Senator J. A. McDonald, A. R. Mosher, president of the C. B. of R. E. James Tighe, president of New Brunswick Federation of Labor, Alderman L. McKinnon and C. A. Melancon addressed a labor meeting in the city hall tonight with Mayor A. C. Chapman presiding. The Mayor said that their object was to endorse in a complimentary to the Senate of J. A. McDonald. Senator McDonald spoke in sympathy with the no reduction of wages for the railwaymen and declared that he would cooperate every moment of his life to the working man. The other speakers endorsed the appointment of J. A. McDonald to the Senate as a representative of labor.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA. House of Commons member suggests fifty million dollars set aside for house building aid.

Long discussion in the Commons upon right of Senator-Ministers to discuss their departments in the House of Commons.

Twelve year old child of Eusebio Berry tells story of the family events of the night before her mother was shot dead.

UNITED STATES. Fordney embargo Bill will be rushed before the new House by President Harding.

One boy killed and six injured at Syracuse when express train hits truck load of basket ball players.

THE BRITISH ISLES. Seven soldiers killed and twelve hurt when Irish ambush train of soldiers.

Rt. Hon. J. Auston Chamberlain is elected head of the Unionist party as successor of Andrew Bonar Law.

ARCHBISHOP MANNIX in Paris on his way to report to the Pope in Rome.

Upper Silesia votes for German allegiance by large majority.

CUT DEAD WOOD FROM C.N.R. SAYS HON. T. A. CRERAR

"Then Put It Squarely up to Management to Make Good" His Advice.

WANTS MORE MEN FOR FARM WORKS

Settle Newcomers Along National Lines and So Make Business for Railways.

Toronto, March 21.—Addressing the Canadian Club at luncheon today, Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive Unionist party, considered the problem of settling newcomers along national lines and so making business for railways.

Dealing with the railway problem, he offered a recipe for the deliverance of Canada from the incubus of national railways.

"To me," Mr. Crerar said, "it appears the whole system should be gone over and the dead wood cut out."

"Cut Out Dead Wood" "It should then be put squarely up to the management to make good. Along with this the government should inaugurate a vigorous immigration policy, bringing into Canada only people suitable for agricultural work and adaptable for rural citizenship through possession of its potentialities.

These should be settled along our national railways and furnished the nucleus for future profit-paying traffic. If a policy somewhat along these lines were carried out, while there would be a deficit for some years to come, it should be on the road to the goal where these roads eventually would pay and become assets to Canada instead of liabilities."

Preliminarily, Mr. Crerar in his address traced the origin of farmers' organization in the western provinces. Economic necessity was the foundation of the movement—means to surmount difficulties in marketing of the grain, involving necessarily a breaking away from existing marketing and transportation conditions. Development on co-operative principles followed two lines—business and educational. He denied the charges that farmers were narrow minded.

Every Record For March Day Broken

Eighty-Nine Was Official Temperature in Washington But Some Said It Was Hotter.

Washington, March 21.—The beginning of spring today brought to the Atlantic coast region of the United States the highest temperatures ever recorded for March 21. Washington led nearly a dozen cities in the coastal region with an official temperature of 89 and a street level temperature as measured by government thermometers of 99. The city sizzled and sweltered as in mid-July. New York reported a record March 21 temperature of 88; Philadelphia, 87; Boston 82; Hartford, Conn. 82; Portland, Me. 78; Raleigh, N. C. 86 and Norfolk, Va. 80.

Antelope Reserve Is Planned For West

Ottawa, March 21.—With Western Canada's antelope herds reduced to between 800 and 900, the government has created a national reserve, extending over 6,000 acres near Nemiskam, Alberta, with the view to saving this animal from extinction.

ARCH. MANNIX IS ON WAY TO SEE THE POPE

In Paris Now as Guest of Church for English Speaking Catholics.

MAY TAKE OATH ON AUST. ALLEGIANCE

Island May Ask Him to Do So in Report Reaching French Capital.

Paris, March 21.—Archbishop Mannix of Australia, arrived quietly in Paris this morning on his way to Rome for an official visit with the Pope and to make a report on his diocese. He probably will leave for Rome tomorrow.

While in Paris, Archbishop Mannix will be the guest of Clergymen of the church for English-speaking Catholics. He refused to grant an interview to newspapermen today, but through his secretary, it was indicated the Archbishop would have no objection to taking the oath of allegiance upon his relation to Australia.

A request for this effect is to be made by the Australian Government according to Melbourne despatches received here.

TRAIN PLUNGED INTO BALL TEAM

One Boy Killed, Six Injured in Accident Near Syracuse, N. Y. When Boys Run Down.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 21.—One boy was killed and six others injured tonight when the second Empire express on the New York Central lines crashed into a truck carrying thirty boys at Kirkville 12 miles east of Syracuse.

The boys were all from Marcellus and were on their way to Kirkville for a basketball game. The truck was hurled into a ditch. Farmers rushed to the aid of the victims. Harold Wilson was found dead and six of his companions in serious condition were rushed to Syracuse hospitals.

Twenty Strikes Due To Wage Reduction

Building Trades of Boston Are the Most Disturbed by Actions.

Boston, March 21.—Twenty strikes and lockouts exist in Massachusetts at present, according to the State Department of Labor and Industries. The majority are said to be directly traceable to attempts to reduce wages, to establish open shops or to both of these causes. The largest of the labor disputes is that of the Boston building trades.

The statement says the reports which the department has at hand indicate an improvement in the textile industry, especially with reference to the manufacture of woollen goods, although it is felt that the output of the mill is as yet far from normal.

Preached Six Hours To Hold His Pulpit From His Successor

Then Newcomer Called Two Policemen to Put End to Prolonged Sermon.

North Bergen, N. J., Mar. 21.—The story of how Rev. Ernest Whitcomb, Pastor of the Beulah Mission of the Church of Jesus, preached for six hours straight and even munched his supper in the pulpit before surrendering to the rostrum to his duly elected successor, became known here today when five parishioners, loyal to Mr. Whitcomb, were ordered arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct. When the new pastor, Rev. Harold M. Moss, of Springfield, Mass., arrived at the mission to take charge he found Mr. Whitcomb preaching. Mr. Moss did not desire to interrupt the services, but nevertheless called for two church officers and two policemen.

Then he waited for Mr. Whitcomb to end his sermon. But Mr. Whitcomb preached from 2 P. M. until 8 P. M. and many of his congregation stayed with him. Finally the new pastor called on the old to "resign and get out" at the same time motioning toward the policemen. Mr. Whitcomb then stopped preaching, but the five members of his flock placed under arrest were alleged not to have surrendered so meekly.

Philadelphia, Mar. 21.—Peter D. Trayway, who was convicted of murder in the second degree on Saturday for the killing of Henry T. Piazza, manufacturer and sales agent, here last November, was today sentenced to be brought down as to the information gathered.

Proposes Division Of British Columbia

Resident Claims Northern Part Has the Wealth But Little Representation.

Victoria, B. C., March 21.—A proposal that the Province of British Columbia be divided in two, is being seriously put forward here by residents of the northern part of the province. According to reports, the proposal has public approval behind it. B. Brynildsen, prominent merchant and business man of Bella Coola, is here endeavoring to obtain support among members of the legislature for a division of the province. Mr. Brynildsen points out that the northern portion of British Columbia has but four representatives in the legislature out of a house of 47 members and declares that the north contributes more than half the wealth of the whole province.

SUGGESTS FIFTY MILLION TO AID HOUSE BUILDING

Commons Shows Wide Diversity of Views on Desirability of Help.

ONE WOULD DRIVE MEN FROM CITIES

Alleges Country Suffers Because Too Many Are Quitting the Farms.

Ottawa, March 21.—H. C. Hocken (Toronto West) moved a resolution in the Commons this afternoon favoring federal grant of \$10,000,000 annually for a period of five years, or that every industrious, frugal, and thrifty citizen of the Dominion could become the owner of a lot and house. The resolution suggested that the first year of the loan, or longer, be confined to men who served overseas.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux suggested that the mover amend the resolution so that it would not call for the expenditure of any definite amount within five years as it did at present.

Aim of Measure. Mr. Hocken agreed. His chief aim in bringing the matter before the house was to secure the means for a proper discussion of the subject. Mr. Hocken said the scheme could be managed by a permanent housing board and arrangements made with loan companies in every locality to loan the government's money under their own responsibility. He suggested co-operative building.

Nesbitt Opposes. E. W. Nesbitt (North Oxford) was opposed to any project which would involve the government in a loan business, remarking: "Any money people get from the Government does not worry them whether they repay it or not."

Further grants under the Dominion Housing scheme of 1919, were advocated by W. G. MacQuarrie (New Westminster) who read a memorandum from the G. W. V. A. of this city urging such action. Mr. MacQuarrie argued that under the housing scheme the Dominion assumed no responsibility, merely financing the project which was then guaranteed by the provinces and municipalities. He considered the \$25,000,000 made available for housing purposes had served a good purpose, yet the amount was insufficient.

Driven From City. Every inducement is being made today to draw people from the country to the city. W. K. Baldwin (Sturtevant) declared in opposing the resolution. He favored new taxation which if necessary would drive the people from the city to the country. Rural districts showed many vacant houses and until these were filled he was opposed to any aid being given the cities to make the situation still worse.

"Too much paternalism," was seen in this resolution and in most schemes of a similar nature by F. S. Cahill (Pontiac) who declared that Canada's credit stands jeopardized as a result of having undertaken such ventures.

No Report Coming From Tariff Board

Ottawa, March 21.—Replying to a question by J. P. Johnston (Lox Mountain) Premier Meighen said the government did not contemplate legislation amending the present immigration laws with a view to improving conditions on the government railways.

Elias Richard, (Westchester) was told by the Prime Minister that it was not the practice for commissioners on the tariff to submit a report. The minister of finance would probably inform the House when the budget was brought down as to the information gathered.

FORDNEY BILL TO BE PASSED IN QUICK TIME

President Harding Plans to Have it Passed at New Session of the House.

PROBABLY WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS

New Chief Executive Thinks It is Essential for American Trade Security.

Washington, March 21.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill precisely as introduced by former President Wilson will be re-introduced in Congress as the first important legislation of the extra session. According to the request of President Harding for passage of a measure designed to help the farmers against foreign competition, Republican members of the House, Ways and Means committee moved today after agreeing almost unanimously a week ago not to consider any emergency legislation ahead of a permanent tariff and revenue revision.

Within Ten Days. Senators Fearson, Smoot and Cumber, conferees of the Senate finance committee agreed to the new programme, which it was explained, meets the approval of the President. Senator Fearson expressed the belief that the emergency measure would be in the hands of Mr. Harding within ten days after the convening of the special session April 11. After discussion of the emergency measure the first few days of the extra session the House will take up and pass the anti-dumping bill, which will be followed by the allied measure fixing a United States valuation on goods which must pay ad valorem duty.

Then will come the permanent tariff, which Republican leaders hope will be passed before Congress adjourns in all the sessions demanding an upward revision. The actual work of framing it will begin tomorrow, hearings having been concluded at the last session.

ENGINEER FAILS TO SEE SIGNALS

Fireman Also Partly Responsible for Fatal Collision at Porter, Ind.

Washington, March 21.—Failure of Engineerman Long of the Michigan Central train to observe and obey certain signals was responsible for the Porter, Ind. wreck in which 37 persons were killed and twenty injured, the Inter-State Commerce Commission's bureau of safety reported today.

A contributing cause of the wreck, the bureau report stated, was the failure of Fireman Black, also of the Michigan Central train, to observe properly the signal indication at the crossing where the wreck occurred, and to convey the correct information to Engineer Long.

"This accident," the bureau declared, "again calls attention to the necessity for an automatic traffic control device to be used in connection with existing signal equipment for the purpose of automatically controlling the speed of a train in case the engineer fails to observe properly or to operate his train accordingly."

VETERANS WANT HIGHER PENSION

Ottawa, Mar. 21.—The immediate need of increased pension was urged before the Parliamentary committee on soldiers' relief reestablishment this morning by C. G. MacNeil, secretary Dominion Command, G. W. V. A. The present pension, he said, fills the gap between disability earning capacity and normal earning capacity of pensioners.

Proposals tabled by Mr. MacNeil asked for increases in widows' pension \$1 per one per cent of disability pension base; pensions for guardians of pensioners because pensioners are five in Canada and the equalization of pensions irrespective of rank.

Thirteen Houses Burned

Springfield, Mass., Mar. 21.—Loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 resulted from a fire believed to have been accidental, that burned a large barn and 13 houses on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition early today. Most of the houses which were burned were and still are owned by John J. McCarthy, horse breeder and hotel keeper of this city, and the value placed on them is between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

FOUR KNOWN DEAD

Chicago, Mar. 21.—Two more bodies today were taken from the debris of the Armour Grain Company elevator which was wrecked by an explosion Saturday night, making the number of known dead four. Two more bodies were believed still to be hidden under the debris.