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PREDICTS COLLAPSE OF VICTORIA BRIDGE

Charge Witnesses Eavesdrop At Sarnia Trial

DEFENCE RAPS EFFORT TO AID CASE OF CROWN

Attorneys McEvoy and Newton Demand Drastic Ruling From Court.

WAGING BITTER BATTLE

Witnesses Positive Edward A. McMullen Implicated in Robbery.

BY WM. SHARMAN.
Special to London Advertiser.

Sarnia, June 14.—Attorneys J. M. McEvoy and Norman Newton of London, defending Edward A. McMullen, at his trial on a charge of complicity in the robbery of the Wyoming branch of the Bank of Toronto, complained to the court here today that spectators were listening at the doors of the courtroom and carrying the details of crown witnesses, who were excluded, when the hearing resumed Thursday.

As the first crown witness of the day, Mrs. Bessie Hunt of Wyoming, related she was at home the afternoon of October 20, when someone came in and told her about the robbery.

Rushing out to the front yard she saw four men emerging from the bank, one of whom she declared was the prisoner at the bar.

She then tried to get the number of the bandit car but failed.

The prisoner, she said, was carrying a black parcel, which appeared to be somewhat heavy. Running to the corner she saw a McLaughlin auto turn east on the Second Line road.

Cross-examined by Mr. McEvoy, witness stated she anticipated that the bandits would pass her way, but she could not describe the car except to say that it had yellow wheels.

She said that she took particular notice of the wheels before she expected to "see them going round." She would not swear that they were wooden, although she was "almost positive" they were.

Mrs. Hunt said that no detective interviewed her until last week. She had been shown photographs, but she did not want to look at any, not wishing to be mixed up in it.

It was about a week ago also that H. S. Lambert, manager of the bank, had told her that she had made a remark at the Wyoming hearing to the effect that "there is the man who had the money."

"I should not have said it, of course," said the witness. "I got a glimpse of him as they were getting out of the car near the town hall."

She denied that she got up on the running board of the machine and looked at the prisoners.

Reverting again to the day of the robbery, Mrs. Hunt stated that the bandits had run in single file from the bank. McMullen was the second man, she asserted. She recognized him by his walk and build. She was so positive that the bandit she noticed was smooth shaven that, after persistent questioning she agreed that if it could be proven satisfactory that day, he could not be the man. The latter wore a red handkerchief around his neck, she related, and wore rough clothes.

She told Officer Atkins a week ago, she would recognize one bandit, all Turn to Page 3, Column 1.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fair and warm.
Friday—Southerly winds; mostly fair and warm; becoming showery at night.
The area of low pressure centered over Colorado last night is now over South Dakota.

Pressure has fallen in the region of the South Atlantic coast, and has risen over British Columbia and Ontario.
The weather has been fair and decidedly warm in the West. It is fair and warm in Ontario, and continues cool in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Victoria	64	48
Calgary	62	50
Winnipeg	64	52
St. Arthur	62	52
St. Paul	62	52
St. Louis	62	52
St. John	64	52
Kingston	64	52
Ottawa	64	52
Montreal	64	52
Quebec	64	52
St. John's	64	52
Halifax	64	52

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 79; lowest, 45.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 53.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.23.
Today—8 a.m., 29.33.

Fear "Crater of Everlasting Fire" Will Bring Disaster To Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii, June 15.—It Mt. Kilauea, most famous volcano of the Hawaiian Islands, due for one final and destructive eruption—possibly with large toll of life—and then extinction?

In the event that her boiling caldron settles deeper and deeper into the earth, where will it appear next?

These two questions are interesting to scientists who are closely watching the present eruption, the most serious since the famous outburst of 1855. Professor T. A. Jagger, director of Kilauea Observatory, is in charge of the observations.

In this present flow the direction of the lava is to the southeastward, directly opposite from previous flows and passing through valuable forest land and valleys. Kalapana Beach appears to be the possible ocean outlet.

Hawaiians versed in the folk-lore of their country will tell you that, when Kilauea erupts, Pele, goddess of volcanoes, is again wrathful.

Pele, so the legend runs, lost her husband, Wahoia, and after various wanderings finally settled in Halemaumau, "the house of everlasting fire." Halemaumau is the native name for the active throat of Kilauea and is situated at the center of the pit.

Pele, to whom is attributed an almost uncontrollable temper, carries revenge on those she dislikes by flows of molten lava, according to the story. In the dark days of Hawaii human sacrifices were offered to appease her anger.

However, scientists, unimpressed by the wrath of the goddess, in late years have been considering the possibility of harnessing the vast steam and gas discharge and converting it to motive power. It is believed, should experiments to this end prove successful, power could be furnished to sugar plants within a 15-mile radius.

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Crater of Kilauea, "the place of everlasting fire," and (left) view of the lava flowing down the mountain.



View of the City of Hilo, Hawaii, near which Kilauea is located.

HIRED BOY FINDS EMPLOYER DEAD

Fred Smith Flees in Fear When Unable To Wake Ernest Lidston.

Stricken Veteran Purchased Farm Near Crumlin Three Weeks Ago.

While his hired boy ran several miles to tell his parents he could not wake his employer, Ernest Lidston, 52 years old, a returned man, on his farm near Crumlin Wednesday afternoon.

After an investigation Coroner Robert Ferguson decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Asked For Water.
According to the boy, Fred Smith, 17 years old, Lidston complained to him Wednesday that he was not feeling well and asked for a drink of water. After young Smith had obtained it he went to the barn to complete his chores.

At four o'clock the lad returned to the house and found Lidston, apparently in a deep sleep. He shook him but was unable to wake him. After repeating his efforts several times the boy became alarmed and ran from the house.

So frightened was he that he did not stop to notify neighbors, but ran all the way from Crumlin to London, took a car to Springfield Turn to Page 2, Column 2.

JACKSON MEN FOLLOW STRAUB TO LANSING JAIL

State Police Guard Prison Where Alleged Confessed Slayer of Girl Is Held.

Lansing, Mich., June 15.—A squad of state police officers today continued to stand guard at the city jail, where George Straub, alleged confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, was held in safety last night, as several scores of Jackson (Mich.) men demanded the prisoner.

Local officers also were on duty on all streets in the vicinity of the jail to disperse crowds or prevent demonstrations that might lead to another attack by violence.

The band of Jackson men left that city by automobile late last night for Mason, the county seat, where it was believed Straub had been taken, but were informed while en route that the prisoner was still held at Lansing. They came to this city with the knowledge that the prisoner was strongly guarded, and no attempt was made to rush the jail.

Members of the band contenting themselves with a look at Straub, who was aroused from a peaceful sleep and brought into a corridor, Harold Mallett, brother of Straub's victim, led the visitors.

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It is understood Mr. Griffith is satisfied with the result of the negotiations.

Drury Endeavors To Give Business Government

VICTORIA, June 15.—"If you want to ask me what the key to progress is, I should say it was the desire of the people for a business government instead of a political government."

That is what Mr. government in Ontario is endeavoring to give," said Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, who is attending the good roads convention, in an interview last night.

The former premier said he was trying to forget politics on this trip.

COMPLETE IRISH CONSTITUTION

Winston Churchill Will Announce Text in Commons On Friday.

Griffith Said To Be Satisfied With Result of Negotiations.

London, England, June 15.—The constitution for the Irish Free State, in the shaping of which unexpectedly good progress has been made, will be made public tomorrow, which is election day, it was announced by Winston Churchill, the colonial secretary, in the commons today.

The constitution, conforms with the Anglo-Irish treaty, Mr. Churchill said.

The amended draft of the Irish constitution came before the British signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty today for final consideration. Full approval is looked for in view of the statement last night that the draft had been completed in a manner generally regarded as satisfactory to all the parties concerned in the negotiations here.

Viscount Middleton's declaration that he and his colleagues of the Southern Unionists' delegation had concluded their part in the colonial office discussions implies satisfaction with the position of the minorities in Southern Ireland.

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FAILS IN QUEST FOR BEGGAR SOUGHT AS ABDUCTOR OF GIRL

Inspector W. E. Kelly of Children's Aid Society Searches House of Blind Musician in Hamilton Twice Wednesday Without Result.

Returning from Hamilton Thursday morning, after spending several hours in that city in search of the 15-year-old York street girl, who is alleged to have left London with Charles O'Neil, a one-legged beggar, Inspector W. E. Kelly of the Children's Aid Society informed The Advertiser Thursday afternoon that he had not yet located either O'Neil or the girl.

In company with Hamilton officers, Inspector Kelly visited the house where O'Neil and the girl were believed to have been staying at mid-night Wednesday, but could not find either of the missing couple. However, the inspector learned that O'Neil had been at this house until last Friday, when he departed for parts unknown.

The house, which is occupied by a blind musician friend of O'Neil, was searched twice Wednesday, the first time being in the afternoon. While Inspector Kelly was unsuccessful in verifying the suspicion that the London girl was with O'Neil during the visit to Hamilton, he expressed the belief that the suspicion is correct.

"We are making every effort to obtain that girl," declared the inspector, "and you can certainly bet that she will be brought back to London, but not with the idea of punishing her. We did not leave anything undone at Hamilton, and I only wish the man we were looking for had been there. We got much information on the case first-hand at Hamilton, and while I am willing to divulge all that should be told we cannot tell everything."

Meanwhile the widowed mother of the 15-year-old girl in her cottage on York street is worried over the prolonged absence of her daughter, who left London a week ago Sunday presumably for a visit to her grandmother in Thamesford. The mother reported the case to the police when she learned that the girl did not go to Thamesford as she had stated.

She informed The Advertiser that she was looking for the girl.

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INSANITY MAY BE DEFENCE IN DELORME TRIAL

Evidence Submitted to Show Many Members of Family Insane.

PRISONER INDIFFERENT

Jury Sworn In 30 Minutes Consists of French-Canadians.

Montreal, June 15.—The mother of Adelarde Delorme, whose trial for the slaying of his half-brother, Raoul, began in the court of king's bench before Mr. Justice Monet this morning, was discharged from an asylum three days before her death. One of her sisters, an aunt of the accused, was also committed to an asylum, while a third sister, although now living at home, was ordered to be committed to an asylum, it was brought out when the question of the sanity of the prisoner was being considered at the opening of the case.

Records from the St. Jean De Dieu Asylum were submitted to the jury dating back forty years to show the extent of the spread of insanity in the Delorme family, on both the mother's and father's side.

Delorme was brought to the courthouse at a quarter to ten this morning from Bordeaux jail in the governor's automobile, but was not admitted by the customary entrance. Instead, he was taken into the building by the superior court entrance, 9 St. James street, from thence proceeding to the third floor, later being brought down in the elevator to the ground floor and given a seat just outside the cells adjoining the police court.

The prisoner's demeanor was one of utter indifference.

It took only 30 minutes to swear in a jury. The crown challenged twenty-three and the defense eleven of the jury panel. English jurors were ordered to stand aside so that Delorme will be tried by a jury composed wholly of fellow French-Canadians.

When the accusation against Delorme had been read J. C. Walsh, K.C., M.P., crown prosecutor rose, and addressing the jury said the first question to be decided was whether or not Delorme could understand what was going on. It was proposed to call witnesses who would relate certain facts to them.

They had available several medical officers from hospitals who would give their expert opinion on the mental condition of the prisoner. The defense would call its witnesses first, since it was the defense which had raised the point as to whether or not the accused was in a proper mental condition.

There were no cumbersome lunch baskets or other impedimenta to cast even a slight shadow on the day's proceedings, for that very necessary attribute to every picnic, the supper, was entirely arranged by the Smallman & Ingram Company, so that picnickers had no care in the world except how best to enjoy themselves.

Invererie Heights formed the first stopping place, and the afternoon, which was fortunately very cool and delightful, was spent in games and races. A decidedly effective factor in the successful carrying out of the sports was the fact that the sports committee assumed the task of seeing that all available entries were Turn to Page 2, Column 2.

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In Irish Tangle



LADY GREENWOOD.

LADY GREENWOOD, wife of Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary to Ireland, is recognized—unofficially—as one of the most interesting and influential personalities in the Irish tangle.

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When informed of the private engineer's statement Mr. Brazier said: "Several engineers have expected the bridge to go through before now, but it is one of those inexplicable things of life that their prediction has not yet been fulfilled."

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"Ridout street bridge is liable to go through at any time," the city engineer admitted to The Advertiser. "The maximum load permitted to cross it is four tons, but when two autos weighing four tons each pass in the middle of the bridge something is going to happen. Signs have been posted on either end of the bridge warning drivers of its capacity."

"I am protected in case it does go, as I have constantly warned the city council of the danger. When two four-ton loads get on that bridge it is sure to go. Repairs to the bridge during the past few years have not strengthened it any. The bridge was not built to bear present-day loads."

"Why hasn't a new bridge been built?" the engineer was asked.

"Because the ratepayers have voted it down," replied the engineer. "A new bridge, with a breakwater for protection on the south bank of the river, would cost about \$140,000."

Asked regarding the strength of that portion of the bridge over which the street cars run, the city engineer replied that this bridge was built for street cars, and in his opinion is strong enough to bear them to the present time.

"As for the street railway bridge it was built to accommodate the cars and as it is still used for that purpose it should be all right," the city engineer explained. "I have not checked it up, and do not know that I should unless instructed to do so."

"As for the city's portion of the bridge I do know that the under-structure was not built to carry present-day loads, and in my opinion it will not carry them one of these days."

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CITY ENGINEER WASHES HANDS OF ANY BLAME

Declares Council Has Been Warned Repeatedly of Menace to Life.

WARNING SIGNS POSTED

New Structure, With Breakwater, to Cost \$140,000, Defeated in Vote.

Declaring that the Ridout street bridge "is liable to go through at any time," and that he has repeatedly warned the city council of this menace to the life and property of London's citizens, City Engineer H. A. Brazier now declines to assume any responsibility in case the bridge does collapse.

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