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## HON. J. A. STEWART DIES AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Oct. 8.—Hon. J. A. Stewart, former minister of railways, died at the Royal Victoria Hospital here late yesterday afternoon after a prolonged illness.

Though but a comparatively short time in the House of Commons, Hon. J. A. Stewart was popular with his

fellow-members of two Parliaments, and others who came into contact with him. He was also highly regarded for his undoubted ability as a clever speaker and debater and a good organizer. The late Mr. Stewart came to the House in May, 1918, when he was returned by acclamation in a by-election to fill the vacancy for Lunenburg, caused by the death of the sitting member, Hon. A. E. Hanna. A successful business man with a record of achievement behind him, he was soon recognized

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## ABRUPT HALT IN CONFERENCE

Constantinople, Oct. 5.—The question of the evacuation of Thrace was the cause of rupture in the Mudania conference, it was announced at a late hour tonight. The attitude of the Turks and the Greeks was very bellicose, threatening the

success of the conference. Abruptly, though not unexpectedly, the Mudania conference came to halt this afternoon. When it will be resumed is a matter of conjecture. Brigadier-General Harrington, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces and head of the allied delegation, returned this evening on the battleship Iron Duke, and the Italian delegation also came to Constantinople. It is understood that the Allied generals will go into conference with the high commissioners on

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## STABBING AFFRAY AT GRAND DOWNS

As a result of a stabbing affray that took place at Grand Downs, Sunday evening, George Royal, aged about fifty, is in the Miranichi Hospital in a critical condition and Vincent Albert, aged thirty, is in the local jail charged with attempted murder, which charge may be amended to murder.

Both men are residents of Grand Downs, and from reports, Albert and his mother were driving down the road past Royals and the latter was in the yard of his home. Albert called Royal and when he came over said: "What's all this talk about?" Royal replied that he made no talk whereupon Albert drew his jackknife and stabbed Royal in the back. The blade entered just below the right shoulder blade, and made a nasty wound about four or five inches long through which the lung protruded. Albert then got into the wagon and drove off.

Deputy Sheriff Doran was notified and left here accompanied by Dr. McGrath about ten o'clock Sunday night and drove to the scene of the affair. On arrival they found Royal suffering badly and bleeding profusely from the wound which was dressed, and he was rushed to the hospital. Albert was arrested at his own home. The knife with which the stabbing is alleged to have been done is an ordinary pocket knife with a blade about four inches long. Royal is well known in Newcastle having resided here for some years. He served overseas with the 132nd battalion.

## COUNTY FAIR SLIMLY ATTENDED

The County Fair which was held in the exhibition building Chatham, on Wednesday and Thursday, was formally opened Wednesday evening by a large list of speakers in the presence of a very small crowd.

The chairman of the meeting was Geo. E. Fisher and he spoke first, followed by Hon. D. W. Mersereau, minister of agriculture Mayor Fish of Chatham, Hon. J. P. Burchill, Nelson, J. L. Stewart and Mr. Mersereau again.

The fair had been very poorly advertised and as a result neither townspeople nor farmers displayed any great interest in its outcome. There were good exhibits from the school children, agricultural, manual training and domestic science, and the Women's Institute display was worthy of mention.

The general agricultural interests of the County were however but slimly represented. Two local truck farmers had excellent displays for which they deserve credit and a few exhibitors must have made a fairly good thing. But the number of individuals exhibiting seemed very small when contrasted with the possibilities that the county offer. For some reason or other the farmers of this county do not seem to take to the local fairs and the numbers of exhibitors is actually said to be decreasing instead of increasing each year as it would under a popular and successful management. The cause of this lassitude or dissatisfaction should be sought and found out in the interests of the Exhibition and a new policy adopted—Gazette.

## HANGING OF SWIM BADLY MANAGED

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 6.—At five o'clock this morning the trap was sprung that sent Benny Swim into eternity for the murder of Olive Swim at Benton last March. Besides the four doctors and law officers very few were present. The hangman bungled the job and it was nineteen minutes before condemned man was pronounced dead. Carrying out the provisions of the law an inquest was held and the body given over to relatives and at once taken to his father's home in Rockland where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

The condemned man slept at intervals during the night and while in a very weak state was able to ascend the gallows with little assistance. He prayed continuously and was praying when the trap was sprung. In conversation with Rev. H. V. Bragdon he admitted that he feigned insanity at the suggestion of two prisoners who were in the jail at the time and who also advised him to attempt to escape.

### Swim's Confession

Since his arrest the condemned man has not made any statement concerning the crime for which he was convicted. To Rev. H. V. Bragdon he has made the following confession over his own signature. "When I arrived at the house at Benton Ridge Trenholm came to the door and began to abuse me and jumped on me, in the scuffle the revolver fell from my raincoat pocket and Trenholm picked it up. I took it from him. Trenholm then went into the house and returned with a piece of paper with an address to put on a trunk at my home and to be shipped to him at Benton Ridge. He then asked for the revolver and said he would fix me. I said no." He stepped up to me and caught me by the shirt collar and started to rack me in the woodshed and I shot him in the temple.

"Olive came to the door and said 'Bennie I have ruined you, we all deserve it.' She turned and I shot her in the back first, I followed her in the house and shot her again. Then I thought I was doomed and put the revolver back on my ear and pulled the trigger and fell alongside of Olive. I laid there just a few minutes when I got up and went to the hen-pen and sat down in the door. You know the rest."

Sgd. BENNIE SWIM.

### Was Hanged Twice

Woodstock, Oct. 6.—Owing to many conflicting reports in connection with the execution of Benny Swim, in justice to Sheriff Foster, the real facts should be made public. After much difficulty M. A. Doyle, who is the official executioner of the province of Quebec, was secured on the recommendation of Sheriff Lemieux of Montreal. That no hitch would occur another man was also engaged and brought here.

Doyle gave the gallows a thorough test on Tuesday and pronounced everything working satisfactorily. When the trap was sprung all was in order. In four minutes Doyle cut Swim down and he was pronounced

## LORD BEAVERBROOK SPEAKS PLAINLY

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Daily Express, Lord Beaverbrook's paper, in an editorial, says the British people are bewildered because they do not know the truth about the Near East matter. Their position is simple. Although they are war weary and tax-worn they are prepared to fight for the freedom of the Dardanelles. Beyond the freedom of the straits they do not care a straw for Balkan politics.

"They cannot police the earth," the Express continues. They are incapable of solving the radical problems of the Near East, as of abolishing the Bolsheviks from Russia or extirpating the murders in Ireland. The British people are at last thinking of their own salvation. All they now want is to save their sons and sell their cotton goods.

"If the Turks will respect the freedom of the straits, giving satisfactory guarantees thereof, the British people cannot refuse to permit the Turks to pursue the Greek army in Eastern Thrace and inflict final defeat, if they can do so. Nor can they refuse to permit the Greeks to overthrow the Turks, if they can do so."

This point of view must not be confused with the Chanak stronghold necessary for the freedom of those waters which Great Britain is entitled to hold in Chanak in order to protect her own interests. Her people are ready to pour out their blood and treasure for the freedom of the Straits, but they say, with one voice: "Not a man, not a gun, not a cent for the defence of the Greek army in Eastern Thrace."

### NEW YORK GIANTS ARE CHAMPIONS

New York, Oct. 8.—The New York Giants once more are champions of the world. They reached that pinnacle of success for the second consecutive year in a furious uphill rush this afternoon that flung the Yankees to defeat 5 to 3 and crushed a disgusted pitcher, Bullet Joe Bush.

It was the second successive time that the Yanks have bucked the Giants in a world's series and failed. This year, they went down ingloriously, without the solace of having captured even one of the five games that comprised the battle for the title. The best the Yankees could do was to tie the second game of the series. The Giants won the other four.

Four doctors were present and in twelve minutes they detected signs of life and Swim, totally unconscious, was taken up and the execution completed. He was taken down in nineteen minutes, when of course life had vanished.

The whole trouble can be attributed to Doyle who cut the man down too soon. It was here that the wisdom of bringing the second man was manifest as he did the work in the way it should have been done. While it is horrifying, it can be said that poor Benny Swim was absolutely unconscious during the whole proceedings.



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