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COLLINS FOUND GUILTY SENTENCED TO DIE APRIL 25

Hopewell Cape Jury Only a Short Time Reaching a Verdict

Women Spectators Grew Hysterical Over the Result—Judge Gregory Charged Strongly Against the Prisoner, and Declared the Killing of Miss McAulay a Heinous Crime—Murderer Cool During the Proceedings, and Chatted Gaily on His Way Back to Cell.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Hopewell Cape, N. B., Jan. 24.—The scene of the court is that you are taken to the place from whence you came and there kept in close custody till the 25th day of April next, and that on that day you are hanged by the neck till you are dead and may God have mercy upon your soul.

ment in bringing a verdict, to clear their minds of all bias, and everything else except the evidence. In having a crime it is sometimes possible to have witnesses who saw it, but these cases are few in comparison to cases which are proved by circumstantial evidence. The cases proved by circumstantial evidence leave more duty for a jury.

FIVE JURYMEN CHOSEN AND FORTY-FIVE REJECTED IN THAW TRIAL



SCENE AT ENTRANCE TO COURT ROOM.

New York, Jan. 24.—After trying in vain for more than four hours of the morning and afternoon session to secure an additional jury to try Harry K. Thaw for killing Stanford White, and just when counsel and spectators, and even the defendant himself, were drowsy from the monotony of the proceedings, there came a sudden change in the tide and within the last three-quarters of an hour, three new jurors were sworn in. When court adjourned for the day five jurors had been accepted, leaving seven men yet to be chosen.

The tedious manner in which the selection of jurors proceeded today makes it difficult to predict just when the trial panel of twelve will finally be filled. The order of the court that the jury must be kept together under the care of bailiffs had the apparent effect of making many jurors reluctant to serve. Various excuses were offered today, one man declaring that to be locked up for two months would wreck his nerves as to make a sane consideration of the case an impossibility. He was excused.

any talesmen who made reasonable answers to the questions propounded by the district attorney. The fact that Thaw's attorneys asked several of the talesmen if they had any prejudice against any particular line or character of defense was taken by many to indicate that the defense may be either the so-called "unwritten law" or emotional insanity, or a combination of both. Thaw's attorneys again today offered no objection, however, to the district attorney's questions as to whether or not the proposed jurors would be guided by the actual law as laid down by the court to the exclusion of any fanciful law they might themselves import into the case. Each of the accepted jurors promised to abide by the interpretation of the court.

Collins Gay After Sentence. It was observed that as the murderer crossed the yard he laughed and chatted with the constables who had him in charge. It is exactly five months today since Thomas F. Collins was arrested near Leguans, on suspicion of the murder of Mary Ann McAulay. At the preliminary examination in September, Premier Tweedie represented the crown and J. C. Sherrin, of Moncton, appeared for the prisoner.

There is abundant motive, the judge said. If he committed the crime of stealing and Miss McAulay was still alive, what stronger motive could he have than to put an end to all evidence and proof against him? Collins was a destitute man, apparently, when he came to the premises, and while he did not take much it might have seemed to him of very great importance. What is the suggestion of doubt that can occur to you? His honor asked that the prisoner used the axe in the commission of the murder.

DEATH OF ALGER RELEASES HIS OPINION OF MCKINLEY

Ex-Secretary of War Gave Interview Six Years Ago Stating Murdered President Had No Backbone.

Washington, Jan. 24.—United States Senator Russell Alger, of Michigan, died suddenly at his home in this city at 8:45 o'clock this morning. There were preliminary symptoms that the end was near. At half past eight o'clock the senator had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Alger in her room and then went down stairs. A few minutes later the senator suffered a severe rupture of heart trouble and death came quickly.

RAILWAYS WILL TRY TO RELIEVE THE FUEL FAMINE IN THE WEST

Will Sacrifice Passenger Business, if Necessary, to Supply the Sufferers of the Continued Blizzard.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 24.—The unprecedented severity of winter, long continued snowfall and crippling of overburdened railway systems, threaten a calamity in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The railways now announce their intention to devote every effort to supplying the needs of the country with fuel, even if the passenger traffic has to be sacrificed, and will rush fuel to the outlying points with all possible speed.

PARLIAMENT LIKELY TO PROROGUE EARLY IN APRIL

It is Reported the Conservatives Have Postponed Their Campaign of Investigation.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 2.—It is said that the Conservatives will reserve the greater part of the campaign they had contemplated launching until next session and will postpone the various investigations which they are said to have in contemplation. Under the circumstances there is almost a certainty that prorogation will be reached early in April, thus permitting Sir Wilfrid Laurier and those of his colleagues who are to accompany him to leave for the colonial conference in London in good time.

LIBERAL NOMINATION FOR DIGBY VACANCY

Digby, N. S., Jan. 24.—William Combeau selected by the Digby county Liberals at their convention in Weymouth today as a candidate for the vacancy caused by the falling of Hon. A. H. Combeau to the senate.

NOVA SCOTIA CHILD PLAYING WITH MATCHES, BURNED TO DEATH

Halifax, Jan. 24.—The six-year-old daughter of James Harnish, of Sobor Island, was fatally burned Tuesday afternoon. The mother left a half dozen small children in the house alone while she went to a neighbor's for a couple of pairs of water. The child got hold of matches and began making a fire in the kitchen stove. The cotton clothes worn by the child ignited and she ran outdoors and her clothing all burned off. The child died later after suffering great agony.

RAILWAY COMMISSION TO REPORT ABOUT PASSENGER RATES

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Honorable H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, made the important statement this morning that Chairman Killam, of the railway commission has under consideration the passenger rates of all the Canadian railways and is preparing a statement upon them to the premier. The work of the railway commission, it was said, was somewhat congested since its inauguration and that was the reason why they were not getting along faster.

APPOINTED TO THE BENCH

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—(Special)—George Geddes Patterson, ex-M. P., of Picton (N. S.), was appointed today county judge of Picton in place of the late Judge Morse.

NEARLY QUARTER MILLION IMMIGRANTS LAST YEAR

British Lead With 98,257, and Americans Next, 63,781

Continental Settlers Over 50,000—Big Gain Over Previous Year—Government to Erect Wireless Station at Pictou for P. E. I. Communication—Bill to Prevent Frauds in Supplying Milk to Cheese and Butter Factories.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The immigration into Canada during the calendar year 1906 was 215,912. For the calendar year 1905 it was 144,619, an increase of 71,294 or 49 per cent. The immigration was made up as follows: British, 98,257; continental, 53,874, and United States, 63,781.

for a magistrate that he had no guilty knowledge and that he used the necessary precautions to prevent it. In answer to Mr. Hughes (P. E. I. and), Mr. Fisher said that wireless messages were now being transmitted from the government boats to the island when in Pictou harbor, there being a wireless station on the island. The government intended building a wireless station on the mainland.

Senator Power thought exploring parties would do more good. Hon. R. W. Scott, Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. G. W. Ross supported the appointment of the committee, which was carried. Senator Ferguson was told by R. W. Scott that the government in view of the broken cable, had decided to erect a wireless station at Pictou and complete wireless connection with the island station at Cape Bear.

Mr. Fielding said that the present position of affairs were all right and the item passed. The report of the Insurance Commission is expected to be ready shortly. The members who were acting for the provinces of Quebec and Ontario have been called to Ottawa to consult with the commissioners.

SAYS OTTAWA GIRLS SMOKE CIGARETTES

W. C. T. U. Secretary Pleased That Measure Will Be Introduced in House to Stop the Evil.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Walter Rowan, corresponding secretary of the W. C. T. U., was pleased that a cigarette bill was going to be introduced. She said she was very much opposed to cigarette smoking among minors, although those who were of age and capable of forming their own opinions, from experience, should be allowed to use their own judgment. It was appalling the amount of cigarettes consumed daily by the younger generation and she had every reason to believe that not only boys but girls of the city were addicted to the degrading habit. This fact should be of sufficient value to do much for prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes, for the custom, when acquired by a few of the fair sex, would undoubtedly spread and reach the remotest corners of the country.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS CENSURED FOR WANTING NON-SECTARIAN SCHOOL

Proposal to Teach English to French-Canadian All Right Says Archbishop Bouches, But Roman Religion Cannot Be Barred.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 24.—Archbishop Bruchesi issued today a strongly worded public letter condemning what has been called in the archdiocese wherein the English language was to be especially instructed to French-Canadian pupils. The cause of the letter is due to a despatch published this morning by Le Canada from Quebec, to the effect that Rev. Cure Landry, of Rawdon, and Rev. Cure Pilette, of Lavallée, had wanted on Premier Gougeon, asking for a grant for the proposed school, which one of the priests is reported to have said was to be non-sectarian. Archbishop Bruchesi remarks that the project of the school is approved by Bishop Archaubault, of Joliette, in whose diocese Rawdon is situated. The archbishop also approves of the idea to improve the teaching of English, but he points out that the school must be a Catholic one and in charge of proper teachers. But that would prevent the attendance of non-Catholics if they so desired. However, a non-sectarian school, the archbishop says, is condemned by the teaching of that kind be established at Rawdon or in any other part of this Catholic province.

SIR ALEXANDER LACOSTE RESIGNS

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Sir Alexander Lacoste chief justice of one of the superior courts of Quebec, sent his resignation to the justice department today. He will probably be succeeded by Henri Taschereau of Montreal.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CHAMPLAIN FUND COME GENEROUSLY IN; OUTLOOK IS CHEERFUL

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Dominion Government \$5,000.00, The Daily Telegraph 250.00, etc.

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In defiance of the cold weather, Hamilton MacCarthy, the sculptor, and Mayor Sears, made a number of visits Thursday and as a result several new names appear in the list of subscribers to the Champlain monument fund. Besides these several promises of aid were given. The various hotels have promised their support and Col. Tucker and H. A. Powell, K. G., will also contribute.

There is still considerable talk about a site, and in speaking of this matter Thursday, Mr. MacCarthy said it had been suggested that after the fund was complete, the subscribers should meet and decide on the most suitable site. It was argued that the votes might be cast on the basis of one for every dollar subscribed, so that the larger the subscription, the more influence as to the site would go with it.

Mr. MacCarthy said Thursday night that it was hard for him to remain here, as his presence was required in his studio in Ottawa, but those interested in the project had advised him to stay and he would be in the city for a few days yet. As an example of the interest taken, Rev. W. O. Raymond has offered to assist Mr. MacCarthy in soliciting subscriptions. Rev. W. C. Gaynor called on Mr. MacCarthy Thursday and discussed matters relative to the erection of the monument. Speaking of what practical benefit the monument would prove to the city, Mr. MacCarthy said that it would be just one thing more towards making St. John an ideal city, from the tourist standpoint. Every factor that heightens the standing of St. John as an attractive city for tourists, does something for the commercial interests of the city.