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Police Capture Spurned Lover Who Shot Girl To Death

POPE BEING URGED TO AID IN RUHR

FAMILY SEE DAUGHTER MURDERED

Ontario Man Slays Sweetheart When Parents Oppose Marrigae.

ESCAPES IN CAR

Captured in Toronto After Wild Night Ride From Hamilton.

Toronto, Aug. 8—With a revolver pressing into his right side for two hours during which he covered the distance of more than forty miles between Hamilton and Toronto in a wild night automobile ride and listened to a story of love, jealousy and murder, Archibald E. Kells of Hamilton, was early this morning forced to aid George King, 25 years of age, in his escape to this city after he had shot and killed Eric Johnson, his 17 year old sweetheart on the verandah of her home in full view of her parents, brothers and sisters. King ended his wild ride at a Queen street west restaurant where he ordered some food and then telephoned the police at Cowan avenue station that he was going to commit suicide and that his body would be found in the lavatory of the cafe.

Arrest Is Made.

Four hours after he had slain his sweetheart, King was placed under arrest by Constables Tomlinson and Craig who hurried to the restaurant in response to his message. They found King apparently demented, but unharmed, and after taking his deposition in connection with the slaying of the girl preferred a charge of murder against him.

He will be taken back to Hamilton today.

Revolver to Side.

Kells was on his way home about midnight last night when King jumped on the running board of his car and demanded that he be driven to Toronto. He at first refused, but when King whipped out a revolver and pressed into his side with the remark: "You had better take me to Toronto," he reluctantly consented and started out for this city. King never once withdrew the revolver from Kells' right side. He told Kells the story of the shooting, of the jealousy that led up to it, of the love he had borne the girl, and of his sorrow at his rash act. When he reached Toronto he then expressed his intention of ending his life in expiation of his crime.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 8.—A cordon of police has been thrown around Hamilton in an effort to block the escape of George King, the 25-year-old man who shot and killed his sweetheart Eric Johnson, on the verandah of her home last night, while the girl's parents, sisters and brothers were sitting nearby.

After shooting the girl King ran down the street, it is said, jumped into a parked car and disappeared.

King went to the Johnson home fully prepared to shoot the girl. There was no quarrel. Kissing his 17-year-old sweetheart, good night, and saying he was going to Fort Erie tomorrow, King said:

"Here, Eric take this note and post it."

The unsuspecting girl went to him. She and her parents, brothers and sisters, were all on the verandah.

Shot Is Fatal.

Just as the girl reached for the note, King whipped out a .38 calibre revolver and fired at her. Only one shot was fired, but it as fatal. It lodged in the breast, and Eric succumbed to the wound in a few minutes later, while being rushed to the hospital.

From what could be learned from Robert Johnson, father of the slain girl she and King had been keeping company for only three weeks. King told the girl's mother he wanted to marry her daughter, but as she was only 17, Mrs. Johnson declined to consent. King was not sulky and continued to call on the girl.

King is described as being about 25 years of age, thick set, and with brown hair. His relatives live in Hamilton. The note he handed to the girl before he shot her was addressed to his mother.

ARRESTED IN COIN-MATCHING FRAUD

New York, Aug. 8—Edward O'Rourke, 39 years of age, was arrested charged with having defrauded John A. Laifold of $800 in a coin-matching game. The police said that they found in O'Rourke's possession an imitation roll of money consisting of a "twenty-dollar bill," enclosing several pieces of blank paper cut the size of currency.

British Farmers Look Askance at Big World Crops

London, Aug. 8.—Despite the bumper crops in this country this year the anxiety of the British farmers has grown, not diminished, says the Daily Mail. One cause for this is the Government's failure to impose a duty on foreign barley as was proposed some time ago.

As to the wheat crop, the farmers hopes of receiving reasonable prices have been shaken by the news of abundant harvests abroad, the Mail says. The paper says:

"Canada has a largely increased prospective wheat crop and this extra quantity is quite sufficient to send down the price heavily if any large part of it is placed in the British market. In almost all other countries the wheat crops are good, or better than usual, except perhaps in ruined Russia."

BANDITS RAID MONTREAL SHOP

Get Away With $2,000 in Jewelry After Hitting Clerk With Gun.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—Staging their act in the noon hour yesterday five bandits swept into the jewellery establishment of Simon and Herer, on St. Lawrence Boulevard, one of the most crowded thoroughfares of this city and held up the proprietors for over $2,000 worth of jewelry from the show cases.

When A. Speyer, a diamond merchant in the store, moved too slowly to suit them, he was struck over the head with the butt end of a revolver. This so affected Herer, that he fainted. The men were only prevented from cleaning out the show cases by the timely entrance of a customer. The bandits escaped in their car.

MISSING MAN SEEN RECENTLY

Friend Says Seibold Expected to Vanish Until Affairs Arranged.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—F. Seibold, Jr., Michigan contractor, was in Chicago last Saturday, Dr. R. Elmer, a friend, declared yesterday when called to the state attorney's office for questioning regarding the tangled affairs of the missing man. Dr. Elmer said he saw Seibold with his wife. The doctor, who purchased the Seibold home said that he had dealt with Mrs. Seibold because the property was in her name. Seibold told him, Dr. Elmer said, that he expected to vanish for a time until his affairs were arranged, and would return, when everything was alright again. Dr. Elmer said he had learned that Seibold had recently been in Butte, Montana.

CHILD IS KILLED

Automobile Struck by Train at Level Crossing—Another Badly Hurt.

Palgrave, Ont., Aug. 8.—Bernice Steele, aged 7, is dead as the result of an accident when an automobile driven by her father, Harry Steele, was struck by a train at a level crossing here. Another child, aged 5, is seriously hurt. The little girl sustained a fractured skull, a fractured lower jaw and a double fracture to the right arm. A piece of the girl's skull which had pierced the brain was removed, but the laceration caused by the fragment proved fatal.

REPRIEVE ASKED

At Least 50,000 Petition In Case of Mason, Condemned to Death.

London, Aug. 8.—So great is the interest of the public in the case of Alexander Campbell Mason, convicted of the murder of Jacob Dickey, a taxicab driver, and sentenced to be hanged on August 15, that the petitions which have been circulated for a reprieve for the condemned man have at least 50,000 signatures attached to them.

Rush of Harvesters From Old Country

London, Aug. 8.—During the first seven days of August 3,700 farm workers have sailed by Canadian Pacific steamers for Canada to engage in the harvest operations in the western provinces, and about 1,300 more which were booked by the same line have been transferred to other steamship lines, the rush being so great that one company has been unable to handle all.

IMPRESSIVE WASHINGTON CEREMONY

Thousands Bow in Grief as Body is Moved to the Capitol.

SILENT THRONGS

Hon. A. B. Copp Present as Representative of Government of Canada.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Aug. 8.—A swelling tide of honors bore Warren G. Harding today back over the road by which he came, triumphant to the Presidency two crowded years ago. For him the urge of ambition was ended, the compelling call of duty stilled in death. Amid the tens of thousands of his silent countrymen grouped along the way, he passed in such state as only the great dead of the nation may know.

Down the wide avenue he was carried today with marching legions tramping ahead to lay him under the dome of the Capitol before he goes back to his native state to stay forever. That high resolve of duty had brought him death and with it the peace and quiet he loved, but which he could set aside at the nation's call.

The Long Procession.

With General Pershing riding ahead, the marching thousands of the escort led the way, the steel of their bayonets glittering above them. Soldiers, sailors, marine and citizen soldiers, all were there and behind them came the new President still bowed in grief that his high office came at such a price. Came also two men who before him had held that office, one to be stricken like himself and so crippled in illness that he might not give himself as he would to the sorrowful duty of the day. Behind these, in endless array, marched the great body of citizens and the men who keep the wheels of the Government moving. Military bands, interspersed in the columns, played hymns.

Hushed Crowds.

The hush of last night when the flag draped casket came to the White House was lacking. But there was no sound of movement in the great crowds that lined the way until that fatefull burden under its bunting had been carried by on silent wheels to be lifted to the catafalque in the great stone chamber of the Capitol rotunda. There in keeping with the simplicity of the man who lay dead, the funeral services were of brief impressive nature.

Afterward in its place of honor beneath the dome the body was to lie until nightfall, while thousands upon thousands filed past the bier to bid

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Wire Briefs

Moncton, Aug. 8.—Mr Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., is expected to visit Moncton on railway business within a few days.

Amherst, Aug. 8.—Mayor R. K. Smith last night was appointed to represent Amherst at the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade which takes place at Halifax on Sept. 11 and 12.

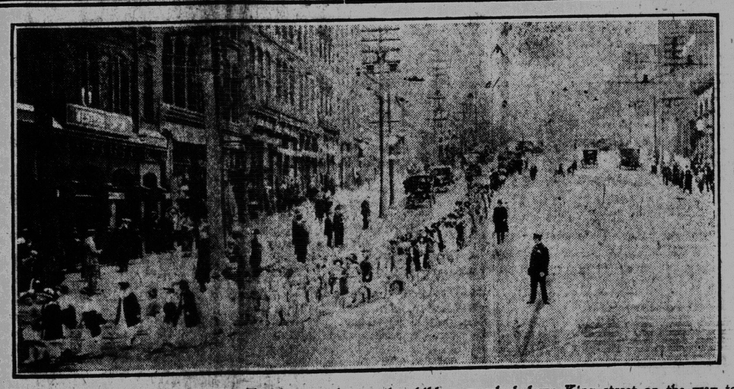
Montreal, Aug. 8.—Jas. A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, was unanimously re-elected supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus today. He received 210 votes against 112 for W. J. Mulligan, of Connecticut.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 8—Lance Corporal William McLeod, who, with his comrade, Pte. James Watt, drove a horse and wagon over a high cliff near Sydney, Saturday night, was reported this morning as much better and with good chances for recovery. His left leg was amputated above the knee. Private Watts was reported today as only slightly injured.

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 8.—The Dominion Lime Company, one of the largest shippers of lime in the Dominion, has passed into the hands of the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company. The paper company is understood to have paid $50 a share for its controlling interest and an offer is being made to other shareholders.

New York, Aug. 8.—Revelations made in the reported confessions to Federal Attorney Hayward by E. M. Fuller, and Wm. F. McGee, confessed stock bucketers, are likely to rock the financial sections of New York to its foundations, Carl E. Whitney, new counsel for the two former sock brokers, declared today.

Happy Kiddies Off To Bishop's Picnic



Picture taken for The Times on Tuesday morning as the children marched down King street on the way to Torryburn. The traffic "cop" is interested, and who would not be? The detached figures near Canterbury street corner are the boys scrambling for pennies thrown from the Royal Bank building.

SAYS CHESTER WAS ONLY FIGUREHEAD

Charge That He Sold Turkish Concessions to Canadian Company Denied.

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 8.—A charge that Rear-Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. navy, retired, "was used as a figurehead or catspaw to secure the Chester concessions in Turkey for some one else," was made yesterday by Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey at a meeting of the Institute of Politics on raw materials conducted by Vice Chairman Wm. S. Culbertson, of the federal tariff commission.

"Who owns Admiral Chester, if I may ask?" said Rear-Admiral William L. Rodgers.

"No one," Mr. Morgenthau replied. "He has evidently sold out his interest."

When asked to whom, he replied "to a Canadian concern."

The former ambassador explained that he had not said that Admiral Chester was paid to get the concessions but that he was paid for the concession at the time of selling his interest.

Charge Is Denied.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 8.—Frederick S. Blackall, of Woonsocket, R. I., and New York, director and official spokesman for the Ottoman-American Company, holder of the so-called Chester concessions, in a statement to the Providence Journal, has denied a statement of Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, that Admiral Chester "has evidently sold his interest to a Canadian concern."

Mr. Blackall declared Admiral Chester still holds his interest in the concession and that the statement of former Ambassador Morgenthau that Admiral Chester sold his interest to a Canadian concern was not true.

C. M. A. ADVOCATE TARIFF INCREASE

Preferential Plan, Based on Bargaining Principle to Boost Exports.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—Active steps are being taken by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to impress upon their members throughout the Dominion and upon Canadians generally the necessity for a well balanced and stable protectionist fiscal policy for Canada.

The tariff views of the association as embodied at the annual convention held at Toronto last June have been set forth in poster form. The views amount to a conviction that the "Canadian customs tariff should be immediately and substantially increased on finished products, and that when higher rates of duty have been put into effect, Canada should endeavor to increase her export trade by making preferential tariff arrangements, based on the principle of bargaining, with other countries, particularly countries of the British Empire."

Copies of the resolution passed at the convention, printed in placard form, have been mailed to each of the 5,000 members of the C. M. A. throughout Canada to be hung up and displayed in members' offices.

A French translation has been prepared for the province of Quebec.

Land 'Plane Crosses Lake Michigan in Fog

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 8.—Two airmen, R. G. Conant, Westfield, Wis., and Mentford Waushauer, Milwaukee, in a land plane, crossed Lake Michigan at its widest point yesterday, landing at Holland, Mich., in 57 minutes. The flyers were enveloped in a fog throughout the trip. This is the first time land planes have crossed the lake.

Federal Postal Department To Get Revenue From Old Stamps

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Aug. 8—In an endeavor to see that nothing goes to waste in the Post Office Department as well as in response to requests from philateists in different parts of Canada there has been established in the department an agency for the sale of all stamps not in current use, as well as for the sale of current issues of all Canadian postage stamps.

It was found that there was in the department an accumulation of stamps that are now obsolete but have value in the eyes of stamp collectors, and it was decided to convert what has been considered as old stock of no value into a source of revenue.

U. S. WHEAT CROP SHOWS A DECREASE

Present Prospects Indicate 28,000,000 Bushels Less Than First Estimated.

Washington, Aug. 8.—A decrease of 28,000,000 bushels in this year's wheat crop was indicated in the United States Department of Agriculture monthly crop report yesterday as compared with forecasts made a month ago.

The preliminary estimate of winter wheat was placed at 568,000,000 bushels or 18,000,000 bushels less than a month ago, and the forecasts of spring wheat was placed at 225,000,000 bushels, or 10,000,000 bushels less than last month.

Corn showed improvement during July and a forecast of 2,982,000,000 bushels was announced. That is 105,000,000 bushels more than forecast last month.

Oats, barley, tobacco, flax seed and sugar beets showed indications of increased production as compared with a month ago, while rye, hay, apples, peaches and peanuts showed decreases.

CLOSE FRONTIER

Ordinary Travel Into and Out of Occupied Germany Stopped for Week.

Duesseldorf, Aug. 8.—As a result of various disturbances in this area during the past week end, the eastern frontier between occupied and unoccupied Germany will be closed to ordinary traffic for one week beginning at midnight tonight. The special red permits issued at the time of previous closures will still be valid, but travelers without special and urgent business will be stopped. The French announced that the necessary measures will be taken to assure the normal transportation of food.

Widow of Truro Senator Is Dead

Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 8.—A cable to W. P. McKay, city editor of the Canadian Observer here, announces the death of his mother, Mrs. Thomas McKay, widow of Senator McKay, of Truro, N. S., for 40 years a member of the Canadian Parliament. Mrs. A. H. Rowley, of Kingston, Ja., is a daughter.

C. N. R. Adopts Merit And Demerit System

Brockville, Ont., Aug. 8.—Extension to the entire Canadian National Railway system of merit and demerit marking of employes which came into force years ago on other Canadian lines is announced here.

Say Prince of Wales Fox Trot Too Wild

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Aug. 8.—The "Prince of Wales" foxtrot, originated by Arthur Murray, New York dancing instructor, a copy of which was recently sent to His Royal Highness, to whom the dance was dedicated was frowned upon as "too wild" at yesterday's session of the Dancing Masters Convention and Murray was reproved for teaching it to his pupils.

APPOINTMENT OF RAKOVSKY VETOED

Russia Meets Britain's Protest Against New Delegation Leader.

London, Aug. 8.—Russia has officially notified Great Britain that the appointment of Christian Rakovsky as head of the Russian delegation in London will be cancelled in deference to Great Britain's objections, according to the Daily Express.

The Daily Express on August 3 said the departure of Rakovsky for London was suddenly postponed just as Rakovsky was about to board a train at Moscow. It was added that the postponement was due to the receipt of a communication from the British foreign office by the Soviet Government, saying Great Britain had reconsidered acceptance of Rakovsky to fill the post previously held by Leonid Krassin in London, owing to reported anti-British utterances in a speech Rakovsky made at Kharkov and also because of certain passages in a book written by Rakovsky, entitled "England and Russia."

Weather Report

Forecasts:—

Fair and Cool.

Maritime — Fresh northwest winds, mostly fair and cool tonight and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore — Fresh to strong west to northwest winds, fair tonight. Thursday westerly winds, fair.

New England—Thunderstorms tonight. Cooler Thursday, generally fair, light to moderate north and northwest winds, fresh on Thursday.

Toronto, Aug. 8—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday	Lowest during night
Victoria	54	68	54
Winnipeg	56	78	52
Toronto	61	90	60
Montreal	60	88	56
St. John	62	62	52
Halifax	66	68	60
New York	78	84	76

State Starts Price War On Gasoline In South Dakota

Pierrie, S. D., Aug. 8.—Gasoline can be purchased for 16 cents a gallon at the state supply depot at Mitchell. The sharp cut in price, a reduction of ten cents a gallon from gas station prices prevailing throughout South Dakota, is Governor W. H. McMaster's answer to the contention of dealers that 26 cents a gallon is a fair price.

The Governor's action is directed against the Standard Oil Company. The company, he said, is responsible for retail prices, which, he contends, amount to "highway robbery." It was indicated today that there would be response to his suggestion that citizens buy gasoline in wholesale lots to carry on the price war.

POLICE WIPE OUT PHILLIPINE BAND

Forty-six Maddened Natives Slain — Fight Followed Moro Ultimatum.

Manila, Aug. 8.—Details of a battle between Philippine constabulary and Moro religious fanatics, which began last Saturday on the Island of Mindanao, resulting in the killing of 46 of the maddened natives, were received today by Governor Gen. Wood.

Col. Waloe, in command of the Lanao constabulary, telegraphed the Governor-General that after two days of operations the fanatical Moro band including their leaders, had been destroyed. Thirteen of the natives deserted the band, he stated, and escaped while 20 of the Moros are still holding out behind stone barricades. Three Philippine soldiers were wounded in the engagement, one seriously.

Col. Waloe said he had tried every peaceful means to placate the fanatics, who were commanded by a Moro chieftain named Guarin.

Cause of Clash.

The battle Saturday is believed to have been the outcome of an ultimatum delivered to Governor Santos of Lanao, last Friday, by the Moros, demanding that he turn over to them 40 members of the constabulary, who, the natives charged, took part in a fight between the Moros and the troops three years ago. The ultimatum stated that if the men were not turned over to the band within three days the Governor's force would be attacked.

The Moro fanatics have been giving the Philippine constabulary trouble for several years. Numerous clashes have occurred and many of the natives have been killed. An outbreak occurred last May in which Akbara, the leader of the fanatics and 50 of his followers were slain by the troops.

2,000 APPROVE WHEAT POOL IDEA

Campaign for Organization to Commence Soon—Premier's Support Pledged.

Saskatoon, Aug. 8.—Aaron Sapiro's contract wheat pool plan gained the unanimous approval of close on 2,000 farmers and others here last night.

The California expert of co-operative marketing in a vigorous speech suggested the formation of a committee of farmers and business men, representative of the whole province, to organize a campaign for the contract pool. It is understood that this step will be taken soon.

Premier Dunning pledged the support of his Government to "any sound plan for the marketing of Saskatchewan's products." If the farmers wished co-operation would be offered on the manner of the scheme outlined by Mr. Sapiro.

J. A. Maharg, president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association said that in his opinion the Sapiro plan was sound.

Premier J. Bracken, of Manitoba, and Premier Herbert Greenfield, of Alberta, returned home last night. They said that no conference on inter-provincial pools had been held.

CUNO ATTACKS BRITISH REPLY

Proposals Unpleasant to Germany, He says — Refuses French Demand.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Chancellor Cuno made his promised speech in the Reichstag today on the reparations question dealing particularly with the proposals for a settlement recently advanced by Great Britain. The chancellor said the principles of which Great Britain had based her proposals were unpleasant to Germany. The German Government re declared, could not acquiesce in the French demand that the Government should suggest to the people of the Ruhr that they abandon passive resistance.

PLEA MADE IN VATICAN FORGERMANS

Constant Effort Toward a Settlement in Ruhr is Now in Progress.

TO WEAKEN FRANCE

Reichstag Will Leave No Stone Unturned to Carry Out Plan.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 8.—Constant efforts toward a settlement of the Ruhr situation are in progress at the Vatican, according to the Daily Telegraph.

Charles Jonnart, French ambassador to the Holy Sea says the newspaper's informant, had another long and important audience with the Pope, while former Chancellor Wirth of Germany, who is staying in Rome, and the German minister at the Vatican Herr Bergen, have been in constant communication with Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state.

Powerful political forces in Germany are looking to the Vatican to bring about the weakening of the French hold on the Rhine, says the writer, while the Reichstag is determined to leave no stone unturned to discover some channel through which Paris may be approached without absolute loss of dignity.

Germany Is Hopeful.

The hope placed in the Vatican by Germany are considerable, and with good grounds, the article continues. Recalling the last note of the Vatican on the Ruhr question and asserting that the attempts of the Holy Sea to play the part of an altrustic intermindiary date from the Genoa conference, the writer concludes.

"If it is too early to say the Vatican channel is already being used to establish direct connection between Paris and Berlin, one can safely assume that it is being kept clear for a transaction of this sort."

Resistance Weakens.

Brussels, Aug. 8.—The Belgian cabinet yesterday passed at great length how best to speed up the inter-allied negotiations dealing with reparations, so as to put an end to the present period of suspense, but no decision was reached.

Foreign Minister Jaspar read reports to his colleagues tending to show that resistance in the Ruhr was rapidly weakening and that the Franco-Belgian authorities were being approached with semi-official proposals having in view the abandonment of resistance—proposals which apparently have come in directly from Berlin.

SEE CITY VERY MUCH IMPROVED

Ladies, Home After Years in States, Note Big Improvement.

Mrs. Margaret Scribner of Malden, Mass., and Miss Bertha Pyne of Somerville, Mass., spent a two weeks vacation with relatives in the city and left for their homes on the Governor Dingley on last Saturday night. Mrs. Scribner who left St. John about thirty years ago, was delighted with the many improvements made about the city, well paved streets, beautifully kept parks, improved lighting system and the boulevarding of some of the streets. She enjoyed very much a drive through Rockwood Park and vicinity, and was much pleased to notice the many improvements in her old home city.

Mrs. John Gaffey of Boston has arrived here to visit her brother, Edward Kelly, Water street and her sister, Mrs. William Cook. It is twenty years since Mrs. Gaffey was last in St. John. While regretting the passing away of many old friends of yore, she was pleased greatly with other changes noted, particularly the improvement in the city, which she regards as marked.

Bolshevist Rule Has Caused Bad Setback

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 8—The whole school system of Russia has been disorganized under Bolshevist rule, Sir Paul Vinogradoff said in a conference on Russian affairs at the Institute of Politics yesterday.

Sir Paul, a distinguished Russian jurist, is now professor of law at Oxford University.

In general, he said, Russia had been set back two centuries in the democratic reconstruction which was under way before the war started.