

THOROLD PRISONER BARELY ESCAPES LYNCHING BY MOB

David McNeil, Accused of Murder of Four-Year-Old Girl,
Pleads Before Infuriated Townsfolk That He is
Not Margaret Beaucouck's Slayer.

St. Catharines, Aug. 16.—Canadian common-sense and spirit of British fair play to-night saved David McNeil's life from a Thorold mob of ten thousand people after the prisoner and police officers had been smoked out of the Town Hall, which the mob had set on fire.

McNeil had been formally committed for trial during the afternoon on a charge of murdering five-year-old Margaret Beaucouck.

About 10 o'clock, when darkness had set in, the mob, which had grown to immense proportions, determined to get McNeil, began to storm the Town Hall with bricks and stones.

Before long every window in the newly-built building had been shattered, and then the mob attacked the doors.

McNeil and the police officers and several reporters saved their lives by crouching in corners and holding chairs in front of them as volleys of rocks swept through the building. At first several shots were fired out of the upstairs windows to frighten the crowd, but it did not hinder them.

Then they were thrown through the shattered windows, and a couple of men rushed a bundle of hay saturated with gasoline into the ground floor. Soon the flames burst out, and eventually the smoke and flames drove the men who had been besieged since early afternoon down the stairs and out.

"We surrender," yelled McNeil, as he came down the stairs with Chief Frank Collins of Thorold hanging to his steel wristlet. A Buffalo reporter, Howard White, was just ahead of McNeil, and the crowd seized him and were rushing him off. He showed his badge and they let him go.

McNeil was seized and rushed over in front of the Town Hall to an auto. A rope taken from the town flagpole was run up a pole. McNeil had been terribly injured with bricks and sticks and his face was completely covered with blood.

"Give him a chance," called someone, and that met with popular approval. "Men, if you are men, give me a chance to make a statement," cried the blood-stained man. "It may be my last words on earth."

McNeil spoke for half an hour before a hushed crowd. He took an oath that he had not killed Margaret Beaucouck. "Only a degenerate could do such a thing," the crowd demanded why he had not made a statement before, and he said his counsel had told him not to speak.

The firemen were fighting the flames which were burning the Town Hall, so it was necessary to move from the place, so the crowd allowed McNeil to go onto the Public Library steps. There, a horrible object, he stood and pleaded for his life, and finally the whole spirit of the crowd changed.

From one section of the great audience came insistent appeals. "Give the man a chance; hand him over to the police." Finally others took up the cry, only a few dissenting, and before long it was almost a unanimous cry. When McNeil ceased speaking there was no further talk of violence.

Weekly Market Report

Wholesale Grain.

Toronto, Aug. 16.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$3.15; No. 2 Northern, \$3.10; No. 3 Northern, \$3.08, in store Port William.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 96½¢; No. 3 CW, 95½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 96½¢; No. 1 feed, 92½¢; No. 2 feed, 90½¢, in store Port William.

Manitoba barley—No. 3 CW, \$1.45; No. 4 CW, \$1.35; rejected, \$1.15; feed, \$1.10, in store Port William.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.85; nominal, track, Toronto, prompt ship, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 3 white, nominal; Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$2.20 to \$2.30, shipping points, according to freight.

Proas—No. 2, nominal. Buckwheat—No. 1, \$1.25, according to freight outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal. Rye—No. 3, \$1.75, according to freight outside.

Manitoba flour—Government standard, \$14.85, Toronto.

Ontario flour—Government standard, \$14.50, nominal.

Midland—Car lot, delivered, Montreal freight, bags included; Bran, per ton, \$6.2; shorts, per ton, \$6.1; good feed flour, \$2.75 to \$4.00.

Country Produce—Wholesale. Eggs, select, 64 to 66¢; No. 1, 59 to 60¢; Butter, creamery prints, 59 to 60¢; choice dairy prints, 49 to 51¢; ordinary dairy prints, 45 to 47¢; butter, 35 to 40¢; Oleomargarine, best grade, 34 to 35¢; Cheese, new, large, 20½ to 30¢; twins, 30 to 30½¢; old, large, 32 to 34¢; twins, 32 to 34¢; Sultana, old, 35¢ to 36½¢. Maple syrup, 1 gal. tin, \$3.40; 5 gal. tin, per gal., \$3.25; maple sugar, lb., 27 to 30¢. Currant cream—Toronto creameries are paying for currant cream, 58 to 60¢ per pound fat, f.o.b. shipping points, nominal.

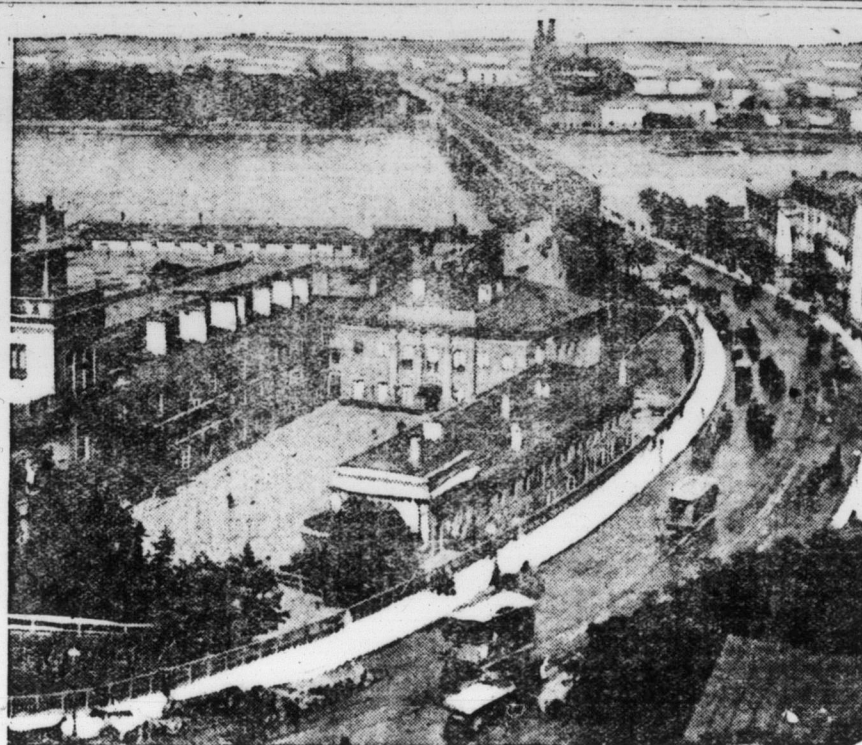
Provisions—Wholesale. Smoked meats—Hams, med., 47 to 50¢; heavy, 40 to 42¢; cooked, 64 to 66¢; rolls, 34 to 36¢; cottage rolls, 38 to 41¢; breakfast bacon, 50 to 55¢; backs, plain, 52 to 54¢; boneless, 58 to 64¢.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 27 to 28¢; clear bellies, 26 to 27¢.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 27 to 28¢; tubs, 28½ to 29¢; pails, 29 to 29½¢; prints, 29½ to 30¢. Compound tierces, 25 to 25½¢; tubs, 25½ to 26¢; pails, 25 to 25½¢; prints, 27 to 27½¢.

Montreal Markets. Montreal, Aug. 16.—Oats, No. 2 C. W., \$1.17; No. 3 CW, \$1.14½.

Flour, Manitoba Spring wheat patents, first, new stand grade, \$14.85 to \$15.05. Roller oats, 30 lb. bags, \$5.50 to \$5.85. Bran, \$5.45. Shorts, \$5.125. Cheese, finest Eastern, 24½¢.



General view of Warsaw, capital of Poland, showing the Alexander Bridge spanning the Vistula, across which lies the city.

VENIZELOS FIRED AT EIGHT TIMES

Premier of Greece Attacked
When Entering a French
Train.

A despatch from Paris says: Premier Venizelos, of Greece, was attacked and wounded on Thursday as he was leaving the Lyons railroad station for Nice. As the Premier stepped onto a train two men fired revolvers at him. He was wounded slightly. His assailants were arrested.

Eight shots were fired at the Greek Premier. The shooting occurred at 9:45 p.m.

Premier Venizelos was taking leave of friends, when two swarthy individuals rushed from the crowd, one firing three shots and the other five before they were overpowered. The Premier was reported wounded in the right side and the left arm.

His assailants, following their arrest, were rescued by the police from the crowds with great difficulty, the mob shouting, "Lynch him!" Both of the men were severely manhandled.

FAMINE AND PESTILENCE
SWEEP POLAND

Red Armies Living Off Four-
Times Desolated Land.

A despatch from Berlin says: No matter what the outcome of the negotiations at London or elsewhere, Poland is at the very start of the blackest of all winters that she has experienced since the beginning of the World War.

Famine and pestilence promise to be the heritage of her attack on Russia. Poland was fed very largely by the United States last winter. Now the Red forces that are sweeping over the country have advanced so rapidly that they have not kept in supplies by the railroad lines. As a consequence the men and the horses are living off the land over which they advance. Poland promises to be swept absolutely bare. Four times in the last five years huge armies have swept across the land.

Horried by what has happened to their land and with their hopes crushed, thousands of Poles are unwilling to face the winter. They want to emigrate to America.

Red Government Sends Ambassadors to Berlin and Vienna

A despatch from Paris says: Bolshevik plenipotentiaries have arrived at Berlin to resume diplomatic relations between Russia and Germany, it is reported in a despatch received here from the German capital.

The message adds that another commission has reached Vienna from Russia with a view to renewing relations with Austria.

Trafalgar Square Will be Reproduced

"The Empire Triumphant" the evening Spectacle in front of the Grand Stand at the Canadian National Exhibition this year will be a pageant of splendor, color, light and action and will provide a striking object lesson in the making and keeping of the British Empire. Trafalgar Square, a spot so alive with associations and memories for thousands of returned men and other Canadians, will be the setting for this new triumph in stagecraft and the very spirit of Nelson will seemingly hover over the scene.

Reproduced with faithful attention to detail, Nelson's monument will be shown towering 75 feet in the air, with the National Gallery in the background. St. Martin's church on the left and public buildings on the right. Profoundly impressive will be the musical treatment and divertissement, including the Empire ballet, Sailors' drill, etc., while an added touch of realism will be given by a large battle tank in action.

"Over the top with the Canadians"—and a great battleship moving majestically to her anchorage crowded with cheering blue-jackets—"Britannia Rules the Waves." Another of the many stirring episodes will be the breaking out of the largest Union Jack in the world and the trooping of the King's Colors, a gorgeous event and one of the oldest of British Army ceremonials, appropriately conducted on Trafalgar Square.

Electricity as a street illuminant was introduced to Canada at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1882.

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Seeking Fresh Adventures Col. Ray Collishaw, the famous Canadian airman, who is again in search of adventure, has left Canada for Russia, where he will receive a commission for service in Poland. Col. Collishaw is the most noted airman in service to-day.

AERIAL ROAD MAP FOR ALL CANADA

Air Board Will Publish a Map
Covering Auto Roads.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The road map of the sky for all Canada is in the making; in fact, it is nearly complete, and will be published by the Air Board within a day or two, according to Col. F. F. Scott, director-in-chief of civil aviation.

This map will cover every route laid out within the Dominion. One of its most important features is that it will be drawn to deal with both civil and military aviation. When revised and finally published Canada will have as complete a directory of travel through the air as it is possible to get.

There will be one vast highway across the Dominion. The map also involves an aerial survey of the whole Dominion.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Polish Government will remain in its Capital, even if Warsaw falls, the French Government was advised this evening.

Only a few leaders will quit the city if the Reds enter, other officials remaining and hoping to prevent the Bolsheviks from establishing Soviets there.

REDS ATTACKING LAST REMAINING
FORTRESS OF WARSAW

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Capital, Which Seems Sure to Fall—Practically All of
Warsaw's 300,000 People Have Fled.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The Bolsheviks today are attacking the fortress of Alexandrov, the last remaining defence to the north of Warsaw, after having captured yesterday the fortress of Novogorodsk.

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STEAL WARDEN'S CAR AND ESCAPE

Two Convicts Break Into Garage at Portsmouth.

Kingston, Aug. 15.—About 10:30 yesterday morning the bell at the Portsmouth Penitentiary gave an alarm, and it was announced that two of the convicts had made their escape. The Warden reported the names as Briggs and Hilton. The men, who were short-termers and trustees, broke into the garage, tearing off the lock, and stole the car belonging to Warden Ponsford. Immediately afterward they speeded out along the penitentiary road. A posse from the penitentiary was sent out on their tracks at once and police of various places were notified. As soon as the alarm was sounded all convicts working in the fields and around the buildings were taken to their cells, so that all available guards might be secured to chase the prisoners.

It is thought that the plan was prearranged. The police were informed on Friday evening that a car without lights or number was standing at the corner of King street and Alvington avenue. If such is the case, it might well be conceived that the car was in readiness to take the prisoners away after they had left the city limits. On Saturday afternoon the car in which the escape was effected was located near Enniscorthy, where the fleeing convicts abandoned it.

Taking Souvenirs on Ocean Liner is Costly

London, Aug. 15.—Transatlantic tourists, who feel that their journeys are not complete unless they lug off a piece of the liner as a souvenir, are going to find that souvenirs come high. Appalled by the value of the stuff lugged off on each trip, the steamship companies are going to fight the practice.

Their first skirmish was successful. Eli and Herbert Ambler, of Los Angeles, were each fined \$100 at Southampton for pocketing, it is alleged, silver-plated ash trays from the Olympic. They said they were merely seeking mementoes.

Canadian Towns to Get German Guns

A despatch from Montreal says: Nine hundred towns and cities throughout the Dominion of Canada are to have presented to them guns captured by the Canadians from the Germans during the Great War. Ten of them have been given to Montreal and placed in various parts of the city.

A small trench mortar has been placed before Mayor Martin's residence. "Not as a gift," said the Dominion architect, "but to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales to his home."

RED CAMPAIGN
THROUGHOUT CANADA

Bolshevik Russia Preparing to
Send Spies to America.

A despatch from Copenhagen says: Bolshevik Russia is preparing to flood the United States and Canada with thousands of secret emissaries, who will spread the Soviet propaganda. Arrangements have been completed for "Comrade" Schklovski, formerly chief foreign propagandist, for the "peaceful penetration" of America.

A large percentage of the Russians returned from the United States and Canada to fight for Russia against Germany talk English. Those from the United States have quite an American twang, those from Canada have an English accent. Schklovski told the correspondent just before he was removed, protestingly, from Denmark, and ordered never to return. "These men are now being given courses in self-binding and other useful arts, preparatory to returning to their adopted countries, where they will champion a Soviet Government. Passport regulations will not keep them out. We have tested this already through the forerunners of our armies of talkers in the United States and Canada."

Schklovski's expulsion from Denmark was due directly to the discovery that he was behind the recent sailors' and longshoremen's strike, which paralyzed the Danish ports for months.

"We are out to overthrow the present system of capitalist government everywhere."

It is hoped having enough soldier support in Scandinavia to make possible a general strike, and claimed that Estonia was practically solidly Soviet.

RUSSIAN REDS
CAPTURE SOLDAT

German Flag Again Floating Over Town.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—Russian Bolshevik forces captured Soldau, on the Warsaw-Danzig Railroad, about 15 miles north-west of Mlawka, Friday night, it was learned here to-day. The city was only slightly damaged. The Poles are reported to be retreating to the north, west.

Soldau is in East Prussia, 95 miles east by north of Thorn. A despatch from Johannsburg, East Prussia, August 11, reported a rumor current here that Russian forces had occupied Soldau by consent of the German inhabitants.

The Commander of the 12th Russian Soviet Division, which entered Soldau, solemnly declared to a delegation of inhabitants that this territory never again would belong to Poland according to despatches received here.

The Polish Burgomaster of Soldau fled. The Russians appointed a citizens' Committee, from which Poles were excluded. The citizens are jubilant, the despatch says, and the German flag is again floating over the town.

SAVED BY 3-PLY
SUIT OF ARMOR

Means of Protecting Life of
Greek Premier From Five Shots.

Paris, Aug. 15.—A three-ply suit of chain armor, worn beneath the shirt of Eleutherios Venizelos, Premier of Greece, was responsible for the failure of his would-be assassins to kill him when they fired five shots point blank as he was leaving the Lyon Railway Station in Paris.

All five of the bullets struck, but only one, which split into four pieces, did any damage. It inflicted minor wounds. These facts were revealed to-day and in this connection it is generally known that King George V. of Great Britain wears a similar suit. The Italian King, though protesting for a long time, has finally adopted the policy of wearing armor when in Rome.

The attempted assassination of Venizelos police investigation here has revealed to-day, was part of a vast plot hatched in Switzerland to restore King Constantine to the throne.

Bigger Premiums For
Live Stock Displays

The enlarged classification in the livestock section at the Canadian National Exhibition this year provides for every animal of importance utilized in Canada. The premium list for horses, cattle, sheep, swine the fur and feathered classes and pet stock together with agricultural products, the output of the dairy, orchard, etc., sets a new mark. Various breed and other association and the Governments offer new prizes which added to those given by the Exhibition brings the sum total to a standard which ensures proportionate recognition for every branch of improved husbandry on a scale more lavish than ever before and should attract a display by which will be established new records in exhibition and Canadian livestock and agricultural history.

The Canadian National Exhibition will again run thirteen days in 1929. The suggestion that it be extended for three weeks has been left in abeyance by the Directors.



Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to Washington, who has accepted an invitation to open the Canadian National Fair at Toronto this month.

"REG'LAR FELLER'S"—By Gene Byrnes

