

CONSIDERING SANITARY SCOBIE DAN

TWO DOCTORS DECLARE "SCOBIE DAN" IS INSANE

Soldier Companions in German Prisons Relate Sufferings Prisoner Subjected to—Little Mildred Kay Will Be Called to Testify This Afternoon.

EXPECT JURY TO RETURN VERDICT TODAY

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Walkerton, March 12.—Whether David Paul ("Scobie Dan") MacDonald is sane and able to stand trial for the murder of Kay at Kincardine on Jan. 6 will be decided by the jury at the Bruce assizes late this afternoon.

Shortly before noon adjournment, Crown Attorney David Robertson declared he had but one more witness to call, Mildred Kay, the 7-year-old daughter of the victims of the tragedy.

Also Otto T. Klein, defence counsel, was not able to see how she could give evidence as to "Scobie Dan's" sanity. Crown counsel declared he intended to show that the details as the tragedy as given in MacDonald's confession were correct by comparing them with the details that he expected the child witness to give.

Judge Smith agreed that the witness could be called to give evidence provided her evidence was confined to the quarrel in the kitchen of the ay home and did not touch upon the slaying. The little girl was not in court so an adjournment was called. She was brought into court when the session was resumed.

Tells of Hardships. James O'Brien, who was a prisoner in Germany with MacDonald, told of the hardships the Kincardine veteran, who resides in Grey County, near Durham, served with the 14th (Montreal) Battalion in France, in September 22, 1918, 1919.

"I took care of MacDonald, or the guards were always knocking him about. One day MacDonald wanted a drink, but he could not make the guards understand. I spoke a little German, so I was able to get him the drink. For the first few days he had not a drink. Then we marched five days without a drink. We were hungry, they used to eat but raw sugar beets which we found in the fields. This had a weakening effect on us. We pulled MacDonald along in a cart. MacDonald was worse than I.

"What did you weigh when you were taken prisoner?" asked Mr. Klein. "I weighed 160 pounds. I was in good health then. The boys used to call me 'Fatty O'Brien,' witness replied.

No Medical Treatment. "At Gleason," O'Brien continued, "MacDonald did not receive any medical treatment. We were there until the armistice and we never undressed or had a change of clothing. I slept alongside of him in a hut. The hut was 15 feet wide and 35 feet long. There were 60 or 70 men in it. Every morning the guards used to put us outside. If we did not hurry they used to cut along the road. At noon we had the same thing. At night bread was added. I starved five days before I would touch the bread. When I was released I weighed 95 pounds.

Presents Allied Plan to Pay U. S. Occupation. Wadsworth Forwards Proposal—Would Dispose of German Ships.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 13.—The Allied plan to pay for the United States military occupation of the Rhineland was telegraphed to Washington yesterday by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Wadsworth, who is conducting the negotiations with the Allied financial experts here.

The essentials of the United States plan are: First, to reduce the total by the amounts received by the United States Government from the sale of German ships and the appraised value of those retained by the United States; and second, to pay the remainder in twelve annual installments out of the future receipts from Germany on the reparations account.

The delegates taking part in the conference with Mr. Wadsworth agreed upon this plan of settlement and obtained for it the approval of their respective governments before submitting it to him.

J. R. COOK POINTS OUT INCREASE IN PUBLIC DEBT. Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 13.—J. R. Cooke (Con. North Hastings), has given notice that he will move in the Legislature that a committee of the House representative of all groups be appointed to sit in the recess to consider methods by which a more uniform rate of taxation could be established on wealth in all its forms.

He points out that public debt, both municipal and provincial, has increased to a very great extent during the last three years, and thinks that a better form of taxation throughout the whole provincial and municipal field may be evolved.



WHERE A FIGHT FOR A LIFE IS BEING STAGED.

"Scobie" Dan MacDonald (inset), on trial at Walkerton, charged with the murder of George Kay, of Kincardine, and the attempted murder of Mrs. Kay. The upper picture shows the Walkerton court house; the lower, the jail where MacDonald is confined. MacDonald, a returned soldier, is said to be suffering from shell shock.

NEW REPARATION PLAN PROGRESSES IN BERLIN

German Government Prepares Scheme to Stabilize the Mark. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Berlin, March 13.—The German Government's new reparations scheme, which will be presented as soon as a favorable opportunity occurs, had progressed today to the point of a private conference with industrialists to ascertain the guarantees the latter will be able to give in support of the plan.

In connection with work on its new reparations proposals, it is learned the government also is preparing an unprecedented scheme to stabilize the mark by promoting general sanity in German finances.

FREE STATE EXECUTES TWO IRISH IRREGULARS

Michael Creedy and Henry Keenan Die at Noon Today. Associated Press Despatch. Dublin, March 13.—Michael Creedy and Henry Keenan, both Irish Republicans, were executed at noon today. The men were arrested by the Free State Government after a raid on the bank at Oldcastle and were found guilty of possessing arms, as well as a large sum of money.

Creedy was a prominent irregular leader. James O'Rourke was executed this morning after conviction of faking news in an attack on National army troops in a Dublin hotel last month.

HEALY EXECUTED. Cork, March 13.—William H. Healy was executed here this morning by the Free State authorities. He was arrested while in possession of arms during the recent attack on a house in Blarney street, when an attempt was made to burn the home of Mrs. Powell, sister of the late Mr. Collins. James Tarle, Patrick Hogan and John Greave were also executed for possession of arms. They were arrested in County Wexford.

MINE EXPLODES, KILLING FIVE. Associated Press Despatch. London, March 13.—A despatch to the Central News from Dublin says that after two hours of fighting between Free State troops and Republicans at Cahirsiveen, County Kerry, a mine, laid to blow, exploded, killing five Republican prisoners and wounding two state officers and seven men.

ISADORA DUNCAN ILL, AFRAID SHE IS DYING. Paris, March 13.—Isadora Duncan, famous classical dancer, was ill in her apartment Monday and she sent word that she feared she was dying. "America's persecutions have killed me. They say that I can never become a citizen of the United States. Then, if I die here, I will have my ashes carried to America and scattered to the winds over that country. I will not say whether my dear husband (Serge Esenin), has returned to me. I can only say our love is stronger than ever."

TWO SAILORS RESCUED, ON THE VERGE OF DEATH. Men in Small Boat, Believed Dead, Picked Up by Schooner. Associated Press Despatch. Freeport, N. Y., March 13.—Bergen Smith and Harry Matthews, who put out to sea on March 4 in a small motorboat, and who were believed to have been drowned, were landed yesterday at Long Beach by a schooner from the Bahamas, which had picked them up on the verge of death.

Smith said that shortly after they had put out something went wrong with their compass and they became lost. Later they ran out of gasoline and stayed in the tiny craft while storms, with snow and sleet, swept over them. They were severely bruised from the tossing they received. The provisions on board were exhausted after the second day, and Matthews became delirious from drinking salt water. On the fifth day they were rescued.

C. P. R. GRAIN LOADINGS ARE HEAVIEST SINCE 1915. Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—Making the heaviest loading since the big crop year of 1915, grain loaded on the western lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Sept. 1 to March 7, inclusive, totalled 118,565 cars, according to statistics issued yesterday by the railway company. This is 16,000 more cars loaded than during the previous season of 1921-22.

HENRY FORD TO VISIT OTTAWA TO TESTIFY. Banking Committee Wants to Question Him on Financial Credits. Associated Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 13.—Henry Ford is to be asked to come to Ottawa to testify on the question of financial credits before the parliamentary committee on banking and commerce. "We shall be glad to advance him money to get him along," jocularly remarked Chairman MacLean when the question of witnesses came up today.

WILL NOT ADMIT CLAIM OF TURK TO CASTELORITZA. Associated Press Despatch. Rome, March 13.—The newspapers here comment unfavorably on a portion of the Turkish Government's reply to the Allied peace proposals, in which the Turks request the return to them by Italy of the Island of Castelloritza, off the southern coast of Asia-Minor.

They point out that Turkey has no national claims on Castelloritza, as the population of the island is not Turkish, but Greco-Levantine. Therefore, Ankara has no political or nationalist motives in claiming an island which forms a bridge joining the island of Rhodes, held by Italy, with Southern Anatolia, Italy's sphere of influence.

STREET RAILWAY BUS EMPLOYEE IN "CROWDING" CASE

Knollwood Park Service Will Be Discussed in Police Court.

DRIVER SUMMONED. Vice-President Ivey Alleges Discrimination, But Says Company Will Observe Law.

By summoning the driver of the Knollwood Park passenger bus being operated on Quebec street by the London Street Railway, to appear in court tomorrow to answer a charge of driving the vehicle when overcrowded, the London Police Department are making it plain that even the London Street Railway is not immune from the omnibus section, clause 5, of the police commissioners' bylaw.

There have been cases in the past where individuals have been charged with violating this section but this is the first time that proceedings will be taken against the London Street Railway for "overcrowding."

Section 5 states: "No owner or driver of an omnibus licensed under this bylaw shall carry at any time in any motor omnibus a greater number of passengers than the manufacturer's certificate shows that such omnibus is intended to seat."

Dangerous Hill. The alleged violation of the overcrowding section of the bylaw occurred Saturday night between 7 and 8 o'clock, on the Quebec street hill, just north of the P. E. tracks. The charge was laid by Constables Berryman and Pope.

The Quebec street hill is considered one of the most dangerous in East London. Police authorities pointed out this morning that a driver going down the hill has his view totally obstructed, and unless a person is driving with exceptional caution, a fatal accident is bound to occur.

Whether action is taken by the police department or not, the London street railway proposes to live within the provisions of the omnibus bylaw, which prohibits overcrowding on the Knollwood Park buses, was the statement today from R. C. Ivey, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company.

Allness Discrimination. "I wouldn't be surprised if the police do take action to this end," he said, "but we are going to live within the bylaw and give the best service that we can under the circumstances."

"In doing this, we shall be able to carry but sixteen passengers, what we have seating capacity for. Before we took over the Knollwood bus there were as many as 30 or 40 riding in the buses at present moment. The omnibus railway assumes control they apparently don't see fit to give us the same treatment. Of course, if they want to hinder us as much as possible, we can but do the best we can."

BUDGET WITH SURPLUS IS SASKATCHEWAN AIM

Will Not Adopt New or Increased Taxation to Provide Material Increase. Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, March 13.—With a total revenue estimated at \$1,743,483 and an estimated expenditure of \$1,723,718, the Saskatchewan Government hopes to make its budget for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1924, show a surplus of \$17,765, according to the estimates which were tabled by Premier Dunning today.

A comparison with the estimates of the preceding year indicates that there is no intention of providing any material increase in revenue by the adoption of new or increased taxation. On the expenditure side, numerous small reductions have been effected in the appropriations of many of the departments. In tabling the estimates, the premier stated, it was his intention, if possible, to bring down the budget Tuesday afternoon.

PRINCE THROWN FROM HORSE. Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, March 13.—The Prince of Wales was thrown from his horse today while participating in a steeplechase at Larkhill. He was apparently not injured.

Report Vast Sum of Gold Located in South Africa

Part of Kruger Millions Believed To Have Been Found—Buried in Flight To Escape British. Associated Press Despatch. London, March 13.—South Africa is greatly excited over the reported discovery in the Pietersburg district of a vast sum of gold which Paul Kruger, late president of the Transvaal, is said to have buried in the course of his flight to Delagoa Bay and Europe about 20 years ago, to escape capture by the British. The Johannesburg correspondent of the Times says that gold bars and coins comprising part of the fortune of Kruger, have been recovered, and that the police have gone to investigate. The legend of the Kruger millions was once a favorite topic of discussion here and in South Africa, but it has been almost forgotten in recent years.

Recovery of the fabled fortune of Paul Kruger, who left an estate valued at \$3,750,000, has been the goal of his biographers and commercial syndicates for some time. More than \$3,000,000 in gold, representing the bulk of Kruger's money, was cemented in the hold of the bark Dorothea which sank on Tenedos Reef, off the Zulu coast, about 20 years ago. This money, which has never been recovered so far as is known, is said to have been shipped by Kruger previous to 1904.

START IN QUEBEC FOR CLEAN SWEEP IN DRUG TRAFFIC

Dr. Garneau Convicted of Prescribing Excessive Quantity of Heroin.

FIRST CASE OF KIND. Morality Squad Incept Campaign Expected to Prove Startling.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, March 13.—Dr. A. L. Garneau, charged with prescribing heroin in exaggerated quantities (for one person alone the total prescribed within twelve months reaching 15,800 one-sixth of a grain tablets), was found guilty yesterday afternoon in the court of sessions and will be sentenced tomorrow by Judge Choquette.

CHARGE E. HOULE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COTE DEATH

Coroner's Jury Holds Trapper's Companion May Be Guilty.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, March 13.—The mystery surrounding the death of Alexander Cote, who was found with a bullet shot dead in a log cabin in Northern Abitibi, reached a new stage yesterday afternoon, when the coroner's jury returned a verdict holding Ernest Houle, Mackamika, Abitibi, criminally responsible for the trapper's death.

Houle was Cote's companion up north in his last expedition, and it was he who advised the authorities that he had been obliged to leave his friend ill in a shack 150 miles north of Amos.

Dr. Jerome, the Montreal expert, and Coroner Bigue, were sent to hold a special inquest, and finally yesterday, the verdict above referred to was returned.

Coroner Bigue immediately signed a warrant for the arrest of Houle, who, though a resident of Mackamika, had been held under observation in Amos since the reopening of the inquest. When apprehended, Houle made no resistance. He had apparently suspected that such would be the issue of the whole affair, which, up to the present, has been exclusively on circumstantial evidence.

The coroner's jury in its verdict declares that Alexander Cote, a trapper residing in Mackamika, died as a result of a bullet shot and held Ernest Houle responsible for the death.

The accused will appear before a magistrate in Amos this afternoon. In the event of there being no criminal spirit in Amos, the case may be transferred to Quebec, to be heard at the April term.

Yorkshire To See A Royal Baptism

Viscount Lascelles Has His Way as to Ceremony. Associated Press Despatch. London, March 13.—Viscount Lascelles has finally been allowed to have a baby in his own home, and here the young Viscount Lascelles will be baptized. It was his wish that the baby should be born in Yorkshire, his ancestral home, but Princess Mary preferred London, and here the young Viscount Lascelles will be baptized.

At once people began to speculate upon the place that would be chosen for the christening. Nearly everyone deemed the chapel royal in St. James' Palace the most likely, but the proud father insisted on Yorkshire, and he has had his way. Little baby will be baptized in St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough, one of the prettiest village churches in the north, and the King and Queen will be there in all the glory of royal grandeur.

WILL SEND DELEGATES TO TORONTO CONVENTION

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, March 13.—It has been definitely decided that Woodstock College will be represented by delegates at the Y. M. C. A. convention of high school boys to be held in Toronto on April 2, 3 and 4. The high school boys of the local "Y" will also likely send delegates.

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DIVISION OF OPINION ON ELECTIVE BOARD

Convention Members of Different Minds as to Elective Police Commission. Sixteen municipalities are joining with London tomorrow at the instigation of Mayor Wenige to discuss the relative merits of the "elective form of police administration."

Not all the delegates are coming favorably disposed, it was learned today from a survey of the several municipalities of acceptance. While they wish to retain the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Guelph and Port Arthur state they are satisfied with the present form of police administration.

Fort William, Peterboro, Woodstock and St. Catharines are sending deputations but have offered no comment as to their feelings in the matter.

On the favorable side of the fence, supporting Mayor Wenige, will be found Sault Ste. Marie, Sarnia, Windsor, Niagara Falls, and Welland. All these are border towns, the city clerk points out, expressing the opinion that they have become more or less affected by the American system just across the line.

At least two mayors are coming for the conference, Mayor Stevens of Kingston, who is opposed to the elective change and Mayor Murray of Woodstock who offers no comment.

WISCONSIN RECOVERING FROM TERRIFIC GALES

Amateur Radio Operators Assist in Locating "Lost" Trains. Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, March 13.—Practically the whole state of Wisconsin was recovering today from the effects of the heavy snow that accompanied the storm. Twenty cities were without light or power temporarily, due to the breaking of a transmission line from Kilsbuck. The storm brought out a new use for radio, when "lost" trains were located by broadcasting from Chicago pines to amateur radio fans to ascertain the whereabouts of the trains, and then report through wireless agencies to the two receiving stations here. That was attempted when telegraph and telephone lines were blown down by the storm.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Northerly winds; partly cloudy and cold tonight and on Wednesday. The disturbance which was over southern Lake Michigan yesterday has since moved northeastward to Georgian Bay, thence eastward to New England with greatly decreased intensity.

A fairly heavy snowfall has occurred over the greater part of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in the West the weather is fair and moderately cold.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: High, 23; low, 22.

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 44 24 Cloudy. Calgary 34 4 Clear. Winnipeg 14 12 Cloudy. Port Arthur 14 8 Clear. Toronto 42 20 Fair. Kingston 42 20 Cloudy. Ottawa 20 14 Cloudy. Montreal 24 11 Rain. Quebec 12 10 Snow. Father Point 8 6 Fair. St. John 20 16 Cloudy. Halifax 28 20 Cloudy. Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 46; lowest, 33. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 23; lowest, 22.

Barometric Readings. Monday—8 p.m., 23.74. Today—8 a.m., 23.92.