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TWO CENTS

## LETTER SHOWS BELL MURDER WAS PLANNED

### Sensational Evidence Offered in the Trial of Newman Clark at Andover.

#### WRITTEN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE CRIME

#### Prisoner Claimed He "Had to Do the Act" and Left Family Instructions.

Special to The Standard.  
Andover, Dec. 2.—The third day of the trial of Newman Clark, charged with the murder of Phoebe Bell on the afternoon of March 26th at Grand Falls, produced thrills and sensations here today.

Dr. Anglin, of the Provincial Hospital, Fairville, was the man on whom all eyes were focused, and all ears were alert to catch his answers to the hypothetical questions asked him. Knowing he was to give evidence, the court room was packed, because all felt that Dr. Anglin held a life in the hollow of his hand, and what he might say would go a long way in determining the jury's verdict. Suspense long drawn out at times, followed pointed questions of attorneys, objection after objection was recorded to questions, and attorneys split hairs in their zeal to gain points of advantage.

Called By The Defence.  
Dr. Anglin was called as an expert for the defence. From the evidence heard in the case Dr. Anglin felt there were signs which would indicate the prisoner was insane, or tending that way. He recalled his change in demeanor which had been in evidence the past few years as one of the things causing that opinion.

The defence endeavored to draw from Dr. Anglin an expression of opinion, basing his judgment on all the evidence in the case, whether Newman Clark was sane or insane at the time of the commission of the crime.

#### Crown Objects to Questions.

The Crown strenuously objected to the question propounded and long legal arguments ensued. The Crown contended it was for the jury to determine that question, and not for a medical expert. The defence contended it was only an element in the case, the opinion to go along with other evidence in assisting the jury to arrive at a decision. It was held that the expert could only give opinion as to evidence which might show a tendency of insanity at the time of shooting. He could not say he was insane or not, as that was purely a matter of fact, and that was the function of the jury to discharge.

Dr. Anglin brought a hymn was as capable as an expert to determine a man's condition of mind on questions of right and wrong, if he had all the facts before him, as he had all the facts before him. (Continued on page 2)

## PALMER IS SENT TO HIGHER COURT

### Three Other Moncton Post Office Clerks Will Be Arraigned Today.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 2.—William Palmer, on the charge of tampering with and stealing from His Majesty's mail at the Moncton post office, was this afternoon sent by the police magistrate to the higher court for trial. His counsel intends appealing to a supreme court judge for bail.

Gordon Reade and Harold Jamieson and Lawson Stewart, clerks in the Moncton post office, charged with similar offence, will be arraigned for preliminary examination tomorrow and Saturday. The authorities are searching for another young man, wanted in connection with the Moncton post office thefts.

## EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR SELLING WOOD ALCOHOL AS DRINK

New York, Dec. 2.—Carmine Lisena, second to be tried of four men indicted in connection with theft and distribution of wood alcohol "whisky" last Christmas after 100 persons had died from drinking it in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, today was sentenced in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to 18½ years in Sing Sing for manslaughter in the first degree.

He recently was found guilty of the specific charge that he knowingly sold wood alcohol which, used as a beverage, caused the death of John Kantis at Chitosee Falls, Mass. John Remisch, Brooklyn undertaker, the first of the four to be tried last week was sentenced to 3½ to 7 years.

#### C. POIRIER DEAD

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 2.—Charles Poirier, well known employee of the C. N. R. shops, died at his home in St. Mary's this morning after about a year's illness. He was sixty-one years of age, and was a native of Grand Dégis, Kent county. He is survived by his wife and ten children.

## Hurled Pie into Wife's Face After Tackles In Pudding

### Both Sides of This Happy Little Home Now Seeking a Divorce.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 2.—Albert Jensen, an inventor, wants a divorce from his wife, Dora, and she wants one from him. Here are the counter-charges contained in affidavits made public today. Wife says: Husband threw pie in her face and washed her face with butter. Husband says: Wife put carpet tacks in his rice pudding and went to bed fully dressed for eight years. Each say the other is not telling the truth. They have a seven-year-old daughter, whose custody is desired by the mother.

## HON. G. FERGUSON CONSERVATIVE'S ONTARIO CHIEF

### At Party Convention He Defeats Gen. Ross and Hon. Mr. Henry.

#### GREAT ENTHUSIASM AT THE MEETING

#### Only One Ballot Required to Settle the Question of Leadership.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was this afternoon re-elected as leader of the Provincial Liberal-Conservative Party in convention here.  
Two other candidates for the leadership, Brigadier General A. E. Hicks, M. P. P. for Kingston, Minister without portfolio, and the Hearst Government for a short time prior to the defeat of the government in 1919; and Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Agriculture in the Hearst Government, and present M. P. P. for East York, were also defeated.

#### Greeted With Applause

When the result of the vote was announced there was a strong outburst of cheering, and the general applause indicated that the party choice was not absolutely unanimous. It was so nearly unanimous that it was accepted in that spirit. The selection of Hon. Mr. Ferguson was taken as an answer to the report of the Royal Commission which had been investigating the timber returns sent to the former government and which recently made an interim report reflecting upon Mr. Ferguson's administration as minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.

The view had been expressed since the opening of the Conservative convention here yesterday that the commission's handling of Mr. Ferguson in the nature of persecution and not in the nature of a political trial, if not kill his chances of leadership.

The rapturous acclaim which his selection was greeted by the large gathering of delegates in Massey Hall proved that notwithstanding the commission's adverse report, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson still held the confidence and good will of the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Ontario.

## SPRACKLIN'S COUNSEL MAKING APPLICATION TO SECURE BAIL AT ONCE

Windsor, Dec. 2.—The Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin was taken to Sandwich immediately following the preliminary hearing of the charges against him in the Windsor police court today. The charges are of "unlawfully killing and slaying Beverly Trumbie, during the course of a raid on the Chappell House at 3 a. m. on November 6, by the special income squad." Bail application is being made by W. G. Lamarche, acting for R. L. Brackin, M. P. P. counsel for the prisoner. Neither Spracklin, his counsel, W. H. Farlong, nor the acting prosecutor, T. G. McHugh, made any statement in court.

## BRITISH SHARE OF LOAN

London, Dec. 2.—Australia Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons today that the British share of the Anglo-French loan for the United States was repaid on the date due, at a cost to the exchequer of £28,228,000.

## LUXURY IMPORT PROHIBITED

San Salvador, Dec. 2.—Importation of luxuries has been prohibited, beginning January 1, 1921, by decree of the Salvadoran government.

## SYDNEY MAYOR ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE STRIKE

### City Council Appoints Him to Seek Settlement With Dominion Iron Co.

#### MEN ARE WILLING TO ARBITRATE NOW

#### Ready to Go Back to Work at Once While Awaiting the Result.

Sydney, N. S. Dec. 2.—The striking railwaymen of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company came to a show down before the City Council tonight by expressing their willingness to arbitrate over the present trouble at the plant by putting the matter before the Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment. As proof of their good intentions, the railwaymen advanced to the council an agreement form signed by the members of their strike committee and approved by Mr. George K. Wark. The agreement was filled out in every particular, but it lacked one thing—the signatures of the officials of the company concerned.

#### Up to City Now

The city, through His Worship the Mayor, within the past few days has made several attempts to effect a settlement of the trouble on the plant. None of them have proved of any great benefit, so far as to bring about a settlement of the trouble is concerned. The city has now on its hands the task of getting the officials of the steel company to consent to allow the matter to go before the Railway Adjustment Board.

The council tonight handed the job to the Mayor, and appointed a committee of one to interview the officials of the company for the purpose of getting them to affix the necessary signatures to the agreement form. If His Worship succeeds in his task he will have the present industrial crisis in his city well on the road to a settlement.

## ABBNEY MAY BE CLOSED BECAUSE OF IRISH PLOT

### Lloyd George Says He Has Bunch of Letters Written by the "President."

#### EVIDENCE OF PLOTS FOUND IN LETTERS

#### Full List of Active Members of League in Hands of Authorities.

London, Dec. 2.—The keen search by Scotland Yard operatives to uncover Sinn Fein machinations is said to be having results. It is declared that many documents have been discovered which disclose the complete list of the members of the Irish Sinn Fein Determination League and also clues as to the whereabouts of men and women desired by the authorities. The clues in the hands of the Scotland Yard authorities are being followed closely.

#### Guard Public Buildings

Meanwhile measures for the safety of public buildings are being redoubled. It is reported that the questing of closing Westminster Abbey to the public is being considered.

Among the documents seized are said to be a number of letters coming from abroad and also letters containing evidence of plots against buildings and various undertakings in London and throughout the country.

#### Got "President's" Papers

London, Dec. 2.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons today that documents found in the possession of Eamonn De Valera when he was arrested in May, 1918 would be included in those which the government was about to make public. These documents, asserted the Premier, implicated an Irish Republican Army in the German conspiracy.

## MONCTON HAS \$3,000 FIRE

### Barn Filled With Pressed Hay is Destroyed at Midnight

Moncton, Dec. 2.—A fire, which started tonight from some unknown source, totally destroyed a combined barn and storehouse belonging to Isaac Selick, Main street merchant. The barn was situated on Downing street, and contained a considerable quantity of pressed hay and feed, as well as three horses, quantity of harness and wagon. Two of the horses were taken out but it was impossible to remove the third. The loss is estimated at \$3,000 with no insurance.

## EXPECT BIG DEMAND ON PATRIOTIC FUND

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Extension claims on the residue of the Canadian patriotic fund are anticipated this winter. Out of the fund post discharge allowances to the amount of \$125,000 a month are now being made. The money is not applied to the relief of unemployment among the returned men, but rather only in cases of hardship. The fund appropriated by parliament last year expired in March. The post-discharge fund amounts to about \$7,000,000 and is what remained of the \$80,000,000 collected for the patriotic fund.

## SUGAR CROP LOWER

Havana, Dec. 2.—Sugar stocks in Cuba at present total 270,000 tons, according to official figures of the Cuban government. This is 50,000 tons less than former reports have indicated.

## WORLD NEWS TODAY

### CANADA

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson has been chosen leader of the Ontario Conservative party.  
Canadian stinger was burned to death in an apartment house fire in New York.  
Latest reports indicate the election of 3 Labor and 4 Independents in British Columbia.  
William Palmer, Moncton, was sent to higher court in the post office theft case.  
Sensational evidence offered at Newman Clark trial at Andover, N. B., to prove sanity of the prisoner.

### UNITED STATES

Farmers ask Congress to give them assistance in the sale of their produce.  
Hog prices in Chicago have dropped to 1913 level of 110.50 per cent. In July 1919 they were 232.  
The British Isles

Allies will send a note to Greece warning nation against the return of the ex-King.  
Countess Markievicz is on trial at Dublin by court martial on sedition charge.  
Westminster Abbey may be closed to the public as a result of Irish plots.

Farmers warn Archbishop Mannix that he will not be permitted to visit Liverpool or make any addresses.  
A large crowd watched the embarkation of the flag covered coffin. The Protestant Bishop of Cork and other church officials assisted the auxiliaries in carrying the coffin aboard the tender while hands played dirges. The tender took the coffin to the destroyer Undine, which sailed at two in the afternoon for Pembroke. Last night was the quietest Cork has experienced in more than a week.

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### DRY VOTE WILL HIT EXPRESS CO.

#### HARD IS CLAIM

#### If Ontario Goes "Bone Dry" Next April Greater Burden is Predicted Now.

### RAILWAY BOARD TOLD OF TROUBLES

#### Claimed That Thirty-Three Per Cent. Increase Essential to Break Even.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Although an effort was made to bring the express rates before the railway board to close on Friday, there is a prospect that it was not concluded before Saturday. When the board adjourned at five o'clock this afternoon there still remained to be called as a witness, Lockhart Gordon, a Toronto accountant, who will be examined by G. R. Geary, corporation counsel for the City of Toronto. Mr. Geary, with this witness, will endeavor to demolish some of the statistical computations presented today on behalf of the Dominion Express Company by General Manager McDonnell.

#### Argument to Be Long

Argument by counsel is expected to commence before the noon adjournment and is expected to occupy several hours. During the course of his examination today, General Manager McDonnell predicted a deficit of over \$1,000,000 for the Dominion Express Company, and told the board that in order to break even during 1921, increases in rates amounting to thirty-three per cent. are necessary. He maintained that the going dry of the four provinces, which voted for prohibition on October 25, will seriously affect the express business.

Should Ontario go bone dry in April next, it would mean another large decline in liquor shipments by express.

## MARRIED FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO IN MELROSE

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 2.—A number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fraser, Lewisville, Tuesday night to celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were married in Melrose, Mass., and spent the early part of their married life in Halifax, where Mr. Fraser was storekeeper for the I. C. R. In 1877 Mr. Fraser was transferred to Moncton, and was assistant storekeeper for twenty-seven years, when he retired from the service.

## GOING TO KINGSTON

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Margaret Parker, deputy matron at the Maritime Penitentiary, Dorchester, has resigned her position and left today for Kingston, Ont., where she will be married to Chief Engineer Nison of the Kingston Penitentiary.

## ARCH. MANNIX CANNOT SPEAK AT LIVERPOOL

### Government Refuses to Allow Him to Visit in the Liverpool Area Yet.

#### MURDERED CADETS TAKEN FROM CORK

#### Black and Tans Made Crowds Uncover as Bodies Taken on Destroyer.

Cork, Dec. 2.—The bodies of the fifteen auxiliary police cadets, the victims of the Kilmichael ambush, were brought today from Macroom and placed on a navy tender for shipment to England.  
Contingents of the Royal Irish Constabulary escorted the melancholy procession through the city. Pieces of business were closed and all the shops shuttered. Numbers of men and boys who failed to uncover as the procession passed by were unrounded by the "Black and Tans."

#### Crows at Wharf

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## Allies Tell Greece Constantine's Return Viewed Unfavorably

### Acceptance of Throne Regarded as Endorsement of All His Hostile Acts.

London, Dec. 2.—The Allied Premiers in conference today agreed to send a note to the Greek Government declaring that restoration of Constantine to the throne of Greece would be regarded as ratification by that country of Constantine's hostile acts, and would create a new and unfavorable situation in the relations between Greece and the Allies.

## IRISH COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ NOW STANDING TRIAL

### Charge Before Court Martial is That She Was Organizing Sinn Fein Scouts.

#### FURNISH RECRUITS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

#### Countess Refused to Recognize the Court and Looked Very Sick.

Dublin, Dec. 2.—At the Royal Barracks today the Countess Georgian Markievicz, Member of Parliament for the St. Patrick's Division of Dublin city, who was arrested two months ago, was tried by court martial on a charge of conspiring between January 1918 and September, 1920, to organize a "fianneaireann," otherwise known as Sinn Fein Boy Scouts.

This organization has been charged with conspiracy to murder military police; with unlawful drilling, the carrying of arms, furnishing recruits to the Irish Volunteers and generally promoting disaffection.

#### Countess Looks Ill

The Countess looked extremely ill today. Newspaper photographers who took snapshots of her were held by the military escort who confiscated the photographic plates. The newspapers were searched when they entered the barracks where the Countess is being detained.

The Countess today refused to recognize the court, and the sessions were occupied with the examination of witnesses for the prosecution.

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## LIBERALS ARE ELECTED BUT MAJORITY LOW

### Latest Returns Indicate All Opposition Combined Almost Equals Liberal Victors.

#### LABOR ELECTS THREE INDEPENDENTS FOUR

#### Liberals Have 24 Seats, Conservatives 15, Labor 3 and Independents 4 in Vote.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 2.—There have been few election changes during the day, and tonight the standing of the parties as the result of yesterday's voting stands as follows:  
Liberals, 24; Conservatives, 15; Labor, 3; Independents, 4. A still doubtful. The Liberals, however, are claiming the seat.

#### Independent is Safe

Major R. J. Burde, Independent, has been elected in Alberni. With six small west coast polls to hear from, which will not change the result, he has a majority of 120 over Brigadier General Money, Conservative.

Hon. Thomas Keen, late speaker of the legislature, reported elected in another member defeated by Colonel Lister, Conservative, by 26. Prince George is placed in the Liberal column. Perry, Liberal, having a good lead over Cocker, Conservative, but with a number of polls still to report. In Omineca, the election of Manson, Liberal, is conceded.

#### Two Clergymen Elected

There are a number of absentee votes in many of the ridings, which may change the result in some cases. In Vancouver alone there are more than 2,000 of these to be counted. Another member elected to the legislature is Rev. J. Manion, in Comox, nominee of the People's Party. The other clergyman elected is Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe, Conservative, in Victoria. Mr. Manion's election late in the day against three opponents and his election came as a surprise.

#### The Premier's Statement

Hon. John Oliver, premier and Liberal leader, in a statement today on the result of the election, declared that he believed the election would go down in history as the cleanest ever held in British Columbia, insofar as the operation of the election is concerned. The Government will accept the mandate of the people, not with exultation, but with the feeling that a serious duty has been imposed upon them, and they will at once devote their energies to strengthening the weak points of administration and to a solution of the many serious problems which confront them.

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## CANADIAN GIRL BURNS TO DEATH IN FIERCE FIRE

### Five Victims of the Apartment House Disaster in New York Identified.

#### ONE WAS CANADIAN VOCAL STUDENT

New York, Dec. 2.—Identification of the last of the five victims, including one Canadian woman, who perished early today amid flames that swept a five story apartment house in West Fifty Seventh Street, was made tonight. The fifth body was found to be that of Betty Jones, wife of Bobby Jones, a dancer in a supper club in London.

Mrs. Harold Boswell Reid, a vocalist student of Cooderich, Ont., was the Canadian victim of the tragedy. The others were:

Dr. F. M. Potter, veterinarian of the New York Hippodrome, a race-horse owner, trainer of animals for theatricals and motion pictures.

Mrs. Eva Luscombe, English premier dancer and actress, the wife of Victor Luscombe, an employee of Lloyd's, London. Mrs. Jessie Jenkins of California, sister of Mrs. Reid.

The police began an investigation of the tragedy this afternoon after receiving reports that stairways were missing between certain floors of the building. They also reported learning that an automatic elevator was in use between the floors, and that this elevator had been run down to the third floor and stopped.

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