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A Week Has Passed, With Crime Unsolved

Police Have Not Even Decided How H. L. Williams Met His Death

Suicide Theory Still Advanced at Headquarters, While Facts And Expert Opinions Fail To Support It—Several Matters Brought to Attention of Police Have Not Been Cleared Up Satisfactorily

The veil of mystery, which has enshrouded the murder of Harry L. Williams, has yet to be penetrated and up to three o'clock this afternoon nothing new developed which would throw any light on the crime, the motive or the perpetrator. Although several people have been summoned to police headquarters to explain their actions and statements on or since the night of the crime no arrests have been made and the murderer still is at large.

The police officials still adhere to the idea that the man committed suicide. It has been said that he was in financial difficulties, but there has been nothing to show that he was pressed for money or worried about his affairs. It has been advanced, for an argument, to strengthen this statement, that the unfortunate victim had borrowed money on an insurance policy, but are there not many business men in St. John today who use policies as collateral in connection with business transactions. Those who knew Mr. Williams personally assert that he was not a man who worried much about money matters. Many of his patrons claim that, time after time, when they went in to pay bills he would tell them to come around again, as he was busy at something else. This would not indicate that he was financially embarrassed. Others who had business dealings with him say that he was prompt in making payments. Again, it seems improbable that any man who was dependent would plan a fishing trip one hour before taking his own life. He showed no signs of nervousness or despondency when speaking to his clerk who was in the store shortly after twelve o'clock. If he had taken his own life the absence of the weapon still is to be accounted for. The idea that some friend entered the store and removed the revolver is scouted as improbable. He would indeed be a friend who would do such a thing. He would have a hard time proving that he did not shoot the man and then tried to escape. On the other hand his business would not be large enough or his habits could not be large enough to warrant taking his life.

Physician's Opinion. A Times representative this morning had an interview with Dr. D. P. Mahoney, who was the first physician summoned to the scene. He said he put no credence in the suicide theory, and was of the opinion that a revolver held two or three feet away could have made the wound. The discoloration about the wound was only natural, he said, and as to the scorching inside the skin, he said it was nothing of the sort, but was due to blood and slight discoloration caused by the passage of a bullet.

Not Cleared Up Yet. Although many rumors have been run to earth and proven groundless there still are several yet to be cleared up. The police have so far, failed to learn the identity of the man who came along Barker and Kitchener streets, and who appeared to be laboring under stress of great excitement. A man could easily walk from the scene of the murder along Elm street to the junction of Magazine street and thence by Military road to Barker street and, by so doing, he would avoid the main streets.

As previously published in the "Times," a man was standing in front of the store about twenty or twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock. He was seen leaning against the pole by two passengers who got off the car at the corner of Elm and Main streets, and the time may be fixed by the fact that the car arrived at the Western Union office at the foot of King street at half past eleven. When questioned by the

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Trying To Force Switzerland To Assist The Teuton Cause

New York, Aug. 14.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says: "Indications that Germany, backed by pro-German elements in Switzerland, has launched a campaign to intimidate the Swiss government and the Swiss people into actively assisting the Teuton cause are embodied in latest official reports to the state department. Secretary Lansing announced today that the police of Berne had raided the plant of the Freie Zeitung, a Swiss semi-weekly, because it endorsed President Wilson's stand in the war. The belief here is that German pressure forced the Berne authorities to take this action."

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NINE ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY

Result of Investigation Into German Bomb Plot in Norway—Aimed at Neutral Vessels

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 14.—Investigation of the conspiracy having for an object the sinking with German bombs of a number of Norwegian ships has been completed, according to the Tidenstegn and action taken against seven Finlanders and two Germans. They are accused of having transported many explosives from Germany to Norway and stored them at three places in Christiania. The accused were paid by the German espionage headquarters at Stockholm.

Christiana despatches recently said that the leader of those arrested called himself Baron Von Rautenfels. It is doubted whether he really is a baron. According to the Tidenstegn, 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including several infernal machines. These were enclosed in cases resembling lumps of coal and were to have been put in the coal bunkers aboard Norwegian ships. The newspaper said the discovery of the plot probably explains the loss of many Norwegian ships which were supposed to have been mined or torpedoed.

GRANTED AMNESTY, AGAIN ARRESTED

Prominent Member of Sinn Fein Party, Once Sentenced to Death, in Trouble Over Formation of New Sinn Fein Club

Dublin, Aug. 14.—J. J. Walsh, a prominent member of the Sinn Fein party, whose death sentence for participation in the recent rebellion was commuted to ten years penal servitude, and who was lately granted amnesty, was arrested here yesterday in connection with the formation of Sinn Fein clubs in the south of Ireland.

Courts martial recently have sentenced three Sinn Fein members from the county Galway to imprisonment varying from two years to three months for offenses against the anti-drift order.

FORMER PRIVATE WON V. C., D. S. O. AND THE RANK OF MAJOR

Quebec, Aug. 14.—After a few years absence from Canada during which time he rose from private to major, all while fighting the Germans, Major T. W. MacDowell returned to his native land yesterday afternoon, arriving here on a Canadian Pacific ocean liner from a British port. He is the proud possessor of the Victoria Cross, the most prized of valor medals awarded in the British army, and also the Distinguished Service Order. Major MacDowell, whose home is in Brockville, Ont., went overseas with the 28th Battalion, which he will rejoin after his furlough in Canada.

HUN FINANCIAL AGENT FOR CANADA IS IN CUSTODY

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 14.—Alvo Von Alvensleben, reputed head of a German spy system in the west and alleged financial agent of Germany in Canada, is today in the internment camp at Fort Douglas. He was brought to this city yesterday in custody of department of justice agents. Alvensleben declared that he had lost a fortune of several million dollars in this country since the outbreak of the war.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. City of St. John to C. P. Baker, property in Greenhead. Caroline Dow to D. L. Dow, property in Lancaster. Michael Gullivan to Michael Gullivan, Jr., property in Simonds. Jacob Mayer to J. A. D. Gibbons, property in Adelaide street. The new property in Rothsay. Mary M. Woodman, widow, to Amelia E. Clark, widow, property in Lancaster. Kings County. W. H. McQuade to Ada E. Emery, property in Rothsay. W. H. McQuade to H. G. Barnes, property in Rothsay. H. W. Schofield to Sherwood Fowler, property in Upham. R. A. Stockton to Abigail Jones, property in Cardwell. Caleb Spragg to E. H. White, property in Springfield.

POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS

Rome, Aug. 14.—Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments. The Pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Roumania and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Fiume. According to reports received from Vatican sources it is expected the proposals will be published today by the Vatican.

BELIEVE IT WAS INSPIRED BY GERMANY

Washington, Aug. 14.—The state department acknowledged that it had received unofficial knowledge of Pope Benedict's peace proposals before today's news despatches were received here. No official cognizance can be taken of it until the proposal conveyed officially. Whatever consideration is given to it will be after consultation with the allies.

Within the Entente diplomatic circle the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the peace proposal was unusually explicit in saying that it could not be discussed until it came in a confiding discussion of their war aims. At the apostolic delegation all knowledge of the Pope's proposal was disclaimed. It was said the Pope delegates had not transmitted it to the United States government and did not expect to do so. The opinion was expressed that it would come through a neutral government.

The extent of the state department's information does not indicate through what channel the proposal will be conveyed and gives no information from which an inference might be drawn as to whether it will come through one of the allied governments or through a dignitary of the church. Officials were unusually explicit in saying that it could not be discussed until it came in a confiding discussion of their war aims. At the apostolic delegation all knowledge of the Pope's proposal was disclaimed. It was said the Pope delegates had not transmitted it to the United States government and did not expect to do so. The opinion was expressed that it would come through a neutral government.

MARTIAL LAW FOR WHOLE OF SPAIN

Madrid, Aug. 14.—The whole of Spain has been placed under martial law, following disorders resulting from the general strike which is spreading. This decision was reached at a meeting of the cabinet which devoted its entire time to a consideration of the strike. Instructions were sent to military authorities who have been given full control. Disturbances which occurred at various places have been stopped by military forces.

The strike, which was begun by the railroad employes, has even affected the newspapers here and only those which have non-unionist staffs will appear to-night. They have received assurance from the government that they will be protected. At noon yesterday the capital was quiet. A majority of the workmen wish to work in peace, only the minority seeks to promote disorder.

SEVENTEEN KILLED AND SCORE INJURED IN TROLLEY CRASH

North Branford, Conn., Aug. 14.—Seventeen persons were killed and upwards of two-score injured, most probably fatally, when two trolley cars on the shore line electric railway crashed head on at high speed a short distance from the local station here yesterday. Both cars of heavy construction were running at high speed, it is said, and the force of the impact was such as to back them together, a mass of twisted iron and steel splintered wood. Many of them killed died instantly, and others within a short time after being taken from the wreckage.

MRS. SAMUEL WILSON

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, 4 Champlain street, which occurred at eleven o'clock this morning. Mrs. Wilson was the widow of Samuel Wilson, at one time in the men's clothing business in King street. Mrs. Wilson was sixty-six years old and was a life-long resident of West St. John. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. C. Girvan, West St. John. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

DEMURRAGE OF \$5 ON COAL CARS

"Person Who Fails to Unload Coal Cars Promptly is an Enemy of This Country," Says Fuel Controller

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 14.—"Any person who fails to unload a coal car promptly is in my judgment an enemy of this country," was the strong statement which was made last night by Mr. C. A. Magrath, fuel controller. "The United States," he pointed out, "is demanding prompt return of cars and if there is delay, it may seriously interfere with the securing of the necessary supply from across the line. Delay means coal shortage for munition plants."

HENDERSON'S REPLY WAS NOT CONVINCING

Comment of American Correspondent on Statement Made by Former Labor Leader Minister in Commons

New York, Aug. 14.—A special cable despatch to the New York World from London this morning says: "A crowded house, kept up to a high pitch of excitement, listened to Arthur Henderson yesterday afternoon, speaking in defense of his position in regard to the Stockholm conference. At the close of the speech many members shared the opinion expressed by Prime Minister Lloyd George that three-quarters of Mr. Henderson's peroration was irrelevant, as he failed to point out why he did not clearly inform the labor conference of Kereken's opposition to the Stockholm conference. Mr. Henderson's acknowledgment that he had stated to the conference that there had been a modification of the Russian attitude did not give the clean-cut answer which even his adherents hoped could and would stop his interrogation on that score.

U. S. TROOPS HAVE STRONG OBJECTIONS TO NAME OF 'SAMMY'

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 13.—Not until the recent arrival in camp of certain American newspapers did the soldiers of the United States expeditionary forces become aware that efforts were being made in certain quarters to fix upon them the name of "Sammy."

CANADIANS IN FORWARD MOVE

Canadian Army Headquarters, Aug. 13.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.)—Posts were pushed out on a front of about six hundred yards into ruined houses from which enemy snipers have been annoying our men in the advanced line in the region to the north of the Lens-Levin road early last night. Little resistance was experienced and only one prisoner was captured. The posts put out by us last night are only a belt of razed houses lying between our men and the Ent. Over the open space thus secured the enemy is able to direct a heavy machine gun fire.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUELS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Enemy Aircraft Particularly Agressive; Rheims Shelled Again; Russians and Roumanians Take Hundreds of Prisoners and Several Machine Guns From Teutons

London, Aug. 13.—The official statement from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads: "The hostile artillery showed increased activity during the morning southeast of the Arras-Cambrai road and in the Nieport sector. "Our airplanes and balloons carried out a great deal of successful work yesterday in conjunction with our artillery. Many photographs were taken and four hostile airdromes were bombed heavily. Enemy aircraft again were particularly aggressive. In the fighting in the air nine German airplanes were brought down, two of which fell within our lines, and eight others were driven out of control. Seven of our machines are missing."

Paris, Aug. 14.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "The artillery duel was very violent to day between Geny and Craonne. The Germans again attempted to eject us from the trenches we captured to the south of Allies. We repulsed all attacks and our troops succeeded in making perceptible progress to the east of that position. "The city of Rheims today received 350 shells, most of which were incendiary. Four civilians were killed and two wounded. "Violent artillery fighting took place in Champagne at Montcairellet, on both banks of the Meuse and in the Parroy forest. No infantry action took place."

Struma valley. The cannoneads have been reported in the front, especially in the Cerna Bend. British aviators have bombed enemy hangars at Xanthi, and French aviators have bombed the region between Malk and Ochrida Lakes."

Roussians TAKE PRISONERS. Petrograd, Aug. 13.—British admiralty, per Wireless Press.—In repelling a Teuton attack in the Valley of the River Sionka, western Moldavia, the Russians yesterday captured more than 300 prisoners and four machine guns, according to the official statement issued today. In the region of Oca, the Russians and Roumanians drove the Austro-Germans from a series of heights. In the fighting around Fokshani the Russians captured 500 Austrians, but were compelled to retire slightly.

Penetrated German Lines. Paris, Aug. 14.—The German lines near Rheims were penetrated in two places last night by French reconnoitering forces, the war office announces. German raiders in the Champagne failed. Enemy Reports. Berlin, via London, Aug. 14.—No infantry fighting occurred Sunday in Flanders, according to the official statement yesterday from German general headquarters. The repulse of French attacks along the Aisne front is reported.

Two Nova Scotia Girls Drowned. Halifax, Aug. 14.—On Friday there was a distressing happening at Stevieston which has enveloped the village in sadness. It was the drowning of two young girls, both of whom were prime favorites, Miss Frances Daniels aged seventeen, a student at the Truro Academy, and Miss May Belle Goodwin, who was attending Mount Allison Ladies' College. The bodies of the two girls, who were accustomed to go bathing every day, were found in twenty feet of water. As yet, there is no clue as to the cause of the drowning. The water was much deeper than that in which they were accustomed to bathe but they were both good swimmers.

Street Railway Riot Outcome of Strike. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.—The entire ninth regiment, National Guard, is on duty this morning, as the result of a riot which broke out shortly before midnight last night when sympathizers of the street railway employes who are on strike began to attack the cars. The troops were called out when it became apparent that the police and sheriff would not be able to maintain order and after strike sympathizers had gathered in a park across from the car barns with the avowed intention of attacking the barns and getting the strike breakers.

Weather Report. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Shows a clear day on Ontario and Nova Scotia, also in some parts of Saskatchewan. Elsewhere the weather is fair and moderate. Moderate winds, showers in some localities today. Fair and warmer. Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair and warmer today and on Wednesday. New England—Showers this afternoon or tonight. Wednesday, fair, light west winds.

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