

Some Noted Daring Explorers and Interesting Scenes on Antarctic Wastes



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SANDY MURRAY AND THE HATCHES SENT UP FOR TRIAL BY MAGISTRATE M'QUARRIE

Andover, April 1.—At the preliminary examination, on Wednesday, of Sandy Murray and the Hatches, accused of complicity in the murder of Edward Greene, the cross-examination of Tony Aroska by Hon. W. P. Jones was the first business. Questioned about the evidence he gave at his trial, Aroska replied: "I said all lies then. I was told to lie. Sandy Murray, James Hatch, Seppell and I made up the story while in jail together. I made up some, and the others made up some. I did not speak to Seppell or anyone about the evidence I would give today. James Hatch told me to say I sold the gun to an Italian, but not to say anything about Murray. He never saw or heard of the peddlers until Murray told him of them. Murray loaded the gun in the camp. If he got away he intended to share the money with Murray; otherwise he did not intend to."

On re-examination by the crown, Aroska said: "I have no hope or expectation whatever of a reprieve or modification of my sentence on account of giving this evidence." Blanchard Murray, of Andover, a section man on the C. P. R., was called. He told of seeing Aroska and another man coming up the C. P. R. track at the south end of the Wabaski bridge, between 8 a. m. and 10 p. m. on Dec. 19. He saw the men again in the afternoon at Plaster Rock. They still had the rifle, but no other gun. He saw Greene and Panarsky the day they went out the right of way.

MR. CURRIE'S VAIN ATTEMPT TO APOLOGISE FOR HIS DEEDS

Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—The Legislature spent most of its time today considering the bill amending the Liquor License Act and adjourned early to allow the Municipalities Committee to meet to close up the Moncton bill for a commission to handle the water and sewerage departments.

GOOD CHOICE, HE SAYS.

Fredericton, April 1.—Rupert D. Hanson, lately appointed school inspector for No. 7 district, reported here for duty today and this spring will probably move his family here from Chatham. Inspector Mercereau who has charge of the district in which Chatham, where Mr. Hanson has been teaching, is situated, in referring to the latter's appointment said to the Standard this evening: "It was one of the best appointments ever made. No man is better qualified for duties by education, ability, energy and experience."

NET RESULT OF VOYAGE.

Point reached within 111 miles of the South Pole. Magnetic pole also reached. Eight mountain chains discovered. One hundred mountains surveyed. Volcano of Mount Erebus, 13,120 feet high, ascended. Theory that there is an area of atmospheric calm surrounding the South Pole disproved. Lowest temperature recorded 88 degrees below freezing, or 66 degrees below zero. Discovered glacier 120 miles long and forty miles wide.

Court opened this morning at ten o'clock, with Leon Seppell as the first witness. He said: "I am one of the men who killed Edward Greene. I am at present confined in jail for the same offence. I expect to be hanged on the 4th day of May. At noon on Dec. 18th we quit work and went with Murray to the office at night to get a time check. They would not give us the time at night, but would on Saturday morning. Tony had a watch that he bought from Murray. Tony left his gun and revolver in Murray's possession. We took our clothes Saturday morning, and left one hour before daylight to get the time check. Tony took the checks and went to camp No. 2. The timekeeper came out. We exchanged the time checks for bank checks, and tried to cash the checks, but could not. We then went to the Italian camp No. 2, and offered to sell the rifle to an Italian, who refused to buy. We went to Plaster Rock, and entered the store of Peter Crocco and tried to sell the rifle. From there we went to the station. We got the checks cashed, and went to a hotel for dinner. Afterward we went to Crocco's store. We offered to exchange the rifle for two

pairs of pants. We decided to go to camp on account of the darkness. We met a man between camps No. 1 and No. 2. I was carrying the rifle, and Tony asked the man for a match. We reached camp about 5 o'clock. We then had supper. After supper, Sandy Murray said two peddlers had passed. He asked, 'Will you do this thing?' None of us answered. Murray mentioned the two peddlers to me on Tuesday night, Dec. 15th. He said, 'If able to kill the men, we will be rich. Two or three hours before daylight I went to sleep. In the morning Sandy Murray arose, woke Tony up, and took him outside.' Showed Tony a Knife. Andrew Hatch showed Tony a knife, and said, 'If you can't kill him with the gun, you can with the knife.' He then gave the knife to Tony. Andrew and James Hatch said if we would do that, we would be rich. Murray took the shotgun under his arm. When we arrived at the end of the dump, Tony was behind us. Sandy Murray said murderers in this country would be punished. When Tony and I left the dump, James said Andrew asked if everything was all right. Murray answered 'Yes.' Murray showed the road to go behind camp No. 16, and told us to pass No. 18 for two miles, hide, and when the men came, to shoot. We came to the pile of logs. I heard Murray say that the shotgun was loaded with a bullet when he handed Tony the gun at the dump. We hid behind the log pile. When the men came we both fired. Tony shot Greene. I fired three shots at the other man, but missed. After Greene fell, I took the jewelry box and went into the woods. Tony took the knife and opened the box. He then put some watches in his pocket and ran. While searching, we found a bunch of money. We took everything valuable and ran. Tony was ahead of me, and we got separated. We were separated about ten minutes. We went in the direction of the stream. Hid the watches under a fallen tree. Crossed the river and went near the scene of the murder. We were tired, and so built a fire. We stayed until midnight, then left there and went in the direction of our camp. After a time we built another fire. We then started walking again, one each side of the right of way. I went into camp. Murray was there. He asked me where the money was. I said: 'Have you courage enough to ask for money after we had killed the men for it?' He said, 'You had better go away.' That a policeman was near. Murray gave me three loaves of bread and two pairs of shoes and told me to go. I was alone with him at the time. I took the bag and went to the woods. I saw smoke curling up through the trees and saw Tony had a fire. On account of cold we started towards camp again. We found old man Hatch and a little boy at the camp. Murray was at that time working on the line. I gave Hatch two packages of money and three watches which he put in a trunk. He said:

"Don't be frightened. I will get an interpreter and the best lawyer in Montreal, and clear you." I took off my shoes and sat around the stove. The boy said the police was coming and then lay down in the bunk. If the policeman had searched, he would have found the money in the trunk. The policeman arrested us, and took us to a hotel at Plaster Rock. Murray gave me the bread and shoes in a bag, which I recognize as the same bag now in evidence in court." Afternoon Session. Court resumed its sitting at half past one. Mr. Jones cross examining Leon Seppell. During the cross-examination Leon volunteered that Tony fired at Green and that he, Leon, fired three shots at Panarsky. Also that old man Hatch went to bed instead of the boy feeling sick. In referring to the statement witness gave at the last trial, Leon said they were lies. Mr. Jones—Did you think the jury would believe you at the last trial? Witness—No, because we made many mistakes. We thought we would get clear. Mr. Jones—Do you expect us to believe you now? Witness—I am speaking the truth, whether you believe me or not. Mr. Jones—I did you see the peddlers before the deed? Witness—No. Witness said that Murray saw him give Hatch the money just before witness and Tony were arrested. Witness admitted selling the valve to old man Hatch during the last trial. This concluded the cross-examination. Mr. Carter stated that he had no more witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Jones, counsel for the defense, then addressed his Honor Mr. McQuarrie, and strongly urged that the prisoners be discharged on the ground that the condemned men were confessed perjurers. Prisoners Committed. Mr. Carter asserted that there was sufficient evidence to hold the prisoners for trial. Also the whereabouts of the money was still unknown. The prisoners had no statements to make in defense. Police Magistrate McQuarrie thought the evidence sufficient to send the prisoners up for trial and accordingly committed them. A special sitting will in all probability be held.

Mr. Currie's vain attempt to apologize for his deeds was met with a cold reception. He spoke for some time, but the House adjourned at 5.15. Steel Bridges. Hon. Mr. Morrissey in reply to Mr. Lilliois' inquiry gave out information that steel bridges will be erected across the Salmon River at Chipman, at a cost of \$30,000 and over the Black River at Bucouche, at a cost of \$8,000. Granite piers for Fredericton-St. Mary's bridge will cost \$40,025 that being the amount of Joseph MacVey and Son's tender which was accepted. Other tenders were Albert Brewer, Woodstock \$42,385, Burpee and Burpee, \$43,370, Right and Hyland, \$58,570. Wm. Fraser, of Restigouche, is to be inspector. The whole bridge when completed will cost about \$275,000. Surveyor General Grimmer said there are eight game wardens employed in Restigouche since June 27, 1908 and at a cost of \$2 per day their pay amounted to \$569. All except one man are still in service. License Act. In discussing the License Act, section allowing local option election in some wards in St. John, on April 20, was not reached, but the Premier stated that it was his desire to get the bill through the House so as to have it assented to by the Lieutenant Governor in time for the election to be held. The form of ballot to be used will likely be somewhat different to that set forth in the bill and will probably be similar to that used in the Scott Act elections with divisions for license and no license printed on it. Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—After routine and several second and third readings the House went into committee to consider the Liquor License bill, Mr. Burchill in the chair. Mr. Currie said that for many years there had been a great agitation amongst all classes for the abolition of the saloon, and he felt that there was a very large majority in favor of its abolition. A few years ago a commission had been appointed by the late government to inquire into the matter and although the report they made

did not please everybody, it contained very strong evidence in favor of the abolition of the bars. Practically the only persons who do not favor it are those who would have premises vacant in consequence or who are otherwise connected with the trade. Many temperance people had expected the late government to take a decided stand, but unfortunately the late government was defeated. The same people expected drastic action by the present government in temperance legislation. The bill under consideration although in the right direction was but a short step. There were nine counties in the province where Scott Act was in force, which the bill would not touch, four counties where the bill would probably not carry, and in the remaining two counties, only in some parishes. Brewers were protected by the license fee which gave them a monopoly, and as they did not object it would seem as though as a class they were satisfied with the bill. Personally he did not see why the bill was not made applicable to the whole province instead of to parishes and wards as by taking a vote of the whole province it could decide upon the law for the whole instead of letting each parish or ward decide for itself. He took his stand on that particular point. Regarding a statement made by the President of the Council a few evenings ago, that he (Currie) refused to support the President's amendment to the act of 1907, which he said such a statement was absolutely incorrect and misleading. When he came to the House first he tried to get some amendments inserted in the bill of 1907, which the hon. gentleman accepted. When the present President of the Council spoke to him as to these amendments he (the President) said they were quite useless unless there was a majority vote. The hon. gentleman said he should bring in his amendment and he (Currie) came to the House prepared to support it as also did several other members, but the then Premier claimed it to be out of order and it was ruled out by the Speaker. He would challenge the hon. member for St. John to move an amendment to the present bill to cover the province and he would second it and what was more, if it carried he (Currie) would walk across the floor and take his seat on the government side of the House. The committee then proceeded with the consideration of the bill and progress was reported. House adjourned at 5.15. New Brunswick Southern Railway. On and after MONDAY, Jan. 4 1909, trains will run daily, Sunday excepted, as follows: Lv. St. John East Ferry... 7.30 a. m. Lv. West St. John... 7.45 a. m. Arr. St. Stephen... 12.00 p. m. Lv. St. Stephen... 1.30 p. m. Lv. St. John... 1.30 p. m. Arr. West St. John... 5.40 p. m. Atlantic standard time. H. H. McJANN, President.

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