

JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN SECOND DELOIRME TRIAL

Robert Sansone Is Cleared On Charge of Manslaughter

DELOIRME JURY OUT ALL NIGHT, RETURNS WITHOUT VERDICT

Prisoner Turns Pale When Judge Asks Foreman If Any Decision
Has Been Reached—Crown Officials Will Confer in
Regard to Future Action in Case.

JURY IS DISCHARGED BY COURT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 19.—The second trial of Adelard Delorme, on a charge of murdering his half-brother Raoul, ended this morning in a disagreement of the jury. The jury filed into the court at 10 this morning after deliberating on the case all night. Some of the jurymen looked grim, all were solemn. Abbe Delorme, a little paler than usual, leaned forward and gripped the edge of the dock tightly.

The clerk of the court asked if a verdict had been arrived at, and the foreman answered:

"No, sir, and we see no possible hope of reaching an understanding."

The other jurymen nodded their heads in assent.

Judge Martineau said: "The court will register your disagreement, and will discharge you. After a night of deliberation it does not seem reasonable that you would be any nearer a verdict if one or two more hours were given to you for discussion."

Judge Thanks Counsel.

"It is my duty to thank you, and to express appreciation for your having tried to fulfill your duty conscientiously."

The judge adjourned the court until tomorrow morning. In the meantime, crown officials will confer in regard to future action in the case.

"I may say that before I accepted the charge of presiding at this trial, I refused. I do not know how many times, having in mind my lack of knowledge and experience. But the chief justice always assured me on each occasion that I would have the loyal co-operation of the lawyers of the two parties."

In behalf of the defence, Alban Germain, K. C., replied: "The remarks of the honorable president of this tribunal are more than compensation for the work which the lawyers have had to undertake in this case."

Will Decide on Next Trial.

"If the court will permit me, I should like to say a few words in regard to the trial of this case. The heavy task we accepted has been greatly diminished by that perfect loyalty, courtesy and gentleness which we have always found in members of the bar of Montreal, and which we hope will always find at the bench of the crown."

Crown Prosecutor Calder opened with a reference to the task of having taken up the prosecution of the case for the second time. "I saw it said in an American newspaper recently, 'he went on, that this trial had been conducted in a manner that showed the entire continent how justice can be dignified and respected.'"

"If we have not reached the final result in the case, it is something enormous to have given to the entire continent an example of justice."

The court then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the judge will consider the matter of the next trial of the abbe.

Court officials announced the jury split ten for acquittal and two for conviction. No jurymen, however, could be found to confirm these figures.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate northwest winds; fair.
Thursday—Northeast winds, and rather cold.

Pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes and Middle States, and relatively low near the Atlantic coast and over the Western States.

The weather is fair, with a comparatively uniform temperature over the greater part of the Dominion.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	44	Cloudy
Calgary	42	20	Cloudy
Winnipeg	38	26	Cloudy
Port Arthur	39	14	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	29	14	Fair
Cochrane	20	8	Cloudy
Toronto	24	23	Fair
Kingston	25	26	Fair
Ottawa	32	22	Cloudy
Montreal	28	24	Fair
Quebec	30	22	Cloudy
St. John	26	23	Fair
Halifax	35	23	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 20.

Barometric Readings.
day—2 p.m.—30.09.
night—8 a.m.—29.14.



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MORGAN LAUDS FRENCH FUTURE

U. S. Financier Pleased That
Senate Has Ratified New
Tax Measures.

Associated Press Despatch.
"Nice, France, March 19.—J. P. Morgan, the financier, in an interview printed in the *Devoir*, said that France had taken the necessary steps to stabilize her economic situation and that he had confidence that if the people of the country stood together France would be invincible in the economic domain."

"I am extremely pleased to learn that your senate has ratified the new taxation measures," Mr. Morgan is quoted by the *Devoir* as having said.

"It is quite understood that Germany must pay you. For the moment she does not. The businessman who was unable to secure payment from his creditors would go bankrupt, no matter how just his claims."

"But France has taken the necessary steps to stabilize the situation in the face of all contingencies. We have absolute confidence not only in the resources of your country, but even more in the intelligent and industrious population which, after astonishing the world in the war, now is giving a magnificent example of how to win peace."

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It is also pointed out that income and business taxes were collected as long as sixteen months after assessment is levied. Vacant land and other property to the value of about \$7,431, is also shown to the credit of the city, where it has been abandoned.

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BYRON SHOWS THANKS FOR FIREMEN'S EFFORTS

Seven-Pound Box of Chocolates
Sent to Chief Aitken's
Men.

Through the kindness of Byron villagers, Chief Aitken and his men are enjoying chocolates for an indefinite period. A seven-pound box of the choicest sweets were received at the fire hall the other day as a token of appreciation on the part of the residents of Byron for the splendid turnout of the department to that village not long ago when the Methodist Church took fire.

It was a cold wintry night, and the villagers are laud in their praise of the spirit shown by the department.

DOMESTIC FARM HELP PROVES UNATTRACTIVE

Favorable Wages Fail To Induce
Applications, Officials
Say.

While the demand for domestic help on farms is inclined to be heavy, officials at the employment bureau find difficulty in locating women who care to fill these positions.

"The wages in most cases compare favorably with those paid domestic help in the city, but this inducement has failed to remedy the situation," Mr. Spencer said.

The gang of 80 men employed on the construction of the Wellington-High street sewer were replaced by another crew today.

Mr. Spencer, who is in charge of the local office, looks for conditions to open up about the first of the month that will clear the waiting list. Usually a large number are taken on by railroads at this time of the year, and although so far none have been placed in this line, he states on good authority that extra gangs will be taken on by the railroads shortly.

NEW CALIPH WILL CALL MOSLEMS TO CONFERENCE

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Jerusalem, March 19.—King Hussein of the Hedjaz, newly-proclaimed caliph, has decided to summon a world Moslem conference to consider questions of universal Moslem interest. He also intends to establish an advisory council to the caliphate.

TREASURER NOW SURE OF COUNCIL SURPLUS

Report For Year 1922 Is Presented by City Tax Collector
Turner.

FINE STATEMENT

City's Real Loss During Year
Is Now Placed at
\$8,000.

Another splendid report reaches City Treasurer Bell to insure a surplus for 1923, as City Tax Collector Charles Turner and staff closed their 1922 tax roll last night, showing London's actual loss during that year to be about \$8,000 only, although a collection of \$2,538,000 was involved.

The collector's statement is considered remarkable in view of the increasing handicaps in payment, and the large amount of taxes to be collected. The city council always provides in their estimates a sum, equaling 2 1/2 per cent of the amount to be collected, to counteract the customary deductions in the way of remissions by the court of revision, loss of tax, property abandoned, etc.

Of this appropriation the sum of \$1,800 has not been used. Tax Collector Turner shows in his statement, and the city treasurer points out that the record of the 1923 city council will bear witness to the fact that the city will go to help last year's surplus.

And the city treasurer was able to announce that a surplus will be reported to the city council when he completes his statement. A few days ago he was not sure, but he is not able to predict such a development. Just how large it will be he cannot say, of course, but even if the report "breaks even" it will be very satisfactory to the councilors, past and present.

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CITY MASONS TO PAY CHATHAM LODGE VISIT

Members of St. John No. 209A
Plan Big Event For
Friday.

St. John Lodge, 209a, A. F. and A. M., London, will pay a fraternal visit to the brethren of Parthenon Lodge No. 267, A. F. and A. M., at Chatham on Friday.

So great is the interest shown in this event that the Masonic Temple at Chatham is not thought large enough and the Chatham brethren deemed it necessary to secure larger quarters, and have secured the Chatham armories for the event.

A large gathering from the surrounding towns will be present to welcome the Londoners.

Big Contest Race Tightens As Many Candidates Gain

Special Drive Brings Surprising
Results As Extra Votes
Pour In.

DECIDE WINNERS SOON

Award of Special Prizes Will
Be Made First of
Week.

Related spurts of candidates Monday and yesterday bring a new element of competition into The Advertiser \$20,000 campaign. As a result of new zest and energy put into the campaign by candidates who were far down in the list a month ago the contest has developed into the hottest of its kind ever conducted in Western Ontario.

At the rate votes are pouring in it will be impossible to determine the leaders for some time. The last \$500 extra bonus period terminated Monday night with a bang. Auditors are now engaged counting up totals and the winners of the four substantial cash prizes will be announced possibly at the beginning of next week.

One candidate by going over previously covered territory and soliciting long term subscriptions brought in a record number of day's sales yesterday. Others claim the contest is not long enough for them to canvass all prospects in their districts, and have suggested an extension.

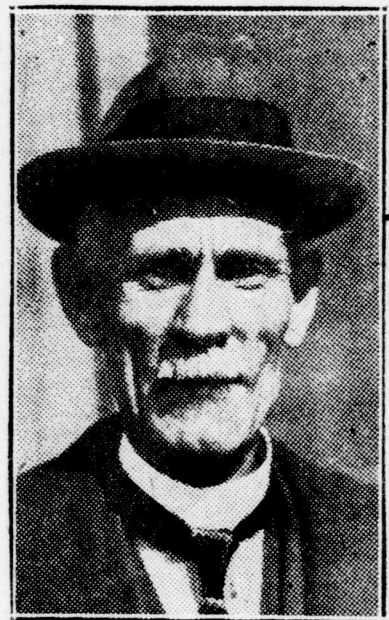
More than fifty candidates are now so closely grouped that the winners are bound to be those who put the most enthusiasm and punch into their job from now on. Each day sees a new leader in the three districts, and who the ultimate awards will go to will not be known until the close.

Eight Noted Speakers To Address Fruit Men at Convention Here.

Everything points to the Western Ontario Fruit Growers' convention in Hyman Hall tomorrow being a huge success. R. A. Finn, of the department of agriculture, is delighted with the response made by the growers of adjacent counties who are expected in the city tonight.

Eight prominent speakers in the fruit growing world have been obtained to address the gathering which is also open to the general public. Members of the London branch of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will attend en masse, President John Etherington states.

P. W. Hodges of the Ontario government fruit branch will preside at the convention.



CHARLES TURNER, who last night completed the city's tax report for 1922, with only \$8,000 loss.

COUNSEL PUSHING WILLIAMS' CASE

Evidence Will Be Submitted to
Minister of Justice at
Ottawa.

J. M. Monahan, who acted as counsel for Henry Jack "Slim" Williams, in the recent murder trial, expects to go to Ottawa in a few days in connection with presenting the case for Williams before the minister of justice.

He was in Toronto last week and made a speech which showed that a copy of the evidence taken at the trial in London had not at that time been forwarded to the department at Ottawa. He was assured that it would be on its way by the first of the week. The law requires that this evidence shall be forwarded, and no action could possibly be taken without this step having been taken.

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LIEUT.-COL. W. J. BROWN IS SLOWLY RECOVERING

Lieut.-Col. Walter J. Brown of the University of Western Ontario, is so far recovered from his recent breakdown as to be able to take short walks every day. He is still in a weak condition, but improving.

He intends to leave in a few days for St. Catharines, from which place he will go to Washington, and then to Virginia, where he will spend a few weeks recuperating.

PONY GREET'S SPRING.
In a barn back of the market this morning, the approach of spring was announced to a black pony, when to the tune of a machine clipper the shaggy winter overcoat was removed.

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EXPERTS DECLARE CHARGES NOT FAIR

Claim London Discriminated
Against on Insurance Rate
Question.

ONE HIGH BUILDING

Believe Rate Should Be Based
On Average of the
City.

That London is unduly and unfairly discriminated against by the Fire Underwriters' Association is the claim of experts in the city. It is pointed out that, although various requests of the association are complied with by the city every time a higher rate is demanded that there is always another request soon afterwards to justify a further increase in the rate.

One of the men in the city best qualified to know the facts of the case said that some years ago the association demanded more fire lines, as the sole requirement for a certain rate in the insurance. As soon as this number was reached, the association, as he puts it, "passed the buck again," and referred to its regular standards, whereby London's rate is determined by the pressure needed to cope with a fire in the Bank of Toronto building, which is the only building over four stories in the city, and apparently sets the pressure standard for the whole city. He argues that the standard for a city should be based on the average of the city. He suggests that London should get a lower rate than it does now, and that the Bank of Toronto building should have a rate of its own.

This year the association is asking \$3,000 more from the board of education for fire insurance premiums on the ground that one water line from Springbank is not sufficient to give adequate protection.

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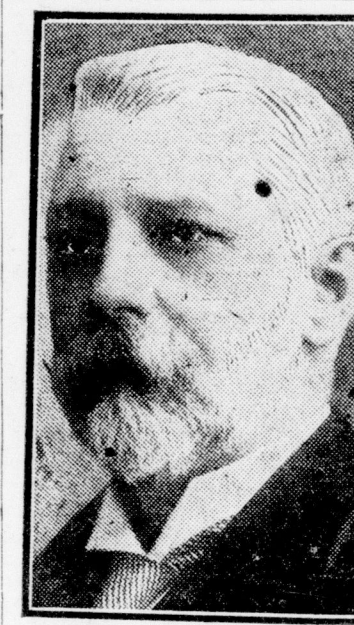
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VERDICT REACHED IN A FEW MINUTES



HON. W. S. FIELDING, minister of justice, who is recovering from his illness he is leaving for Atlantic City this afternoon. He will be accompanied by his daughter and will probably spend about two weeks in Atlantic City. It is nearly four months since he was taken ill.

The minute the first jurymen entered the court, the face of Sansone, who is but 17 years of age, lit up with a smile which was reflected by relatives and friends who were in the courtroom.

"We have weighed the evidence and come to the conclusion that the defendant is not guilty," announced Mr. Cresswell.

"So say you all," quipped the judge, who received affirmative nods from the jurymen.

"Prisoner stand up," ordered his lordship. "I think that the conclusion of the jury is just. The young man must feel keenly that the old lady lost her life, but it is only fair to say that I could see no justification for finding him guilty. Young man, you are discharged."

Albert Murphy, counsel for Sansone, asked that the case be taken from the jury owing to lack of evidence. The judge replied he would be pleased to reserve the case, should there be a conviction.

Sums Up Evidence.
In summing up the evidence, his lordship stated there could be no liability unless the young man was guilty of negligence. If he made a mistake he was not guilty of manslaughter. On the other hand if he had acted without a proper regard for the safety of the crowd, he would be liable.

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PROMINENT CITY RESIDENT PASSES

Loss of Mrs. James A. Cairncross Mourned by Host
of Friends.

After a lingering illness the death occurred at Victoria Hospital this morning of Mrs. Amelia Janet Cairncross, widow of James Arthur Cairncross. Mrs. Cairncross who had been failing in health for some time following the death of her husband several months ago, was removed to the hospital and for a time hope was held for her recovery. Her condition became grave during the past few days and her death was regarded as only a matter of time.

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