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WILLIAMS' COUNSEL GETS K.K.K. LETTER

PETERS WARNED TO QUIT ACTION IN MURDER CASE

Lawyer Contemplates No Further Appeal in Matter

FROM ST. STEPHEN

Prisoners' Welfare Association Likely to Move Towards Clemency for Prisoner

Special to Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—The latest manifestation of Ku Klux Klan activity has been displayed in connection with the murder trial of Harry D. Williams, and has taken the form of a letter to F. H. Peters, who was counsel for the defence.

The letter warns against further action toward procuring a commutation of Williams' sentence of death on the plea of insanity.

Mr. Peters regards the letter as a joke. He is taking no action with regard to representations to the Department of Justice in Williams' case. The Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association has corresponded with regard to the case, however, and probably will take action. The same association acted in the case of Benny Swin.

Letter From St. Stephen.

The letter received by Mr. Peters bore a St. Stephen postmark. It was as follows:

Mr. Fred Peters, Fredericton, N. B.

Sir—Stop now, you are trying to defeat justice, and encourage crime by the same old plea of insanity, and if you succeed you will have to answer for Williams' crime. This is your warning. K. K. K. Prisoner is Calm.

Williams is reported to be displaying his usual demeanor in his cell at the gaol. Cigarettes rolled by himself are smoked steadily by him and he continues to read the type contained in the usual low-priced magazines. Western stories and adventures of blood and thunder types seem to appeal to him.

SUES FOR \$150,000 GETS \$5,000 BALM

Ray Meyers' Breach of Promise Suit is Settled by Compromise.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(United Press).—Between the asking price of a broken heart and the cash value of the same there is a margin of slightly more than \$145,000.

Yesterday, on the second day of the trial of Miss Ray Meyers' \$150,000 breach of promise suit against Billy B. Van, revue comedian, the lawyers for the pair of them got together and reached a settlement. It was reported that Miss Meyers, who also appears on the stage, quit her claim for a cash deposit of less than \$5,000.

Yarmouth Collector of Customs Retires

YARMOUTH, Feb. 4.—(Special).—Smith Harding, Collector of Customs here, has retired from the service under the Pension Act after 18 years' service. Mr. Harding retires with all the honors that position holds. He is succeeded temporarily by M. C. Wyman, for some years customs appraiser.

HALIFAX SINGER DIES.

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—Mrs. J. McD Taylor, for years one of the best known singers of Halifax, died at her home early this morning.

N. S. LEGISLATURE OPENING.

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—The Nova Scotia Legislature will open on Thursday, February 26, according to a proclamation issued this morning.

STERLING EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Sterling exchange steady; demand rates (in cents) Great Britain, 4.78 1/2; France, 4.18 1/2; Italy, 4.16; Germany, 22.80; Canadian dollars, 2.22 of 1 per cent. discount.

Fearing Step-Mother P. E. I. Lad Sleeps in Barn; Foot Is Frozen

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 4.—A pitiful tale was told by a little boy, Albert Lidstone, admitted to hospital in Summerside yesterday where some of the toes are being amputated from his right foot after having been frozen when fear of his step-mother prompted him to hide in a barn on a zero day last December. The boy said he had been sent on an errand by his step-mother and suffered from the cold that he could not go on. Fearing to return home without accomplishing his errand, the little fellow crawled into a

Turks Claim That Expulsion of Patriarchate Is An Internal Affair

39 SUDDEN DEATHS IN NEW YORK IN ONE DAY

More Trouble



RAISUL, the former bandit, known as "The Invincible," has either surrendered or joined his enemy Abd-el-Krim, leader of the Rifles in Morocco. This move, coupling the two largest native forces in Morocco, spells more trouble for Spain, and may lead to international complications.

EIGHT BELOW ZERO IS READING TODAY

St. John Has Another Nippy Morning—Thirty Below in Sussex.

Zero weather continues to prevail and this morning the mercury registered eight degrees below early this morning, according to an official report from the Meteorological Observatory in Douglas avenue. The cold wave evidently extended all over this section of the country judging from reports received.

Reports from other places are as follows:—

ST. STEPHEN—Snowing; 6 below this morning.

EDMUNSTON—Light south wind; 2 above zero.

MONCTON—Cloudy; 15 below lowest.

SUSSEX—Thirty below zero this morning.

HALIFAX—Northeast wind, light; 4 above.

ONE-THIRD VOTE TO STAY PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. J. McCaskill Reports on Standing of Self-sustaining Congregations.

British United Press. MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Nearly one-third of the self-sustaining congregations in the Presbyterian Church of Canada have already voted to remain Presbyterian, asserted Rev. J. J. McCaskill in making a report last night on behalf of the Presbyterian Church Association. He pointed out that 1,071 of these have voted, of which 324 are non-concurring.

Of the 9,000 congregations which the Union committee declare are going into these United Church, less than 300 self-supporting Presbyterian congregations have voted to go in up to the present, and considerably more than half of these that have voted have decided to remain Presbyterian.

ECONOMICS COURSE OPEN.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 4.—The second annual home economics course opened at the New Brunswick Agricultural School here this morning with an enrollment of 23 resident and 9 day pupils.

HURT ABOARD SHIP

William Connell 'Longshoreman, is Injured on Canadian Runner at Long Wharf.

William Connell, 86 Cranston avenue, a longshoreman, was struck in the back this morning about 7:20 o'clock by a derrick boom and fell while he was working on board the steamer Canadian Hunter at Long Wharf. He was unconscious for a few minutes. He was taken to the General Public Hospital. A report this afternoon is that he is apparently not seriously injured, although nothing will be known definitely until an X-ray is taken later.

TREATY IS FILED

Canada Registers Pacific Hall-bur Pact With League of Nations.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The Dominion Government yesterday filed with the League of Nations, its first contribution to "open diplomacy." That is the meaning of the registration at Geneva of the Pacific hall-bur treaty negotiated in 1923 and executed last year.

WEST IS HOPEFUL SAYS LEADER OF PROGRESSIVES

Forke in Ottawa to Attend Parliament Session

LOWER FREIGHTS

Western Party, He Says, Will Present Transportation Problems in House

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—Robert Forke, Progressive leader, who reached here yesterday for the session brought from the west a more hopeful note.

"The feeling," he said, "is more optimistic. In Manitoba we had a good crop, and while in Saskatchewan and Alberta it was bad in spots, the places where it was bad this year were good in previous years, and vice versa. Thus, any shortage can be better endured."

Transportation Issue.

Asked as to what this year will be the long suit of the western party, Mr. Forke said "transportation." "We want lower freight rates and we want them provided by statute," he said. "We consider that in this lies the salvation of the west. We don't mind at all other sections having the same equalization is a good thing—but if that new country is to be built up, proper facilities and reasonable rates of transportation are vital."

Will Help Immigration.

"It would be the greatest incentive to immigration and, by more people coming in the burden will be distributed and eased in its effects upon the individual. The railways of course are not to be blamed for the trouble, but their idea is that with lower rates there will be more people in the country and a proportionate increase in the production of goods. The increased volume of business to the railways will more than compensate for any modification in the rate structure."

YORK ORANGEMEN INSTALL OFFICERS

Ceremony Carried Out Last Night by Provincial Grand Master.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 4.—York County Orange Lodge in annual session here last night elected the following officers: County master, Dr. B. W. Robertson, Mouth Keswick; deputy county master, James R. Douglas, Stanley; chaplain, J. Walter Inch, Keswick; recording secretary, H. T. Brewer, Fredericton; finance secretary, C. T. Barton, Fredericton; treasurer, R. J. Baxter, Fredericton; marshal, J. Walter McParlane, Nashwanick; lecturer, W. Merrithew, Keswick; deputy lecturer, W. L. Hodgson, Marysville; second deputy lecturer, Isaac Burden, Fredericton; auditors, George Dunbar and Richard Harvey, Devon.

Provincial Grand Master H. T. Brewer installed the officers.

WOULD DISCUSS PULPWOOD EXPORT

Halifax Man Denies Canadian Association Working With U. S. Organization.

QUEBEC, Feb. 4.—(Canadian Press).—Replying to a statement made by E. Beck, secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association published on Monday, Ralph P. Bell of Halifax, N. S., vice-president of the Canadian Pulpwood Association last night denied that the association he represented was working in co-operation with the National Publishers Association of the U. S.

He described Mr. Beck's inference, as published, as a mere fiction of the imagination.

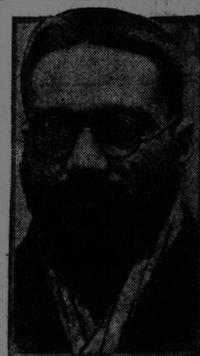
Mr. Bell said that Mr. Beck's arguments in favor of a tax on the export of pulpwood were illogical, economically unsound, and more important still did not ring true. He referred to the challenge of the Canadian Pulpwood Association to debate the whole question before the press of Canada at public meetings to be held, one in the Maritime Provinces, one in Quebec and one in Ontario.

PREPARE FOR RUSH

Assessors Arrange Longer Hours in Which to Receive Income Statements.

E. M. Olive, chairman of the Board of Assessors, announced this morning that the office would be open from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and Monday and Tuesday of next week, to give those who could not get there in the daytime an opportunity to file their income tax returns. He pointed out the importance this year of men with dependent children filing a statement, as the exemption granted under the legislation secured last year could not apply unless the assessors had the information and statement of the taxpayer.

Pleads Cause



RAJAH MAHENDRO PRATOP, exiled by the British for attempting to ferment a revolt in India during the war, will tour America preaching the "word of life," which he figures in time will free India.

ASK PERMISSION TO SELL IN COUNTY

Civic Power Commission Request to be Considered by Provincial Body.

A request by the Civic Power Commission for permission to sell current in the parishes of Lancaster and St. Brunwick Electric Power Commission this morning. The members of the Civic Commission called at the office of the Provincial Commission and presented the request verbally. It was asserted that many citizens living in these two parishes wished to use hydro but under existing legislation they could not be served without the consent of the Provincial Commission.

Will Be Considered.

Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith and Hon. J. E. Michaud, members of the Provincial Commission, promised to give the matter consideration and asked that the request be placed before them in writing. This has been done, the letter being sent this afternoon, and it will be dealt with at the next meeting of the Provincial Commission. Hon. Dr. Smith and Hon. Mr. Michaud left for their homes this afternoon.

BEAR RIVER NEARLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Whole Town is Endangered by Blaze Which Razed Residence of F. R. Harris.

Special to The Times-Star. DIGBY, Feb. 4.—The town of Bear River had a narrow escape last evening from being destroyed by fire, and it was only on account of there being no wind and the heroic work of citizens that the blaze got under control without any serious effects.

At 10 o'clock fire was discovered in the residence of Fred R. Harris.

Party Saves Furniture.

Mrs. Harris was entertaining a small bridge party of ladies who did heroic work in removing many of the effects before other help arrived. The blaze was in the upper story and when assistance arrived the building was too far gone to be saved. The absence of wind assisted the workers considerably as there was a shortage of water. Residents in nearby buildings removed their furniture thinking that only a miracle could save the town from being wiped out.

Fire Fighters Suffer.

Practically every citizen in the town turned out to render assistance, and some of the workmen suffered hardships in the zero weather. However, after a couple of hours strenuous labor the fire was under control and the blaze confined to one building. The house was practically covered by insurance but no insurance was on the furniture.

FOOT FREE, IS STILL PRISONER IN CAVE

Slide Releases Collins But He is Still Walled in by Fallen Rock.

CAVITY CITY, Feb. 4.—A slide in Sand Cave this morning left Floyd Collins, 35, foot-free for the first time since he was imprisoned Friday morning when a boulder wedged his legs. However, rescuers were unable to reach the cave. Collins was left walled in behind rock which fell from the side of the cave.

METROPOLIS HAS RECORD LIST OF FATALITIES

Reports of Accidents Come From All Parts Of The City

ONLY 2 SUICIDES

Seven Killed in Falls, Three Lose Lives in Fires, Three Are Asphyxiated

British United Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Thirty-nine sudden deaths, most of the violent, have been reported here in the last 24 hours. This is the largest day's record in many years.

Bullets, alcohol, automobiles, fires and gas took a toll of 17 lives in Manhattan, 12 in Brooklyn, six in the Bronx and four in Queens. Only two deaths were suicides.

Five Killed in Falls.

Five persons were killed by falls, three lost their lives in fires, three were accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas, two were killed by automobiles, three died from acute alcoholism and one was frozen to death.

Most of the other deaths were due to heart disease or to causes not yet determined. A child was fatally scalded when he tumbled into a tub of hot water. A policeman was instantly killed by a fall downstairs. Another man lost his life in the same manner. A boy was crushed by a trolley car and a man and a woman were killed in an automobile accident.

List Is Record One.

One man died from exposure and another was crushed to death by an elevator. A woman was killed when another took his life with a gun. A man and a boy were rolled. One man was killed when a drum of dynamite exploded in his hands in Brooklyn. Except in the event of a catastrophe, yesterday's list of casualties was one of the biggest in the city's history.

VERY OPTIMISTIC OVER BUSINESS

Harold F. Ritchie, in City, Says Canada Due For Real Revival.

Harold F. Ritchie, of the Harold F. Ritchie Co. Ltd., Toronto; H. F. Ritchie and Co., Inc., and the British H. F. Ritchie Co., arrived in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of Connors Brothers Ltd. He was to leave this afternoon for Halifax and other Nova Scotia points and later will go to Boston and New York.

Mr. Ritchie was most optimistic over the business outlook for 1925. He said so far as he could see Canada was due for a real revival of business and prosperity was turning the corner to make its entry into the Dominion. Last year was a good one for the firms of which he was a member and they had done the biggest year's business in their history. He felt satisfied that 1925 would be an even better one and that all lines of business would share in the good times coming.

C. H. Eason, Toronto, who was in the city to attend the annual meeting of Connors Brothers Ltd., left this afternoon on his return to Toronto.

MINERS IN SESSION

Sydney Meeting to Consider Steel Co. Demand For Decreased Wages.

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 4.—With more than 60 delegates representing approximately 12,000 N. S. coal miners, a special convention of U. M. W. District 26, opened here today. It was decided to admit press representatives, in view of the anxious situation in this province. The principal business of the convention would be to consider "the ultimatum of the British Empire Steel Corporation to the U. M. W., in demanding a wage cut."

President John W. Macleod of Dominion Number 6, was in the chair.

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT

Move Made to Set Aside Damage Award in Bear River Case.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 4.—Alleged judicial misconduct on the part of F. W. W. Doane, ex-city engineer of Halifax, and W. T. Robinson, of Sonora, Guysboro county, members of an arbitration board appointed to inquire into the damages sustained by Tielbert Rice, of Bear River, by reason of the taking of 1,500,000 gallons of water from East Branch, Bear River, by the Bear River Pulp Company, was one of the grounds on a motion to have the board's award of \$28,650, in favor of Rice, set aside before the Supreme Court yesterday.

Saskatchewan Anxious To Promote Prosperity of All Sections of The Dominion

BY A. M. BELDING

Special Representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Western Canada in the interest of the Maritime Provinces.

SASKATOON, Sask., Feb. 3.—The Canadian Club and Board of Trade heard my story at joint luncheon in the King George Hotel today. Dean Ling, of the University of Saskatchewan, presided and paid a tribute to the Maritime Province men who had been among the pioneers of the great West.

Mayor Clare, in moving a vote of thanks, dwelt on the need of better understanding and said it was clear that the Maritimes and the West had some of the same problems. The Maritime Provinces, he said, could be sure that anything they promoted in the interest of a more united and prosperous Canada would have the hearty support of Saskatchewan people.

SAYS POPULATION NEEDED

Mayor J. A. Gregory, of North Battleford, expressed confidence that, with increased population, which the Maritimes should have as well as the West, many problems now pressing would be solved.

Here, as in Regina, I learn that transportation is the great problem in Saskatchewan, where the people are producing for world markets and have a long haul for everything they themselves purchase. This province has resources, apart from agriculture which will some day be the basis of industrial expansion. But at present the farmer is supreme.

EAGER TO LEARN PROBLEMS

What most impressed me is the eagerness of the people to learn what the Maritime problems are. I have been asked if the Canadian Press should not carry to the Maritime Province papers more news about the West, and to the western papers more about the Maritimes, dealing in each case with events of national interest, and not confine the news so much to matters in the Central Provinces. A real bond between the extreme east and the Prairie Provinces may easily be forged. In Saskatoon I find the outlook national. The Edmonton Canadian Club and Board of Trade will hear my message on Friday, and I may have an opportunity to address a farmers' convention in Prince Albert tomorrow.

Among those I met here today were Canon Haslam, formerly of St. John, George Hazen, of Fredericton, Walter Ross, of Woodstock, Mr. Bowser, formerly of Carleton county, a subscriber to The Telegraph-Journal and President Walter C. Murray of the University of Saskatchewan.

Legless Thug Gets 6 Months

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 4.—Wm. Bell, legless burglar, convicted of breaking into a local drug store, was sentenced to six months in prison yesterday. His alleged companion, E. Saunders, who has but one leg, who is ill, was remanded. It was brought out that Bell is a "bucket-of-leave" man from the Manitoba penitentiary.

ST. JOHN COMPANY IS INCORPORATED

W. J. Swanton, C. F. Inches and G. E. Holder to Carry on Shipping Business.

Special to Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—W. J. Swanton, C. F. Inches and G. E. Holder, all of St. John, have been incorporated as the Schooner Witebell Ltd., with head office at St. John and capital stock of \$24,000. The company is authorized to carry on a general shipping business.

New Moncton Company.

B. E. Smith, Ltd., is incorporated, with head office at Moncton and capital stock of \$40,000. The company authorized to take over the business in Moncton conducted by the estate of Bertram E. Smith. Those incorporated are Mrs. Alice Jane Smith, John Everett Smith and Miss Gretchen Katherine Smith, all of Moncton.

The capital stock of Moncton Knights of Pythias has been increased from \$40,000 to \$70,000 by supplementary letters patent.

MAYORS ARE ELECTED IN SEVEN N. S. TOWNS

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—Seven Nova Scotia towns held mayoralty contests yesterday. Of the 34 remaining incorporated towns, 32 elected Mayors by acclamation, and in two, Glace Bay and Dominion, the contests were postponed. The results for the contested positions were as follows: New Waterford, Patrick G. Mews; Kentville, A. L. Pelton; Joggins, Sydney Greer; Port Hawkesbury, Harold J. Gillis; Lunenburg, Arthur W. Schwartz; Liverpool, Donald W. MacKay; Pictou, J. H. MacIsachern.

Fire Attacks Vessel At Boston Terminal

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Firemen fought for nearly three hours last night to bring under control a fire in the hold of the Finnish steamer St. Stephen, tied up in South Boston with a cargo of woodpulp. The St. Stephen arrived recently from Scandinavian ports by way of Halifax, N. S.

DECLARE NO INFRACTION OF LAUSANNE PACT

Reject Greek Proposal Of Submission To Hague Court

MORE WAR TALK

Turkey Reported to Have Started Secret Transfer of Asia Minor Troops

By ANTONIO PAPAYANNAKIS, United Press Staff Correspondent.

ATHENS, Feb. 4.—Expulsion of the ecumenical patriarch of the Greek Catholic church from Turkey as an internal question of the Turkish government does not infringe on the terms of Treaty of Lausanne, the Ankara government asserted today in reply to Greece's note protesting the expulsion.

Reject Greek Proposal.

Turkey flatly rejected the Greek proposal that the question be submitted to arbitration of the Hague Court. Meantime Greece continued to seethe with agitation against what a majority of the population and the government consider the high-handed attitude of the Turks. Talk of war and a mobilization of troops has been going on for some time, and many of them were arrested when "war demonstrations" were attempted throughout the nation.

Turkish Activity.

Special anti-communist legislation will be introduced forthwith to prevent embarrassment to the government. Turkish naval maneuvers are continuing in the Sea of Marmora, the Athenian Press says today, and some of the newspapers print an unconfirmed report that Turkey has started a secret transfer of troops from Asia Minor to Thrace.

Special to The Times-Star.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 4.—Fire today which started at 1:35 a. m. destroyed the Connell building in Main street, occupied on the ground floor by the Bank of Nova Scotia, A. E. Jones & Co., and the law offices of A. B. Connell, K. C. The Carlisle Hotel sample rooms are on the second floor. The night was bitterly cold with the thermometer 30 below zero.

WOODSTOCK BLOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE

Bank of N. S. and Several Business Firms Burned Out Early Today.

Travelers Lose Much. Jones & Co., musical instrument dealers were able to get a lot of goods out but mostly in a damaged condition. L. A. Owens of J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., travelers, met with a severe loss, his whole outfit of samples being destroyed, amounting to \$5,000. A. D. Johnson, a travel agent, with samples valued at \$30,000 had just moved out. Harry Brown, a jewelry representative, got his goods out safely.

The block is about a total loss. VanWart & Son, furniture dealers, in an adjoining block, has a water and smoke damage. The bank of Nova Scotia is doing business in another location.

The Weather Report

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and low over the western half of the continent.

A moderate disturbance is centered just west of Bermuda, moving east northeast. The weather has been fair and cold in Quebec and Maritime Provinces in Ontario and the west.

Forecasts:

Cloudy; Snowfalls.

Maritime—Northeast winds, probably strong off Nova Scotia tonight, mostly cloudy with local snowfalls or flurries today and part of Thursday, somewhat higher temperature.

Northern New England—Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday in western Massachusetts; tonight fresh to strong northeast and north winds, diminishing and becoming variable on Thursday.

Temperatures.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—

Highest during 8 a. m. yesterday night

Victoria ... 40

Calgary ... 28

Winnipeg ... 36

Toronto ... 24

Montreal ... 12

St. John ... 44

Halifax ... 10

New York ... 26

Below zero