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## PEOPLE JURY IS DISCHARGED—NO VERDICT County Jail Officials Ready To Receive Sid Murrell

### NEW TRIAL IS ORDERED FOR DELORME AS JURY FAILS TO FIND VERDICT

Prisoner Remains Calm as Members of Jury Tell Judge For Third Time That They Are Unable To Come to a Decision—Chief Justice Points Out the Importance of Agreement.

CASE HAS COST QUEBEC OVER \$60,000

Special to The Advertiser.  
Montreal, July 23.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon (3 o'clock daylight saving time), the jury in the Delorme trial responded to Chief Justice Lemieux for the third time that they were unable to reach an agreement. Chief Justice Lemieux immediately discharged the jury and instructed that a new panel be called for a new trial that he ordered for the next sitting of the general assizes in September.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Montreal, July 23.—The fate of the Rev. Adelard Delorme, alleged slayer of his half-brother, Raoul, still hung in the balance early this afternoon. Forty-two hours after the case had been placed in their hands, the jury at 11:15 this morning reported themselves unable to agree upon a verdict. Chief Justice Sir Francois Lemieux instructed them to retire until 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the assurance that they would then be discharged if a verdict was not forthcoming.

"The jury have the honor to report to your lordship that we cannot come to an agreement."  
For the second time within forty hours this was the result of the deliberations of the twelve men upon whose verdict the fate of the Rev. Adelard Delorme, charged with the murder of his half-brother, Raoul, rests. The announcement was made at 10:23 this morning in the court of king's bench, and was immediately followed by a brief statement from Justice Sir Francois Lemieux that he was not yet convinced that the jury could not come to an agreement, and that the jury would entail a new trial, with imprisonment for the accused in the meantime, and a heavy additional cost to the defense and the province beyond the \$60,000 already expended, and that he would adjourn the court one hour more (3 p.m. daylight saving time) to give the jury an opportunity to avoid any public reproach for not having arrived at a verdict.

The whole proceedings did not take five minutes. The court was empty in three minutes more. Outside the crowd hung around the building, and the buzz of conversation sounded in all directions as the chance of a last minute agreement was debated with much energy and vehemence.

Delorme took it all with the same astonishing calm he has shown throughout. Twenty minutes before the court opened he was standing in the opening at the rear of the dock, jumping upon his toes every now and then to see over the ledge of the dock front and the head of counsel beyond it. Later he turned into an animated conversation with his chief counsel, Mr. Allyn Taschereau, and that lasted for upwards of ten minutes. Thereafter he stood in the passage at the rear of the dock, and judge entered at 10:20, Delorme took his accustomed position facing the bench squarely, his shoulders back, his hands resting lightly on the dock ledge. He was rather pale, but he showed no sign whatever of the slightest degree of nervousness or agitation. His expression was less grave than at the proceedings on Saturday. He had the appearance of a man who has rested well and feels perfectly at ease.

When the clerk of the court put the customary questions to the jury, Delorme reached forward slightly, his head turned to one side. A pause

### FAMILY HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM FLAMES

Home of John Lee in Northfield Center, Brant County, Is Destroyed.

Brantford, July 23.—The members of John Lee's household at Northfield Center, in Brant County, Brant County, had barely time to escape from the house when fire broke out at 3 o'clock this morning. The family was awakened by the smell of smoke and crackling flames, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee, their son and two hired men, Rupert Remond and Norwich and Herbert Givens of Brantford, had barely time to dress before the whole building was in flames. It was a large house, valued with contents at about \$10,000, with partial insurance. The origin of the blaze is unknown. Mr. Alexander Lee, the aged father, had a close call. He was rescued from his bedroom by means of a ladder, his son and grandson Clifford doing some heroic work in this respect. The portion of the house from which he was taken collapsed shortly afterwards.

There was \$1,800 in bills in the attic and this money was entirely consumed. This amount was to pay the pickers at a celebration which was to have taken place at the farm tomorrow night.

### Delorme Case At a Glance

A chronological summary of the Delorme case follows:

January 7—Body of Raoul Delorme found with six bullet wounds in his head at Snowdon Junction, in suburbs of Montreal.

January 9—Inquest opened. January 14—Abbe Delorme, half-brother of dead man, offers \$10,000 reward for arrest and conviction of murderer.

February 14—Inquest closes, and Abbe Delorme arrested on coroner's warrant.

March 14—Abbe Delorme committed for trial. June 20—Abbe Delorme found insane by special jury of court of king's bench.

October 10—Curator appointed by Montreal courts to Delorme estate and abbe incarcerated in Beauport asylum, Quebec, interdicted.

December 6—Release of Abbe Delorme on writ of habeas corpus refused in Quebec.

May 23, 1923—Abbe Delorme discharged from Beauport asylum on certificate of superintendent that he was sane.

June 20—Abbe Delorme's trial on charge of murdering his half-brother begins.

July 21—Jury reports unable to reach an agreement, and is sent back by judge.

July 23—Jury finally disagrees. New trial ordered.

even longer than that which elapsed on Saturday between the question and the answer ensued, and it was intense, since that the jury could not agree, Delorme might have been listening to a debate on the cosmological implications, on redemption, for all the effect the jury's decision had upon him so far as one could see.

He never moved an inch, save to look straight ahead at the chief justice. Sir Francois, on his part, lost not a minute, he was ready for the announcement of a second disagreement. He spoke clearly, concisely, emphatically, leaving no doubt in the mind of anybody who heard him that he still hopes the jury will agree upon a verdict one way or the other.

**Jurymen Determined.**  
The jury stood like graven images when their foreman made his statement. They did not move as the chief justice addressed them. They looked tired, but determined, very determined. Some of them looked as if they had not slept for many hours. They filed out silently, nobody making any comments, and the judge stepped from his dais and through the double file of saluting police in the corridor to his chambers.

Once more the closing act had been prolonged. It is the general expectation that this afternoon will see its end should the jury still disagree, it is anticipated by counsel that the chief justice will discharge them and order a jury to be empaneled for a second trial at the next session of the court of king's bench.

### Last Act of "Uncle Bill" Typical of His Whole Life

Even though sick unto death, Uncle Bill Moore's traits of unselfishness and kindness made themselves known.

Uncle Bill, supplied with many friends who visited him and sent him delicacies and flowers while he was in the hospital, heard of an elderly woman, also seriously ill, and without the friends to cheer up her days. Knowing that he himself was passing away, Uncle Bill, as the last act of his earthly life, requested that the flowers in his room be sent in to the old woman in order that her days might be brightened.

Such was the spirit of the man who was enshrined in the hearts of the citizens of London generally. Uncle Bill, who died at Victoria Hospital last night, following a three-week illness, will be buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the funeral being from Oatman's undertaking parlors at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Mr. Chapman of Empress Avenue Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member, will conduct the services, both at the chapel and the grave.

Masons of the city will turn out in full strength, and members of the King Solomon's Lodge will act as pallbearers. Sporting organizations and fraternities will also turn out to do honor to the passing of Uncle Bill.

### LOCKS ALL DOORS AT COUNTY PRISON EXPECTING BANDIT

Governor Byron Dawson Restricts Hours When He Will Talk Business.

WALLS REPAIRED

Sidney Murrell Is On Way to London, But Hour of Arrival Unknown.

Every preparation is being made for the reception and the safeguarding of Sidney E. Murrell, desperado, at the county jail.

This morning, for the first time in years, all doors leading from the courthouse and grounds to the corridor outside the governor's office were locked. The only way to enter the jail now is to go to the south door, where prisoners enter when brought from the police station, and ring the bell.

Governor Dawson declared this morning that he was going to take no chances. "Anyone who wants to come here on business, must come between 9 and 12 o'clock in the forenoon and between 1 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. No fines for prisoners being held here will be accepted at any other time. I will be here during these hours, and this scheme will take a load off the turnkeys' minds," he said.

A peculiar coincidence is the fact that on the evening Murrell escaped work on the walls of the jail was being done. Today on the eve of his arrival from San Francisco, plasterers are at work on the walls. However, the repairs being made now are only of a minor nature, and will not be in progress long.

Governor Byron Dawson declared this morning that he had not been notified as to when the prisoner would arrive.

Murrell will be taken directly to the jail, and will not have to go into jail court to face a charge of jailbreaking. He will be kept at the county jail until Oct. 2, when he will be tried for the murder of Russell Brockville, Ontario, where he resided at Melbourne April 10, 1921.

### DEATH IN SEATTLE OF BENJAMIN GRAY

Was Father of Clifford L. Gray of London, Now Visiting West.

Word was received in the city today of the death of Benjamin Gray, father of Clifford L. Gray, local manager of Mason & Risch, Ltd., at Seattle, Wash., on Sunday, July 22, in his seventy-second year. The late Mr. Gray was a former contractor of Brockville, Ontario, where he resided for some time, but later moved to the coast. Clifford Gray recently left on an extended trip to the coast and was with his father when death came.

### THREE PERSONS DROWNED IN MONTREAL ON SUNDAY

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, July 23.—With a choking cry of "Mother! Mother!" 14-year-old Bert McKenzie sank beneath the waters of the Jesu River at St. Rose, and was drowned yesterday afternoon.

Adrien Tetreault, sailor, was drowned in the harbor on Saturday morning, as the last act of his earthly life, he is anticipated by counsel that the chief justice will discharge them and order a jury to be empaneled for a second trial at the next session of the court of king's bench.

Overcome by the fumes of sewer gas as he was descending a manhole, John Foley, 30 years old, fell to the bottom of the sewer and was drowned on Saturday.

### ST. THOMAS MAN FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Indian Claimed He Bought "Wet Goods" in Order to Catch Merchant.

Special to The Advertiser.  
St. Thomas, July 23.—Riscolla Elias, retail fruit merchant and confectioner at 643 Talbot street, was fined \$300 and costs this morning by Magistrate Maxwell for selling intoxicating liquor in violation of the O. T. A. The liquor was sold to Joseph Kennedy, an Onondaga Indian, who had made an agreement with Constable McKee to procure the intoxicant. Kennedy, at the hearing on Saturday, alleged as his motive for turning "spotter" his desire to stop Elias selling liquor to Indian girls. His worship adjourned his decision till this morning, in view of the contradictory nature of the evidence given by witnesses for the crown and defense.

### VANCOUVER MEMBER SUFFERS BROKEN ANKLE

Vancouver, B. C., July 23.—Hon. H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver, and former minister of trade and commerce, will be laid up for two months here with a broken ankle sustained Saturday at his summer home in White Rock, B. C. Mr. Stevens was leading his saddle horse over an old log culvert when a displaced log struck his foot and broke two bones in his ankle.



WHAT IS A SWIMMING POOL WITHOUT WATER?

The above picture by an Advertiser staff photographer shows the now famous Thames Park swimming pool in the predicament of the merchant who is credited with saying, "Yes, we have no bananas." The pool was drained Saturday night as a means of renewing the water, which had been reported by Chief Supervisor Martin as requiring freshening. A number of small boys loitered near the pool as the water was being drained out in the hope that they might become enriched by the finding of rings or other jewelry which might have been lost by the fair bathers who frequent the pool. Their presence gave rise to a rumor that boys had been swimming on Sunday in disobedience to the ruling. The other picture shows the young patrons of the pool awaiting the "moving of the waters" this morning, in the hope that the bathing privileges will be speedily restored.

### Thames Park Pool Drained No Sunday Swimmers There

Water Needed To Be Renewed, Is Reason For Emptying Pool Given by Public Utilities Manager Buchanan.

The public swimming pool at Thames Park was drained yesterday, and unintentionally or otherwise, the action gave a certain finality to the decision of the Public Utilities Commission to close the pool on the Sabbath.

In speaking of the pool this morning, Manager Buchanan said: "The pool was drained without malice aforethought, and not with any intention of showing that the commandment of the valves gave the commission command of the swimming controversy. The pool required cleaning, and this was brought to my attention by Chief Supervisor Martin of Thames Park. He asked permission to drain the pool, and asked me to sign a permit for that purpose. I gave it, and he thought about draining it as he could not get in touch with Dr. Smith, who was out of town. I told him that as there would be no swimming on Saturday night, and I understood that by last night the tank was empty."

Questioned as to who were around the tank yesterday afternoon, he said: "No one that I know of. I heard that there were a number of small boys watching, in the hope that a fortune in the form of diamond rings would be revealed as the water receded, but as to this I cannot say."

In reviewing the Sunday bathing situation, Mr. Buchanan said: "Friday's meeting passed off very quietly. No unpleasantness occurred at all."

### SUGGESTS NEW HOTEL AT PORT STANLEY

Ald. May Thinks Municipal Hotel There Would Be Paying Venture.

Ald. John T. May has an important recommendation for the members of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission. He argues that a hotel is badly needed at the lakeside and suggests as an ideal spot, the construction of a modern building against the hillside facing the lake. He feels that this would certainly encourage tourists and summer visitors and would lend greatly to the value of Port Stanley. It would be a reasonable move on the part of the commissioners, he feels—a municipal hotel.

### Movie Stars Flee in Terror As Quake Rocks Hollywood

Prisoners in Jail Scream With Fear as Shock Causes Wall of the Institution To Tremble—People Hurdled From Their Beds by Brief But Severe Earthquake.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Los Angeles, Cal., July 23.—Movie picture queens, film heroes and all the colorful Hollywood community were hurled from their beds and fled to lawns and sidewalks in filmy night attire shortly before midnight, when all southern California was rocked by two earthquakes, which lasted over six seconds.

### C. N. R. CENTRAL REGION REPLACES OLD PLAN

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, July 23.—The Grand Trunk System, Federation, Central Region, passed out of existence on Saturday, and a new body, to be known as the Canadian National Railways Federation, Central Region, took its place. Boundaries of the region reach from Riviere du Loup, Que., to Port William, Ont.

Election of officers was as follows: President, F. Harrison, Montreal; vice-president, M. A. McGuire, Stratford; J. Corbett, secretary; Mr. B. Foster, second vice-president. Montreal, was also elected.

### CHIEF OF POLICE DEFENDS HIS MEN FROM NEW CHARGE

Says Policemen Are Always Instructed To Be Courteous To Citizens.

MAY GET RUFFLED

Policemen Are Not Dogs, Says Chief, and They, Too, Deserve Courtesy.

Members of the London police force are not discourteous, according to Chief Robert Birrell.

Asked concerning the report that a citizen had complained to the mayor about discourteousness on the part of a local policeman, Chief Birrell stated this morning that he was certain that if the policeman had been at all abrupt to the man he had had provocation.

"Members of the police force," said the chief, "have instilled into them the fact that they must at all times be polite to the people of the city. If they seem discourteous at all, the fault is to be found with the citizen. An officer may speak to the citizen concerned in a nice manner, but may be answered most abruptly and rudely. Naturally there are some members of the force who resent being spoken to like a dog and in turn speak the same way. Others have the patience of Job and do not get ruffled."

"There are large numbers of citizens who think that policemen are not entitled to any respect and that they should take everything that is handed to them without answering back. Policemen are not dogs to be barked and sworn at. When they ask or order a citizen to do anything they are merely carrying out their duty as laid down in various bylaws or statutes, and for this they should be respected."

"If any person has any complaint to make regarding the conduct of a policeman, let him make it to me and I will promise that it will be investigated right to the bottom. Let him put any complaint in writing, and I will receive every consideration. Nine times out of ten, I think, I would find the citizen also has been guilty of ill-will."

"I think you can safely say, however," concluded the chief, "that there are no members of the force who are intentionally rude, or that are discourteous without provocation."

**Mayor Talks To Force.**  
Mayor Wenige, chairman of the police commission, announced today that he expects that members of the local police department will exercise every courtesy to the citizens. He said that he had addressed the majority of the officers Saturday night, the occasion being a presentation of a reward to Sergeant Percy Last.

The following was the substance of tonight's session of the city council that every member of the department be given a copy of the municipal year book.

### FATHER AND HIS SON HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Barely Got Out When Fire Started in Frank Heil's Wallaceburg Home.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Wallaceburg, July 23.—Fire broke out in the home of Frank Heil between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning, and caused damages estimated at a little over \$1,000.

Mr. Heil and his son were sleeping in the house when the fire broke out. Luckily he managed to escape before being trapped by the flames. The fire department quickly had the blaze under control.

The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the upstairs rooms, damaging furniture and clothing. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

### THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.  
Today—Moderate to fresh east, shifting to south and southwest winds, becoming showers during the night.

Tuesday—Showery.  
Pressure is high over the eastern half of Ontario and in Quebec, a high in the Atlantic, and a moderate depression is centered in Minnesota since Saturday. Showers and thunderstorms have been very general in the western provinces and in the north of Ontario. Superior; elsewhere the weather has been fair with a change to cooler conditions in Ontario and Quebec.

Stations—High—Low—Weather—  
Ottawa ..... 58 ..... 42 ..... Clear  
Toronto ..... 56 ..... 40 ..... Clear  
Kingston ..... 54 ..... 38 ..... Clear  
Oshawa ..... 52 ..... 36 ..... Clear  
Quebec ..... 50 ..... 34 ..... Clear  
St. John ..... 48 ..... 32 ..... Clear  
Halifax ..... 46 ..... 30 ..... Cloudy

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 50.  
The official temperatures for the 13 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 48.  
Barometric Readings.  
Sunday—8 p.m.—29.30.  
Today—8 a.m.—29.34.

### ALBERTA COAL TO SELL IN CITY, \$13 TO \$14 A TON

William Buchanan, Local Dealer, Asked To Submit Quotations.

ASKS FAIR TRIAL

Representative of Mining Interests Confers With City Officials.

The city of London seriously contemplates the purchase of Alberta coal and this morning City Engineer W. P. Near directed William Buchanan, local dealer to submit his best quotations.

This followed directly upon a conference between Mayor Wenige, the city engineer, Mr. Buchanan and S. C. Andrews of Alis, Alberta, representing important coal mining interests in that vicinity.

To The Advertiser, Mr. Buchanan stated that he had already contracted for ten cars of what is purported to be the best product from this mine. He stated that the railway authorities have given ample assurance that for the next few weeks at least, they will be allowed a freight rate of \$7 per ton.

"We will lay the coal down then at about \$13 or \$14 per ton to homes in this city," Mr. Buchanan explained. "A lot will depend upon local delivery facilities; whether the coal has to be carried upstairs or placed in the cellars and so forth."

While not in a position to definitely champion Alberta coal, Mayor Wenige stated that consideration of this matter was highly desirable. "I have always urged that we should use Canadian products and make use of our own natural resources. Surely if Alberta coal proves to be what is claimed by experts, and we can get it here cheaper or at a price as good as the others, we should certainly buy it. And by so doing, keep millions of dollars within this Dominion."

To The Advertiser, S. C. Andrews, who is seeking city business, explained that the best that the western mining industry could hope for this year was to secure sufficient customers here who would use their product and give it a fair trial.

The following winter, 1924, he said, would be the big year that we would look to, Mr. Andrews said. "We have the coal and we consider that we will meet with the approval of the people in London and elsewhere. We want to merely establish a trade here for the coming winter. The Home at least some of the people try it out and when they find that it is every bit as good as the anthracite, and in fact better in our opinion, we will have our trade established for the future."

### MAKING PLANS TO FORM RHINELAND REPUBLIC

Leaders of New Movement Are Fully Confident of Success.

By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.  
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Cologne, July 23.—A meeting of all leaders in the movement for a Rhineland republic had been called for Cologne on July 29. This is intended to be a prelude to an immediate proclamation, it is understood.

The movement to republicanize the Rhineland has a million and a quarter supporters, it is claimed. Josef Muelers, a leader in the new movement here, said to the writer today: "The republic is certain; it is only a matter of a few weeks."

### PAPER EXPORTS INCREASE.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, July 23.—Exports of paper manufactured in Canada during the month of June, reached a total value of \$7,859,684, according to an announcement made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics today. Compared with records for June of 1922, an advance of over \$1,000,000 is shown.