

PARIS TELLS OF HIS DOINGS ON AUGUST SECOND

The cross-examination of John Paris was continued yesterday afternoon in the circuit court and was not concluded when the court adjourned last evening. At the request of the attorney-general all the witnesses for the defence were excluded from the court room while Paris was giving evidence.

Paris resumed his place in the witness stand and the attorney-general continued his cross-examination. Paris said when he went to Truro on July 23 he traveled second-class. He said he remembered some parts of Sunday, July 31. He remembered Aug. 1. He said he remembered Saturday, July 30, Friday, July 29, and had a slight recollection of Thursday, July 28. He could not say he remembered July 27 very well.

He said he remembered that on the night of July 27 he was at Truro station at different times. On July 26 he said he remembered where he was. Asked if that was the day the gasoline was stolen, Paris said it was either July 26 or 27, but he did not know at what time of day the stealing took place. He said he could leave Truro on Sunday night, July 31, and be in St. John on the morning of Aug. 1. He said he was in doubt whether he was at Truro station on Sunday, July 31, but he believed he was there.

His Story of Aug. 2. Asked by the attorney-general to tell all he had done on Aug. 2, Paris said in the morning he went to town with Louis Bayard who went to get a basket of clothes from Mrs. Archibald. They went to Hill's store and got some groceries and drove home. In the afternoon, Paris said, he went to town on a bicycle. He met Louis Bayard who was driving a team. There was a car in the wagon which Bayard said contained five gallons of gasoline. They went to several garages—Blakes and Spencers, to a man named McCarthy and a man named Stevens, Norman Groves and then to Nichol's, where they sold the gas. He received \$2 for it. He then went to Snook & Rennie's and from there to Mr. Hill's grocery and bought two dozen cookies. From there he went to the Eastern Hart & Cap Company factory where he told the man that Mr. Ogilvie had sent him to collect some money. He received ninety-five cents.

He left the cap factory, he said, about 8.30 or 4 o'clock. On the way home he overtook Annie Clyde and Lou Collins, two colored girls, talking with Annie Clyde about 4 o'clock in Prince street. Annie Clyde borrowed Paris' bicycle, but she could not ride it. Paris said he went back to town for her on the bicycle and gave a paper he got from her to Hill, the grocer, and got some groceries. He then went to Snook & Rennie's about 4.45 to get some meat but he had none. He returned towards home and overtook the two girls and got back to "the island" about five or ten minutes after 5. He said he reached home at 6 or 7 o'clock.

He rode first, he said, to the home of William Bayard, father of Louis Bayard, and gave Louis back his bicycle. He then went to John Bayard's house, reaching there at about 6 o'clock. Between noon and the time he met the girls, Paris said that he was in William Bayard's yard. He recalled seeing officers looking for a can of cream which had been stolen. He said he went to James Talbot's house and gave him a pair of child's trousers and helped him to take a load of wood off. He said he went over to Bible Hill, about a mile and one-half away, reaching there soon after 1 o'clock. That was all he remembered from noon till he met the girls.

In the evening he said he went to a store run by Leslie Jardine and got some sardines on credit, taking them to John Bayard's house, where they were eaten. He crossed the road with some other men and they made a bonfire. He said he went uptown as far as the park, which he thought was Victoria Park, leaving William Bayard's house about 8 o'clock. He said he bought a package of cigarettes and reached home about 10 o'clock. He went back to the bonfire and fooled

around there until about 12 o'clock. Between the time he left John Bayard's house until he reached the park he had done nothing but ride the wheel.

Memory Improved, Says Prisoner. The attorney-general asked Paris to recount again what he had done in the evening. Mr. Byrne called attention to the fact that at the previous trial he had sworn he was not in town on the evening of Aug. 2. Paris said he must have been mistaken and if he had said that he had sworn to what was not true. The accused's memory was improved by three months' rest and nobody to talk to, he said.

The attorney-general then asked Paris to tell again what he had done between noon and 4 o'clock on Aug. 2. Paris repeated practically all of what he had already said. Asked to tell what he had done between 4 o'clock and 9 Paris repeated his doings of the evening as before. At first he mentioned unloading the wood and taking the chain traces to Talbot but started out again after an interruption from the attorney-general and told the same story of his movements as he had already done.

"Have you told us all?" asked Mr. Byrne. "No," he said. "I did not tell him, no sir," said Paris. Asked to recount his doings on Aug. 2, he said he went to his grandmother's house about 8.30 in the morning. He went to John Bayard's, stayed fifteen or twenty minutes and then went down to get a can of mushrooms back of the pasture. He returned to the island about 9.30 and about 11 or 11.30 that morning sold the mushrooms to Mrs. Archibald, who lived in town.

After returning back from picking the mushrooms he said he went to Will Bayard's, then to Talbot's, arriving there about 10 o'clock. From there he went to town and will Lawrence's arriving at Mrs. Archibald's about 11 o'clock. He arrived back home about 12 o'clock. He had met the Bayard boy at Talbot's. He was not correct in saying at the last trial that he had met Bayard at the hotel. He met Bayard about 9.30 in a little later and the two of them went to town together, Bayard in a wagon and Paris on a bicycle, arriving in town about 10 or 10.30 in the morning of Aug. 2. The two went to Inglis street, then to Lawrence's store and then to Mrs. Archibald's, arriving there about 11 or 11.30. They went to Hill's store and then home. Asked if they had been paying each other for the mushrooms at the Learmont Hotel between 10 and 11. From the hotel they went to Mrs. Moxon's. He arrived back home about 12 o'clock. He did not see Mrs. Moxon but saw the servant girl. From Moxon's they went back to Lawrence's store and then to Mrs. Archibald's. Bayard collected clothes at Mrs. Archibald's. They got back to the island about 12 o'clock. He ate his dinner at his grandmother's, got a wheel and went to Bible Hill, arriving there about 1 o'clock in the morning. He went to town, to Lawrence's store, rode around town and about 2 o'clock met the Bayard boy at the post office and after that they tried to sell the gas. He did not know the gasoline was stolen.

His Movements on Aug. 3. He denied he left St. John for Truro on the night of Aug. 3. He fixed the date of Aug. 3 from the date he sold the gasoline. About 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the morning of Aug. 3 he went picking mushrooms on the flats and got back about 7 o'clock. He stemmed the mushrooms, had his breakfast and went to town about 9 or 10 o'clock and sold the mushrooms to Mrs. Moxon about 10.10 or 10.15. He could not remember whether he was at the station more than once on Aug. 3. He went to W. B. Dimock's before he went to Moxon's. He also went to Lawrence's and a Chinaman's. He did not know whether he went to Moxon's drug store before or after he went to the house. About eleven o'clock he met Bernard Paris and went to the house with him and drove in his automobile to the station. He got out, but stayed no time there. He went to Inglis street and met Bernard Paris again and got into his automobile about 11.30 or 11.45, and went down to the island, arriving there about 11.50 or 11.55. The attorney-general asked Paris if he knew the man who had been around different people's houses in the island. Pressed to say what time he left the island, he said it must have been about

7.30 or 8.30 in the evening, with the Bayard boy. He went to Moxon's store for the mushroom money, but Mr. Moxon was not in. Both went to the park and came back again. He left Bayard by the store. He went into see Mr. Moxon, but failing, went down to the station. That was the second time he was at the station that day, he said, in reply to a question from the attorney-general.

This was about nine o'clock, or perhaps after. There were an unusually large number of people there. Louis Bayard came along and got talking about going west. They talked with some white and some colored men. He went back to Moxon's and this time was paid for the mushrooms. This must have been about ten o'clock, he said. He returned to the station and asked Louis Bayard if he would tell his (Paris') mother that Paris was going to St. John. He left about eleven o'clock. He thought the train was a little late.

The Return to St. John. He had met Archie Paris at the station. He lay in the seat in the train with Archie Paris, getting into that seat maybe three or four hours after the train left Truro. It was after the train left Amherst that he got in the seat. He was asleep when the train got in Moncton. He paid the conductor \$3 to come to St. John, telling him he needed \$5 the worst way and that he would not him up later. There was a third colored man named Maxwell in the seat. Paris denied that, instead of leaving Truro for St. John that night, he had left St. John for Truro on the night of August 3.

He had known Archie Paris for seventeen or eighteen years. He was not a witness at the last trial. He did not know whether he would be at this trial. It was about 6.10 o'clock when this stage of the cross-examination was reached, so the judge adjourned the court.

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NO REDUCTION YET IN TOBACCO (Montreal Herald). Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes will not be cheaper, according to information gathered from the big tobacco people in Montreal. In order to induce in the price of the weed, nearly twice pre-war prices must be paid. With a reduction going on in the form of tax cuts, and a general tendency to lower prices wherever possible, smokers began to ponder on the possibilities of paying less. But all such pipe dreams must end in smoke for the time being at least. One big manufacturing concern pointed out that in the south, from whence the bulk of the tobacco comes, and a general tendency to weaken. As in other things, the war brought a tremendous demand for tobacco, which, with the men away fighting, taxed the fields to the utmost. Now there is a demand slightly in excess of the supply, and this helps to keep prices up. It might be lost sight of that a large part of the price for a packet of ten cigarettes goes to the government in the form of tax. For some time one of the most famous brands of cigarettes included in the packet a slip, which was a receipt for 7 1/2 cents of the price paid had to be paid in turn to the government.

The man in the street pays eighteen cents for a packet of ten cigarettes as against ten cents paid in pre-war days, a difference of eight cents, but the tobacco manufacturer points out that the difference is caused by the taxation and not by the manufacturer or retailer. Without the tax, cigarettes are the same as before the war, despite the fact that manufacturing costs have increased in price.

A CLEVER DOG Gets Back Purse and Catches Alleged Thief Quickly. (Montreal Herald.) When Mrs. MacFarlan, No. 728 Fourth avenue, Viaireville had her purse containing over one hundred dollars snatched from her hand while a few yards from her home yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, she little thought that it would be recovered as quickly as it was. She had just stepped off an Ontario street car, when a man accosted her. She screamed, and J. Cote, who was passing in his car with his pet Belgian police dog, came to the rescue. Seeing the fleeing man, he shouted to his dog to follow him. The dog sprang after the thief, who was now out of sight. Mr. Cote and Mrs. MacFarlan waited at the corner, and in a moment the dog was back with the stolen purse in his mouth. He dropped it at his master's feet, and immediately returned to attend to the man. When Mr. Cote, who followed him, came upon them the animal had the man by the coat, and was holding on for grim death. The captured one was brought to No. 34 station, and appeared before Judge Leet this morning on a charge of highway robbery. The dog was the hero of the hour, but appeared to accept it all in the day's work.

WILL SCRAP FIVE WOODEN SHIPS TO FIND THEIR VALUE AS JUNK. Washington, Nov. 25.—The Shipping Board is planning an experiment to determine the "scrap value" of its fleet of wooden ships, which has become practically a "white elephant." A contract will be let for scrapping five of the wooden vessels. The contract will specify that an accurate account be kept of the salvage cost and the return in money from machinery, equipment and lumber, in order to determine whether it would be advantageous to scrap the whole fleet. It is not expected that the work will be started for several weeks.

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