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A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

SAYS PROSSER HELPED BERRY REMOVE BODY

Sensational Contradiction in Evidence Offered at Forest Hill Murder Trial.

PRISONER WORRIED OVER THE PENALTY

Police Officer Swears He Asked What Would Be Result of Plea of Guilt.

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Prosser and other witnesses all swore that the body of Mrs. Berry was lying on chairs in the house when they got there on the morning of the tragedy.

Dr. C. A. King, of Peticodiac, was called by the defence. He said: "I performed the post mortem on the body of the late Minnie Berry. The lobe of the right ear was dark colored and perceptibly swollen. I felt the lobe of each ear. There was very little difference in the thickness; the scratch on the jaw was very superficial and could have been done by a pin. The discoloration below the right ear was quite marked and there was a slight scratch on the right jaw and frothy fluid in the lungs and water in the stomach."

Condition of Body

The lungs were heavier than normal, red and swollen. I made an incision three or four inches long probably an inch thick. A frothy, watery fluid came from the lung without pressing it. I made two such incisions. I considered I had found sufficient to satisfy me that the cause of death was drowning. I opened the heart and found a thin watery fluid, reddish in color. That was evidence of drowning. I opened the stomach. I found a watery fluid there, over a pint in quantity. It was water mostly, indicating drowning. I gave my evidence that I believed death was caused by drowning. The jury wanted to see the body. Some one asked me if the neck was broken. I said "No," and showed them it was not. I turned the body over and examined the marks on the back that were made by the corsets.

Based on Medical Facts

Cross examined by Mr. Rand: "I went to view the body of a woman who had been drowned and was found in the water by her husband. My evidence and opinion was based absolutely on the medical facts as I found them upon the examination of the body. I found marked evidence of drowning. I thought it was not necessary to make any further investigation to arrive at the decision that death was caused by drowning. I found the blood in the body as I expected to be, thicker, and because the blood was this in the heart, I thought death was due to drowning."

Wound Under Jaw

"I examined the wound under the jaw. I did not attempt to satisfy myself as to the cause of the wound. The wound had a dry scab over it. If I had felt that she had been strangled I would have looked further. If I had seen other marks I would have tried to satisfy myself whether strangulation took place or not. The discoloration by the ear might be caused by the head lying in the water. I did not know what caused the discoloration or the swelling. I am not in a position to contradict Dr. Abramson when he states that this swelling and discoloration was caused by force being applied to the outside. I am not prepared to say whether it was a case of homicide or suicide. Suicide in shallow water is not often recorded. Other witnesses called by the defence this afternoon were Geo. W. Colpitts, of Pleasantville; Robert L. Lane, of Mapleton; John Siddle, Mapleton; Frank W. Bishop, all jurors at the inquest, and Mrs. Leah Bannister, sister of the accused."

Coroner's Jurors Called.

The evidence given by the jurors was to the effect that while they were making up the verdict after hearing the evidence, Constable Winford Steeves said to them that the condition of Mrs. Berry's lungs was the same as he had seen in a calf which had been drowned. The jurors stated that the foot tracks leading from the Berry house to the culvert corresponded with the boots worn by the deceased. One of the witnesses at least gave it as his opinion that the culvert end fell into the pool, causing the injury to her ear and the scratch on her face. There was a swift current in the stream and this would carry the body down to the shallow spot where the body was alleged to have been found. Two or three of the witnesses said that the accused at the day of the inquest showed considerable grief and was crying while the enquiry was going on. Witnesses for the defence gave the accused a good reputation.

The accused will be on the stand tomorrow in his own defence, and it is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow evening.

FIRE ENGINE FOR SACKVILLE.
Sackville, May 5.—Sackville is contemplating the purchase of a \$6000 fire engine for the town. A Woodstock, Ont., firm is likely to get the contract.

EXPLOSION BURNED NOVA SCOTIA SHIP

Boston, May 5.—The loss of the schooner Bona H. of Parramatta, N. S., near Havana on April 27, was said by Captain S. P. Kinnison, when he arrived here with the crew today to have been due to an explosion undoubtedly caused by gases from a former cargo of gunpowder. The explosion in the hold, he said, blew off the hatches and started a fire. H. L. Jollymore and John Lambert, two of the crew were thrown against the forecastle partition, sustaining slight injuries. The fire spread rapidly and the men saved only a part of their belongings before they took to the boats. They were 14 hours in the open before they reached Havana. All were saved.

Big Liquor Take Near St. Leonards

Stock Valued at \$25,000 Was Found Hidden Under Floor of a Barn.

Fredericton, N. B., May 5.—Liquor valued at \$25,000 has been seized by prohibition inspectors at St. Leonards, where it had been secreted under the floor of a large barn.

Chief Inspector Hawthorn got a "tip" on the presence of the liquor there a few days ago and Inspector Fraser Saunders, of this city, and Tom Barrett of St. John, were assigned for duty on the case with Inspector Allan McLaughlin, who is in charge of the upper St. John river district.

After the seizure they at once arranged for re-shipment to the government warehouse here and the load is expected to arrive in Fredericton either tonight or tomorrow.

It is said that the seized goods include 120 cases and 20 barrels of various brands of liquors, the cases being the large size which are made to contain imperial quarts of whiskey, brandy and gin.

DE VALERA AND ULSTER LEADER IN CONFERENCE

Signs of Peace in Ireland Seen in the Meeting of Leaders.

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In political quarters here, it was declared that the latest move of Sir James Craig regarding the Ulster question, and the fact that he has a critical situation to face, and that the elections in the North may provoke cross currents and differences from the extreme Protestants as well as from the nationalists and others in the hurry over conventional reforms. Since assuming responsibility for the future of the Ulster Government, it was said, Sir James has realized the value of assistance in the South, and while determined to maintain separate rights of the North, he was anxious to secure an agreement for the management by the central council of matters common to all Ireland.

Where Parties Differ.

Political leaders asserted that the main difficulty between Sir James and De Valera was that Sir James favored starting with Home Rule and advancing afterwards to complete independence, while De Valera desired to start with unity, but was willing to accord the north of Ireland all necessary devolution.

There is reason here for the belief that concessions on both sides of the controversy have been committed. The attitude of the government appears to be in favor of any move for peace between the North and South of Ireland, and willing to make any modification in the Home Rule Act upon which the North and South can agree.

Worries Against Hopes.

Belfast, May 5.—The Ulster Northern Whig says that while considerable political importance attaches to the meeting between Sir James Craig and Eamon De Valera, "there is just a danger that some over-enthusiasm may exaggerate it."

In the opinion of the paper two points are clear, namely, that there cannot be an Irish Republic and Ulster's rights under the new act cannot be interfered with. The Whig suggests that Mr. De Valera's desire for an interview with the Ulster leader, or "an attempt to the abolition of the Sinn Féin that the y cannot get a republic."

Sees a Chance.

Dublin, May 5.—The Freeman's Journal in an editorial commenting on the meeting between Sir James Craig and Eamon De Valera says: "We trust that the meeting will not easily lead to any one another of the two men will readily despair of success. Now that a line of communication has been established, it should be maintained."



MRS WIMPLE CREATED QUITE A SCENE WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THAT THE PAINTER WORKING NEXT DOOR HAD BEEN PLANTING HIS LADDER RIGHT IN HER FRESHLY PREPARED FLOWER BEDS.

Neighborhood News

Newcastle Sailor Drowned At Sea

Newcastle, May 5.—Mrs. Wm. Ryan, of Nordin, received word yesterday that her son, James, had been drowned at sea, when the American schooner Augusta W. Snow was lost with all on board. The Augusta W. Snow was well known in this port, having loaded here on several occasions, her last trip from here being made on Sept. 30th last, at which time young Ryan joined the vessel. She was built at Brewer, Me., in 1915, and was 671 tons, owned by Crowell & Thurlock of Boston, and commanded by Captain U. L. Norton, of Brewer, Maine.

Young Ryan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan and leaves his wife, at present in St. John, also several brothers and sisters. Other members of the crew well known here were Joseph Seppert, mate, a native of Nova Scotia; Christian Seery and B. Longbotham, both former residents of Nordin.

Marrying Parson Wed 4,277 Pairs

Dr. F. K. Huntzinger Dies at Reading After Career of 52 Years.

Reading, Pa., May 5.—The Rev. Dr. Franklin K. Huntzinger, for more than a score of years known as Reading's "marrying parson," frequently marrying as many as eight pairs in a day, died here today, aged nearly 77 years. His wife died some years ago, and their only child preceded them in death.

For fifty-two years pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, where he founded, Doctor Huntzinger resigned two weeks ago and was then elected pastor emeritus. He preached 20,000 sermons, confirmed thousands of young people, baptized 973, married 4,277 couples and conducted 4984 funerals.

He took pride in the small percentage of divorces following his marriages.

Slapped Wife's Face

Halifax, May 5.—For slapping his wife's face, and throwing at her the supper which she had prepared for him, John Sinclair, living on the Exhibition Grounds, was convicted by Magistrate Fielding, and given two years' suspended sentence. The defendant claimed that he had slapped his wife in a rough and tumble, and when asked by the magistrate what he meant by that stated that when he came home he usually got a couple of smacks from the lady, and that on this occasion he was simply defending himself.

MARGARET LONG HELD YET.
Fredericton, N. B., May 5.—The matter of the disposal of Margaret Long, who was acquitted here on a charge of killing her infant child, must go to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor. The letter is out of the province and is not expected to return for a fortnight. Until he decides Miss Long will remain in York County Jail.

South Bay School Report For April

Splendid Averages Made by Pupils in the Monthly Examinations.

South Bay, N. B., May 5.—The following is a report of the South Bay school for the month of April: School in session 21 days. Number of pupils enrolled, 31; average attendance, 23. Percentage of enrolled pupils daily present on an average, 74.12. Pupils present every day during the month: Dorothy Steeves, Robert Flusky, Norman Whalend, John Arthur, Margaret Whalend.

Pupils missing not more than one day: Mabel Seely, Georgia Doherty, Blanche Long, Gertrude Seely, Fred Long.

Pupils making an average of 60 or over on April examinations:

Grade V, Class A—Blanche Long, 91.4; Georgia Doherty, 86.6; Dorothy Steeves, 80.1.

Grade V, Class B—Lilly Stern, 89.9; Fred Stern, 83.1; Gregory Duffy, 60.

Grade IV—John Arthur, 83.9; Raymond Finley, 76.4.

Grade III, Class A—Gertrude Seely, 78; Rose Collins, 77.9; Robert Finley, 74.3; Nettie Hayes, 53.7; Fred Long, 63.4.

Grade III, Class B—Mary Hayes, 83.3.

Grade II—Lawrence Stern, 73.3.

Grade I—Margaret Whalend, 90; Ross Bealey, 79.5; Mabel Seely, 76.5.

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Northumberland Will Be Left Vacant

Fredericton, May 5.—The government meeting closed this morning. Hon. C. W. Robinson said that it was unlikely any action could be taken regarding a by-election to fill the vacancy in Northumberland until the return of Premier Foster. The suggestion has been made that if Mr. Justice Barry's decision declaring the last election in Restigouche County void is sustained by the court of appeal there might be elections held simultaneously in Restigouche and Northumberland. The court of appeal decision is not expected before June.

Bishops Reply To Lloyd George's Note

Claim It Proves Contentious That Irish Policy Has Inflamed World.

London, May 5.—Answering Premier Lloyd George's reply made on April 19, to a memorial sent him by nine Anglican bishops and the heads of the principal non-conformist churches in Great Britain, the Bishop of Chelmsford and other Anglican bishops and leaders of the various non-conformist churches, in a letter to Mr. Lloyd George, declare that they are impressed by what was to us "unimpeachable evidence" that the policy of the government in Ireland has succeeded only in inflaming the world it was meant to heal.

They charge that refusal to hold a public inquiry into serious allegations by responsible persons against the conduct of the crown forces, and also in withholding the result of inquiries has deepened the grave disquiet felt by many minds, and is apt to leave a very painful impression at home and abroad. They refute the accusation that they condoned Sinn Féin "outrages" and express "intense desire to see a new beginning made to which at least all the better and more reasonable elements of the Irish people might rally."

Regarding "secession" they say an independent Irish Republic is impracticable, but are agreed that a solution of the Irish question is not unattainable.

ANNUAL MEETING ON NEXT MONDAY

Several Matters of Importance to Protestant Orphans' Home Were Discussed Yesterday.

At the monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home held yesterday afternoon at the West Side Orphanage, D. C. Clark in the chair, matters to come up at the annual meeting on Monday next were discussed and some routine business transacted. The annual meeting will be held in the Board of Trade rooms and every subscriber of \$1 is entitled to attend. The management are hoping for a large attendance.

McDonald Fails To Appear In Court

Bench Warrant Issued for His Arrest—Was Out on \$2,000 Bail.

Fredericton, N. B., May 5.—Edmund W. McDonald, of Vanceboro, Me., failed to put in an appearance at the nisi pruis sittings of the York circuit court this morning and a bench warrant was issued for his apprehension.

McDonald was tried on the charge of stealing over 200 bottles of gin of a shipment from Montreal to St. John last winter and the jury disagreed. He was allowed out on bail of \$2,000 sureties being furnished by himself, his brother John T. McDonald and James M. Scott, of this city.

Prisoner Was Absent.

P. J. Hughes for the crown, moved that the prisoner be called, which was done by the clerk on order of the court three times. The same was done as to bail and no replies being received Mr. Hughes moved that a bench warrant be issued for the prisoner's apprehension. Judge Crockett ordered the issuance of the order and gave instructions that before recognition of bail be estreated the bail should be notified.

The court then adjourned until Tuesday.

Dorchester Ladies Condemn Fashions

Classed as Indecent and Immoral Present Styles of Dress.

Special to The Standard.

Dorchester, N. B., May 5.—At the monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. the motion was made and unanimously carried that "We, as a band of Christian women, wish to protest against the modern fashion in woman's dress. It is both indecent and immoral, and does not tend to elevate our community life. We believe this to be in the best interests of our boys."

ROBBED THE ALMSHOUSE.

Chatham, May 5.—Thieves on Friday night last paid a visit to the County Home and stole about \$100 worth of provisions, clothing, etc. They took all the clothes off the clothesline, which included eight suits of underwear and a number of pairs of socks. The storehouse was broken into and a half barrel of pork, some molasses, beans and seed the keeper had for planting, were taken. A horse and wagon must have been brought along to carry the plunder away. No clue has, as yet, been found to the perpetrators.

FAVORS DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Halifax, N. S., May 5.—Daylight saving is favored by parents of Halifax school children a referendum among them, held under the auspices of the school board having resulted in a majority for the measure of 1,129. The vote stood: for daylight saving, 4,055; against 2,926.

PEACE DUTY TO STATE AS GREAT AS WAR LABORS

So Declares Hon. N. W. Rowell at Closing of Dalhousie University.

MANY STUDENTS GET DIPLOMAS

Canada to be the Interpreter in All Anglo-American Relations.

Halifax, N. S., May 5.—The development of a truly Canadian National spirit as opposed to sectionalism, whether geographical, racial, religious or occupational; the development of a spirit of co-operation on a just and equitable basis between capital and labor; the recognition and maintenance of the equality of status of the self-governing nations of the British commonwealth and the preservation of the unity essential to the strength and security of the whole; the progressive development of our position as an interpreter and mediator in Anglo-American relations at that Anglo-Saxon nations may co-operate in promoting peace, justice and ordered liberty; co-operating to the measure of our ability in supporting the League of Nations as a most hopeful and practical experiment; these were the five national objectives presented by Hon. N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, for the consideration of the students at the sixty-seventh Dalhousie University spring convocation here this afternoon.

Duty to State

Mr. Rowell called the attention of the graduating classes to the "danger of forgetting that every citizen owes a duty to the state which he should discharge with the same fidelity in times of peace as of war" and commended these problems to their earnest attention.


One hundred and sixteen young men and women received various degrees and were awarded diplomas during the special convocation proceedings. Dr. Ainslie Mackenzie, president of the university, delivered an address shot through with optimism and a strong faith in the future of Dalhousie. He referred to the success which attended her recent campaign for funds.

Refuse To Return Carload of Whiskey

North Sydney, May 5.—Request came from the National Breweries, Montreal, for the return of a car of beer and liquor seized here. The C. N. R. agent declined to place the car for Inspector Lamond, who made the seizure, pending instructions. A wire came from General C. N. R. Freight Agent Tompkins to the agent here instructing him not to place the car, as the government railway did not admit the validity of the seizure.

Proceedings are understood to have been taken under the Doherty Act. Trucks are being secured to move the wet goods.

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