

THE WEATHER:
FRESH SOUTHEAST WINDS.
RAIN DURING NIGHT.

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ON THE STREET AT 5:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

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SAVES SID MURRELL ADMITTED SHOOTING

Lloyd George In His New Book Predicts Another War

WITNESS SAYS SID NODDED ASSENT AFTER CAPTURE WHEN HIS BROTHER ASKED: "DID YOU DO THE SHOOTING?"

"You Shot My Brother," Declared Campbell On Fatal Day.

WITNESS MADE BET

Robinson Admits Laying "Two to One" Sid Would Be Hanged.

"Two to one Murrell hangs."

This is the bet Burley Robinson, crown witness, made with a fellow worker at Leonard's boiler works, named Graydon, he admitted under cross-examination on the witness stand at the fall assizes today.

All the crown evidence in the case against Sid Murrell and Slim Williams, charged with murdering Russell Campbell at Melbourne during the bank robbery of April, 1921, is not expected to be in tonight. It will be Thursday night at least before the case gets to the jury.

Both Murrell and Williams are standing up under the strain, neither of them showing the least sign of emotion when evidence against them is given by two or three witnesses corroborating each other.

Robert E. Campbell, implement agent, declared that when accused of killing Russell Campbell by the victim's brother, Stuart Murrell answered: "I'm not denying it. I fired five shots." Other witnesses corroborated this evidence.

But Campbell provided the climax of the morning evidence when he positively stated Sid had admitted the killing to his brother, William, while the two were in the cell at Melbourne on the day of the robbery.

Says Sid Nodded.

"Did you do the shooting?" William Murrell was said to have asked. Sid, witness declared, nodded affirmatively.

"You fool," his brother is reported to have remarked.

Then, Campbell declared, the three prisoners whispered to each other. When Burley Robinson admitted to M. Donahue, defence counsel, that he made the bet, Mr. Donahue asked: "That's all; I don't think any jury wants to hear any more."

Murrell's father, the mother were present this morning. The father seemed to be more worried than the son. The strain seemed to be telling on the parent. The mother, too, appeared to be breaking under the terrible suspense.

When court adjourned at noon, Crown Prosecutor T. J. Rigney spoke to the prisoners as they stood in the dock, while guards were attending to their shackles.

Murrell smiled at the crown. It was a natural smile, with not a bit of derision in it.

Murrell is conducting himself well in court. Were it not for the fact that he is surrounded by a group of guards one would hardly identify him as one of the prisoners. His demeanour is more like that of a deeply interested spectator, than of a prisoner.

Williams is shaken.

This cannot be said of Williams. He shows he realizes the seriousness of his position. A look of very deep concern is on his face at all times. Nothing, not even humorous bits of evidence, are able to erase it. He looks like a wretch who has already heard his fate.

When court resumed, a great crowd had gathered on the courthouse lawn. The crowd rather resented being denied admittance to the building. They were told, however, that all available seats had been taken, that there was not the slightest hope of being admitted. Order both in and out of court is being preserved remarkably well.

The trial judge, Hon. Mr. Justice Wright, has warned against talking in the room. Violation of instructions will mean expulsion or a fine, he declared.

When court adjourned at noon, more than a score of people were waiting to be admitted to the afternoon session. Scheduled more than an hour later.

Had Restless Night.

Sid Murrell did not go to sleep until late last night. He tossed in his cot until almost midnight. Williams, too, apparently, pondered over the events of the day before he finally succumbed to slumber.

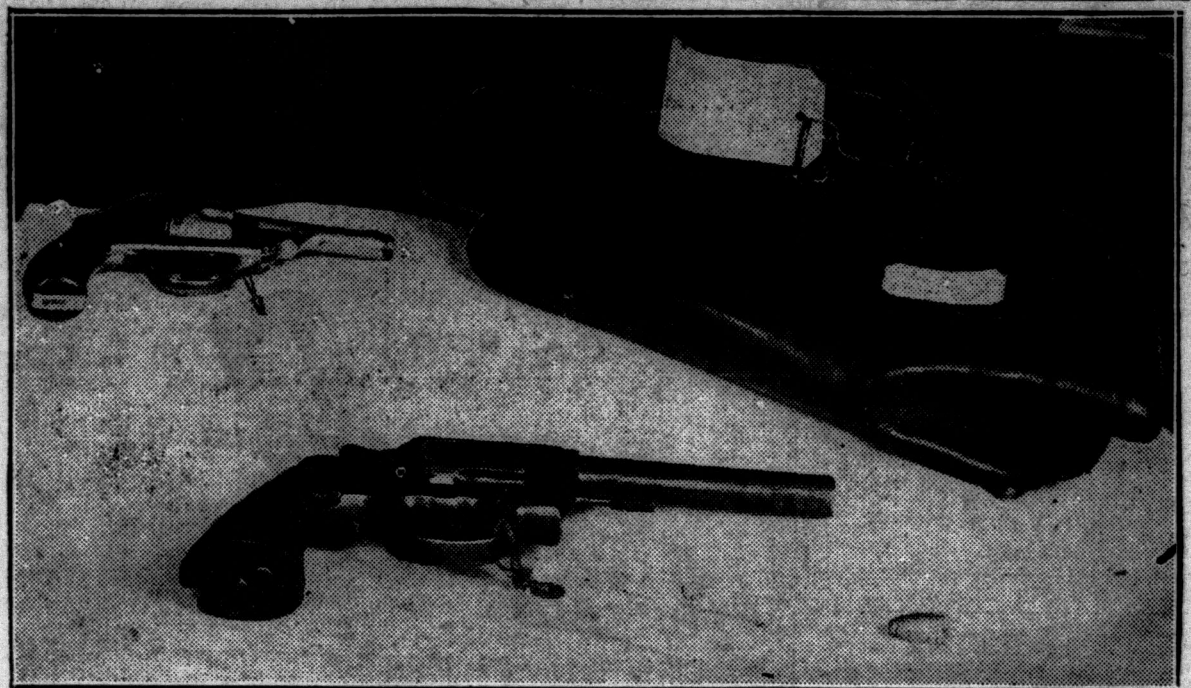
This morning rings around the eyes of both prisoners testified to their loss of sleep. At times Murrell's hand was clenched nervously, but it was due more to fatigue than anything, as only minor evidence was being adduced at the time.

Sid Murrell staggered against the walls of the passageway as he was being brought up the stairs to the courtroom just before court resumed this afternoon. One shoulder was covered with dirt. When he was seated, he brushed the dirt from his new brown suit, straightened his tie, and clasped his hands on his lap, just as Hon. Mr. Justice Wright entered.

Williams seems calm, at least more so than he was this morning. He is sitting straight up in his seat, against the main entrance of the building.

Mrs. Murrell and two of her daughters.

Turn to Page 4 for late evidence yesterday.



BANDIT'S GUNS AND THE FATAL BULLET.

Above, on the left, an Advertiser photographer shows the blood-stained .45-calibre revolver which Slim Williams carried at Melbourne. The bigger gun is the .45-calibre which Sergeant of Detectives Harry Down swears Sidney Murrell claimed as his on the day of the murder. The small object on the lower right is the .45-calibre bullet which was taken from the dead body of the murdered Russell Campbell. The black money bag also shown above was dropped by Sidney Murrell in his flight from the bank. It contained the loot of the robbery. The two guns, the bullet and the money bag are all important exhibits in the evidence at the trial.

Crowds Storm Courthouse Portals In Effort To Hear Evidence In Murder Trial

Provincial Officer Stratton Declares Heavy Front Door Nearly Torn Off.

MANY WOMEN COME

Interest in the Murrell-Williams Trial Greatest in Annals of County's Criminal History.

If the crowds continue to pour into the court house for the Murrell-Williams murder trial, county officials will be compelled to buy a new front door.

Yesterday and this morning, the throngs were so dense and the anxiety to witness the trial so great that the sturdy front door of the court house was nearly torn from its hinges. Another experience such as yesterday's and the mahogany portals of the ancient castle will be but a remnant of their former selves.

"The lock was nearly torn off," Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton declared. "I never saw such a rush."

An hour before the trial resumed this morning, hundreds of curious citizens lined up outside the court house. A couple of dozen women and girls arrived at 9 o'clock, and they were allowed to enter the courtroom, while the men were forced to wait until the trial commenced. When they were finally admitted in single file several late comers attempted to edge in before the trial began.

"Put that guy in the brown suit back," yelled a man in the crowd. The brown-suited individual was immediately ordered to wait his turn at the end of the line. Just then a well-dressed farmer tried to rush in. "Nothing doing," said Mr. Stratton, as the man persisted.

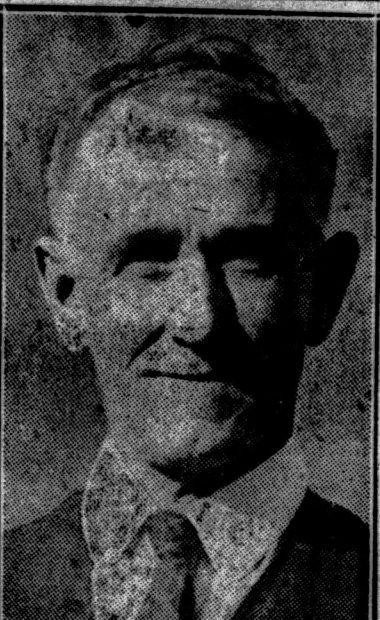
"So this is what we pay our taxes for," the farmer yelled indignantly. He was straightaway ousted from the court house and the door slammed in his face.

The gentle sex was represented by dozens of flappers this morning. Many middle-aged women were there, too. The crowds have been orderly, officers state, and the type of citizen who desires to see the trial is most respectable. Only one person with a police record got in and he was immediately escorted out, as soon as the eagle eye of T. Y. Stratton spotted him.

Curious and disappointed citizens who were unable to gain entrance to the court house this morning, closed up against the doors the minute the morning spectators left the building. Three women led the van for the afternoon rush. They were pressed close against the door and as the provincial police made way for Judge Wright to leave the court house, one woman eagerly asked if she could be admitted, and registered disgust when denied permission to enter the broad corridors of the court house.

Poincare to be sponsor for eighteenth child.

Associated Press Despatch. Lunenburg, France, Oct. 17.—Premier and Mme. Poincare have consented to act as sponsors for the eighteenth child of M. Michel, president of the local league of big families. The christening has been fixed for the day when the premier comes here to unveil a soldiers' memorial.



SAYS MURRELL ADMITTED.

This is R. E. Campbell, who swore at this morning's session of the Melbourne murder trial that Sidney Murrell had nodded affirmatively to his brother's question: "Did you do the shooting?"

"DEFEND" LONDONERS FROM HOSTILE ATTACK

Officers of M. D. No. 1 Conduct Tactical Battle With Headquarters in City.

A tactical battle is being fought northeast of London today by officers of M. D. No. 1, who are participating in the staff tour conducted by the department of militia and defence.

The forces are divided into north and south, with the north occupying Sarnia, Goderich and Guelph, while the latter occupy Hamilton, London and Chatham.

The 1st Southland Division had orders to defend London from attacks from the direction of Goderich and Mitchell and to protect lines of communication. The orders set forth the disposition of the southern forces, and the officers on the tour go over the ground and carry out the tactics as they would be in a real attack from hostile forces. Artillery troops are stationed at strategic points, with London as headquarters.

DRAKE SAYS HE WILL FIGHT ANY MOVE FOR REPRISAL

Mayor Wenige states he proposes to "step on" those members of the council who "flopped over" on the city hall issue.

But Ald. Gordon Drake, one of the quartet selected, states this afternoon that he will "take his chances" in Ward 3 any day with the mayor.

"I'll take my chance," he assured. "The mayor had better not use too strong gas when he starts in to step on us, as he promises."

DOMINION SAVINGS BUSINESS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Shareholders Will Hold Meeting at County Buildings On October 29.

TO PROBE CHARGES

Next Monday, Oct. 29, shareholders of the Dominion Savings and Investment Company will hold a meeting in the county council chamber, when matters of more than passing interest will receive their attention.

The meeting has been called pursuant to the order of Mr. Justice Middleton, who continued applications for a winding-up of the company, made by three minority shareholders, until after such a meeting, the justice setting an outside date by which it must be held.

The Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation, creditors of the investment company to the extent of \$248,000, made arrangements for the meeting. All affairs of the company, which assigned last year, will be gone into thoroughly. According to officials of the Dominion Savings are more than sufficient to meet all liabilities.

It is more than likely that the charges made by the three shareholders, who entered the application for winding-up, which alleged wrongful conduct on the part of the directors of the company, will also be gone into.

Following the meeting the applications will be heard, as well as the application for an injunction, sought by the savings company against the mortgage corporation, restraining the latter from selling the Dominion Savings Building on Richmond street, and disposing of Northern Life Assurance Company stock, both of which held assets by the company, but which have not yet been realized on.

HAYDEN SAYS PEOPLE, NOT MAYOR, TO DECIDE

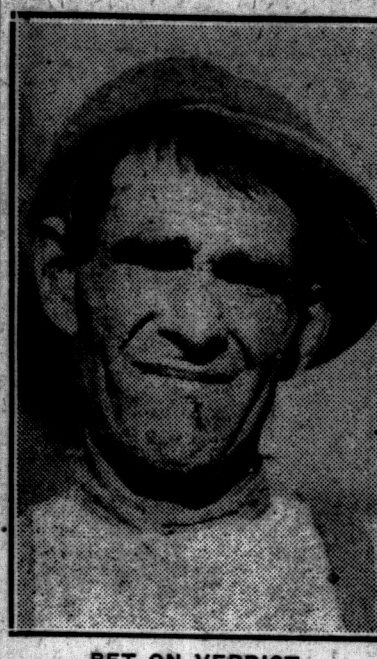
Alderman Takes Exception to Recent Decision Announced by Wenige.

It will be the people who will decide in December, not Mayor Wenige or any member of the council, who shall sit in the 1924 council, Ald. Hayden advised today.

"The mayor talks about stepping on some of us," he stated. "Well, let him step as hard as he likes. It will be the ratepayers who will decide the city hall question."

"I am just as anxious as he is to have the new city hall built on the McCormick site, but I want to give the people a square deal, and if they do not like my record they will have their chance in December to tell me, and if they do not want me back I'll not lose any sleep over it."

"I can't see why the mayor should start that kind of a game. I have stuck pretty well with him since the first of the year and he should not adopt that attitude just because I don't see eye to eye with him on one particular issue."



BET ON VERDICT.

Burley Robinson, who tripped up Sid Murrell on the day of the murder, admitted on cross-examination this morning that he had made a bet of two to one that Murrell would be hanged.

SAYS BRITISH CONSTITUTION IS SOON DUE FOR CHANGE

Viscount Haldane Declares Evolution in Relations Makes Amendments Essential.

SOLVES PROBLEMS

Finds Dominions Working in Utmost Harmony With the Mother Country.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Oct. 17.—Speaking in Edinburgh University last night, Viscount Haldane said the time was coming when changes would have to be made in the British constitution. Great Britain had overcome the majority of her difficulties with regard to the dominions; she had made the privy council imperial, and had an imperial general staff at the war office. He said he would like to see the navy and the civil service united in the same way, and believed the efficiency of the government of the empire would thereby be substantially raised.

Evolution, said Lord Haldane, was always taking place throughout the empire. When stability of relations was secured it did not come from rigid bonds, but from common ends and purposes, and common appreciation of each other's aims and interests. So long as Great Britain and the dominions worked together, constantly studying each other and developing their common ends, so long they would likely hold together. The moment they tried to tie up the empire in some imperial federation symptoms of peril would appear. Therefore it seemed to him that a written or rigid constitution would be wholly inappropriate to the British empire.

UTAH MINER KILLED IN COLLIERY CAVE-IN

Associated Press Despatch. Bingham, Utah, Oct. 12.—One man was killed and five entombed in a cave-in in the Utah-Apex coal mine here late yesterday. Twenty men were in the mine at the time of the accident, but fourteen escaped.

FOR THE CROWN.

This is T. J. Rigney, K. C., of Kingston, who is handling the case for the crown in the Melbourne murder trial. He is believed to have some witnesses ready with important new evidence.

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REPARATION PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY BELGIUM

Requires Payment by Germany of 3,000,000,000 Gold Marks Annually.

ASKS GUARANTEE

Will Consider Plan as Basis of Concrete Settlement of Problem.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Oct. 17.—The Belgian reparation plan was presented to the reparation commission this morning by M. Delacroix, the Belgian member. The commission will meet again next week to consider it in detail. The Belgian reparation plan, drawn up after a detailed investigation of Germany's economic and financial positions, places the minimum reparation Germany should be required to pay at 50,000,000,000 marks, to which is added 32,000,000,000 marks in "C" bonds. Annual payments of 3,000,000,000 gold marks, the plan recommends that this be guaranteed by hypothecation of the railways and such monopolies as tobacco, coal, sugar, salt, wines and beer.

The Belgian foreign office recently suggested that its proposals be referred to the inter-allied reparation commission as the basis of a concrete plan for a settlement of the German indemnity question. The allies agreed to this.

WILL NOT RETURN.

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MISS E. ROSS NOT COMING BACK TO CITY HOSPITAL

Definite Assurance to This Effect Obtained at City Hall Today.

LEAVE EXTENDED

No One Yet in View To Succeed as Superintendent of Nurses.

Miss Elizabeth Ross, now on vacation, will not return to her position as the superintendent of nurses at the Victoria Hospital. Definite assurance to this effect was forthcoming at the city hall today. The added explanation that her leave will be extended until the last of the year.

At a meeting of the hospital trust last night, it is further reported, arrangements were made whereby Thomas Board, former superintendent at the same institution, will be granted one year's salary. This sum is possible for payment from a fund provided for such purposes, it is explained.

Just who will succeed Miss Ross is not stated today, and while there have been several conflicting reports during recent weeks as to Miss Ross' retirement, Mayor Wenige is the authority today for the report that she will not be back.

It was reported not long since that Miss Ross was on sick leave.

Wilson's Contention.

"President Wilson was strongly of the opinion that these documents ought to be treated as purely private conversations, and he objected to the communication of accounts given in the notes of the private conversations, in which Lord George had spoken their minds with great freedom. Improper use might afterwards be made of these documents. On the other hand, he did not object to the notes being communicated to the official individuals in the personal confidence of members of the council. Though he looked upon certain statements, the conclusions, actions as being official and, therefore, available in the appropriate offices, the actual conversations were private. In the United States no one had the right to claim documents of this kind. President Wilson's view was that each government should take the course traditional in its own country with the clear and distinct understanding that no one should, under any circumstances, make the process verbal public."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds; rain during the night and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria.	52	48	Cloudy
Calgary.	52	38	Clear
Winnipeg.	58	42	Clear
Port Arthur.	56	52	Cloudy.
Park Sound.	66	52	Cloudy
Toronto.	62	52	Fair
Kingston.	70	62	Fair
Ottawa.	72	62	Fair
Montreal.	62	48	Clear
Quebec.	62	48	Clear
Fort Pointe.	56	52	Clear
St. John.	58	48	Clear
Halifax.	60	48	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 51.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 51.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m.—23.26.
Today—8 a.m.—23.25.



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SEES WORLD AGAINFACING PROSPECTS OF NEW WAR

David Lloyd George Predicts Next Conflict Will Be Worst in History.

PREFACE TO BOOK

Ex-British Premier Declares the Constant Quarrelling of Nations Leading to Ruin.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Oct. 17.—Another war and a worse one, is predicted by Lloyd George in his preface to his book, "Where Are We Going?" which will appear next week. Discussing the unsettled grievances among different nations of Europe, the ex-premier continues:

"And so the quarrel will go on to the final catastrophe, unless humanity one day sees the light and has the courage to follow it. But that day must not be too distant; otherwise it will be too late to save civilization. The last conflict between great nations has exposed the devastating possibilities of modern science. Henceforth progress in the destructiveness of apparatus of war has been and will continue to be so rapid that conflict of tomorrow would spread ten times the devastation caused by the great war of 1914-18."

There is a concentration of much scientific and mechanical skill on strengthening the machinery of devastation. Incredible progress in progress has been made in the last three or four years in perfecting and increasing the shattering power of this kind of devilry. What will it be like five, ten, twenty years hence?

Perfecting Explosives.

"Whilst nations are piling up, perfecting and intensifying their explosives they are also saturating the ground with the inflammable passions which one day will precipitate the explosion. Injustice, insult, insolence, distilled into the spirit of revenge is everywhere soaking the earth."

President Wilson was responsible for keeping secret the records of the conversations of the Big Four at Versailles, according to an interesting chapter, which Lloyd George states on "unofficial publication" of official information. The ex-premier already stated that President Wilson later used the material which he had imposed secrecy to defend himself in the publication by Ray Stannard Baker. Lloyd George has been caused many storms, but he has been retired to private life have published documents to which came in to their possession during public life.

In citing the authority of President Wilson for this practice, Lloyd George quotes a letter from a note made by him at the time of the Versailles conference.

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