

CONSTABLE CONFESSES TO AIDING IN ESCAPE

His Confession Implicates the Bandit Krafchenko's Counsel.

GAVE PRISONER ROPE, KEY AND GUN.

Arrangements for Escape of H. M. Arnold's Murderer Were Made in Office of Desperado's Lawyer.

Winnipeg, Jan. 21.—Robert Reid, constable of the city police force, and one of the two officers guarding John Krafchenko when he escaped, today before the Royal Commission made a full confession. By his confession he implicated Percy Hagel, John Burton and John Westlake. Constable Flower, his fellow guard, he clears of all suspicion.

In the witness box Reid told how he had personally given the rope, key and revolver to Krafchenko two days before the escape, when Flowers' back was turned. The loosened bars in the window he said had been tampered with while Ryan, the day guard was asleep in the cell.

The constable stated further that all the arrangements for the escape were made in the office of Percy Hagel, Krafchenko's counsel.

REVOLUTIONARY TROOPS MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO ENTER CAPE HAITIEN

Conditions More Orderly Yesterday — Commander of Despatch Boat is Taken Prisoner.

Cape Haitien, Jan. 21.—General Bellard was still in control of Cape Haitien this afternoon, the revolutionary forces, which defeated the government troops yesterday, not having attempted to enter the town. There was another clash last evening, without any definite result. A committee of public safety has been organized by General Bellard.

An American warship is expected here. Conditions in the town have become more tranquil.

The minister of the interior is still at Fort Liberté. It is reported that General Desormes, one of the revolutionary chiefs, is marching against that place.

The despatch boat Pacificque arrived from Fort Liberté and signalled outside the harbor. It was reported that she had been seized by the revolutionists. Just what happened aboard the despatch boat is not known, but her commander is now a prisoner. After having apparently gone over to the rebels, the Pacificque weighed anchor and proceeded, having succeeded in duping them.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

News of Lord Strathcona's Death Evokes Regret Throughout Empire—Believed Sorrow Over Death of Wife Hastened End—May Be Interred in Westminster Abbey.

London, Jan. 21.—Today the darkened house on Grosvenor square, where the body of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, High Commissioner of Canada, lies still in death, is the place towards which the thoughts of thousands of men and women prominent in the nation's public life are turning.

Hundreds of messages of condolence were received from the early hours from all parts of the world, but particularly from Canada. Among those sent to the Hon. Mrs. Howard, now Baroness Strathcona, being one from the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of the Dominion.

The end came peacefully, while Lord Strathcona was sleeping at 1.55 this morning. At the time the family were grouped around the bed, and the scene is described by one who witnessed it as singularly affecting and impressive.

The medical diagnosis gives the cause of death as senile weakness aggravated by catarrh, but both relatives and friends feel convinced that Lord Strathcona's end was hastened by his profound sorrow over the death of his beloved wife.

The news circulated through the clubs and evoked but one comment, namely, that a great life nobly planned had closed. "Hold fast," was the motto Lord Strathcona chose when honored by the King, he holding fast to the end.

The evening journals are issuing special editions with lengthy narratives of the romantic career which began in humble and crude conditions in the palatial home of a peer of the realm and amid the sorrow of the whole empire.

The King and Queen have been especially solicitous since the illness took a dangerous form on Saturday, and received almost hourly messages. It was thought probable that Lord Strathcona had experienced a desire to be buried in the same grave as his wife in the beautiful Highgate cemetery on the northern heights, four miles outside of London. Seeing, however, Lord Strathcona's devoted services to the empire, his connection with the South Africa war and otherwise, the suggestion may be made that the family permit the burial in Westminster Abbey.

Another suggestion voiced is that St. Paul's Cathedral, where Sir John Macdonald and other empire-makers are honored in company with the great Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson, would be a more fitting place to commemorate Lord Strathcona's career.

High honors will be paid to the memory of the financier-statesman during the funeral services. King George and Queen Mary will either attend in person or will send personal representatives from the royal family. The Queen Mother Alexandra is expected to attend. Memorial services may be held in Westminster Abbey.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS AS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF LORD STRATHCONA

Eloquent References by Premier Borden and Leader of Opposition.

A TRULY GREAT IMPERIAL FIGURE.

Prime Minister Recalls Invaluable Services to Canada, His High Conception of Duty and Splendid Patriotism.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The Parliament of Canada, in both Commons and Senate today paid tribute to the memory of the late Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner at London. In eloquent phrase Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier reviewed to the Commons the career and qualities of the man today mourned, whose life had been a long and illustrious connection with the affairs of the Dominion. Similar were the speeches in the Senate by Hon. Mr. Loughheed, government leader, and Sir George Ross, the Liberal leader.

One point touched upon particularly in the Commons, was the great work accomplished by the Premier in the subject of his remarks and the career of the late High Commissioner as sketched in outline by the two leaders, fully bore this title.

It was noticeable that there were in the House today but a small group of the men who were associated with Lord Strathcona when he was a member of the Commons. Among those was the present Speaker of the House, Hon. Thomas Sproule.

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INQUIRY INTO COAL STRIKE BY CONGRESS

Pres. Samuel Gompers Urges United States House to Investigate—Cites a Number of Precedents.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Congressional investigation of the Michigan copper strike and the Colorado coal strike was urged upon members of the house by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor in circular letters authorized by the executive council of the Federation.

President Gompers' letter cited the recent West Virginia coal strike investigation by the senate, and the Homestead strike investigation as precedents, justifying action by Congress in the present circumstances. The house Democrats will meet in caucus tomorrow night to talk pending investigation resolutions.

C.P.R. TRAIN NEARLY WRECKED AT MYRTLE, ONT

Planks in Crossing Become Wedged in Broken Cylinder—Passengers Unconscious of the Accident.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—A serious accident to the C. P. R. train from Montreal was narrowly averted at Myrtle, Ont., this morning. When the train was passing a crossing, two of the heavy planks sprang up, and became wedged in the brake cylinder under one of the sleeping coaches. As soon as the drag was felt, the engineer stopped the train. It took fully an hour to cut the planks loose, so firmly were they imbedded.

The passengers knew nothing of the imminent danger until the train arrived at Toronto.

NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONER FROZEN IN THE ICE

Curling, Nfld., Jan. 21.—Three fishing schooners, loaded with frozen herring, for American fishing ports, have been frozen in the Bay of Islands by ice floes from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and may not work free until spring. The vessels are the George Campbell and Hiram Lowther of Gloucester, and the Nova Scotia schooner Francis Willard under charter to a Maine firm.

THE PANAMA READY FOR AN OCEAN LINER

Panama Railroad Steamer May be Sent Through in April—Back Ends are About Completed.

Panama, Jan. 31.—The Panama canal has reached such a condition of completion, that a large ocean steamer could now pass through, according to a declaration made today by Col. Goethals. He says there is thirty feet depth of water through the Culebra Cut and Culebra Slide and it is his intention to send a Panama railroad steamer through the canal probably in April.

A circular order issued by Col. Goethals today to go into effect on February 1, abolishes the Atlantic and Pacific divisions of the canal and it is his intention to send a Panama railroad steamer through the canal probably in April.

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MAKE TWO ARRESTS IN SYDNEY CASE

Both Men Said to Have Been With McDonald On Night of His Disappearance.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 21.—Two arrests have been made at New Waterford in connection with the mysterious death of Jack McDonald, who was found dead there after several weeks' disappearance.

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FOUR DEAD IN SUICIDE PACT

Father Shoots Wife, and Two Daughters and Then Kills Himself—Note Tells of an Agreement.

New York, Jan. 21.—Julius Steinhilber, an interpreter, his wife, and their two daughters, Gladys, 12 years old, and Edna, nine, were found dead this afternoon in their home in the Bronx. The man, carrying out a suicide pact with his wife, had committed triple murder then shot himself. He left a note to this effect:

Neighbors had seen no one enter or leave the place since Monday, and the police think the tragedy occurred on that day. The little girls lay dead in one bed; the mother in another. Steinhilber was stretched out on the floor.

HON. ADAM BECK NEXT HIGH COMMISSIONER?

London, Jan. 21.—Close friends of Hon. Adam Beck today stated there was a possibility of the Minister succeeding Lord Strathcona as Canadian High Commissioner at London. It is stated that quite recently Mr. Beck received a letter from Strathcona in which he expressed the wish that he might be followed by the Ontarian. In recent years the two have become great friends and Strathcona contributed a handsome sum towards the Alexander Sanitarium at Byron.

THE SENATE REFUSES TO TRIBUTE

Reference to Lord Strathcona's Great Service and Loss Canada Sustains—Suspend Business After Hour's Sitting

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Tributes to the memory of Lord Strathcona were paid by the leaders of the Senate today, and a motion to adjourn out of respect to the late High Commissioner was adopted and the house rose after an hour's sitting.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed, the government leader, before orders of the day were called, said it was his sad duty to report that Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, had died at his residence in London early in the morning.

"Coming to Canada at a period when men were living who had lived when Montcalm and Wolfe fought on the plains of Abraham, he began to carve for himself that wonderful career which Canada is today so familiar. Subjecting himself to all the hardships and rigors, the privations and adventures common to the Hudson Bay Company out posts along the northern fringe of Canada, he surmounted every difficulty until he reached the high position in the gift of that most remarkable company," said Mr. Loughheed.

Lord Strathcona's presence in London was an asset of inestimable value to Canada. His princely and lavish hospitality, his beneficence as a giver his philanthropy in assisting and endowing great institutions in Canada, his generous aid in the forefront of the great philanthropists of the age.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed moved that out of respect the Senate should be adjourned.

In seconding this Sir George Ross said that one of Canada's greatest men had fallen by the way. "In such cases we usually say we stand in the shadow of a great career," he said. "Today we do not stand in the shadow but in the luminous light of that most remarkable career of any Canadian with whom most of us have been acquainted. Of the various qualities which distinguished Lord Strathcona, the greatest in my mind is the resolute purpose he showed from his earliest days to his latest hours."

Sir George said he had first met Lord Strathcona when both were members of the House of Commons in the session of 1873. Lord Strathcona was then in accord with the party in power but he found it necessary to be thought to ally himself with the party in opposition. Everyone knew it took courage to sever one's ties from all associations. Lord Strathcona did so openly and manly.

Senator Cloran paid a special tribute to the work of Lord Strathcona, when president of the Montreal St. Andrew's Society, he had brought the various societies of the Scotch, English, French and Irish races frequently together and had done much to promote harmony and good relations among the various races.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

NO CHANGE YESTERDAY IN SIR JAMES' CONDITION

Restless During the Day and Delirious at Frequent Intervals—Don't Realize He is Back in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—The condition of Sir James Whitney remains practically unchanged. At times he is delirious, and he does not seem to realize that he is again in Toronto. No immediate change either for better or worse is expected by the physicians in attendance. The bulletin issued to-day at ten o'clock at the General Hospital was as follows:

Sir James was restless during the afternoon, but is asleep now. His general condition is fair.

(Signed) R. A. PYNNE.

SHIPPING POOL WILL END ON JAN. 31

Paris, Jan. 21.—The North Atlantic Shipping Conference which met here today rejected the request of the Hamburg-American Line for a large percentage of the trans-Atlantic steamship traffic which has caused a severe controversy in the shipping world. It was announced that all existing agreements in relation to the pooling of the traffic would expire on January 31.

JURY FAIL TO AGREE IN RAILROAD CASE

Decide Southampton Railroad Company Led Into Contract by Misrepresentation.

PLAINTIFF HAS NO CLAIM FOR SERVICES

Four Jurors Decide Plaintiff is Entitled to No Damages Because of Cancellation of Contract.

Fredericton, Jan. 21.—Jury in the Stewart vs. Southampton Railway Company in York Circuit rendered a verdict of disagreement this evening. Judge McKeown commenced his charge to the jury immediately upon opening of court at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, and at 4.15 o'clock the jury retired. His Honor's charge was admittedly a most fair one in which he dealt with various phases of the case, and told the jury it was for them to decide questions of fact.

About 6.30 o'clock the jury sent word in that they were ready to report. They walked into the court room with S. L. Morrison, who had been elected foreman, in the lead with others following in this order: M. B. McNally, J. V. Johnston, T. A. Wilson, A. B. Kitchen, Thomas Allen and Joseph Hawkins.

Foreman Morrison handed to the court papers on which Judge McKeown had prepared ten questions for the jury to consider with their answers thereto, as follows:—

1. Was defendant company induced to enter into any contract with plaintiff by misrepresentation made by company by plaintiff or by his solicitors? Four answer yes, three answer no.

2. Questions Nos. 2, 3 and 4, were not answered by the jury. Foreman Morrison announcing that in view of their answer to question No. 1 they could not answer other questions bearing upon it.

5. Did company allow plaintiff a reasonable time to make necessary preparations and arrangements for carrying out his part of contract? One answers yes, six answer no.

6. Were 110 shares in capital stock of company, which were issued to plaintiff, allotted and issued to him and received by him in full satisfaction and discharge for work done for company by plaintiff? Yes, for his own work, but not for his expenditures.

7.—If such stock was issued and received in full payment for plaintiff's services and expenditures to what amount is company indebted to plaintiff for services and expenditures up to date when contract was entered into? To above question with questions 8 and 9 as to dividing amounts as to periods, answer follows:— Services, none; expenditures, \$182.75.

8. To what amount damages is plaintiff entitled by reason of cancellation of contract by company? Four answer none, three answer entitled to damages but can give no figures.

Judge McKeown after reading over the questions and answers said that there was a disagreement on the main questions which the jury had been asked to answer. A vote of 5 to 2 was necessary for a verdict.

M. G. Teed, K. C., chief counsel for the defence, said that the questions on which jury had reached findings were small ones and their decision was really a disagreement.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, K. C., counsel for plaintiff, was not in court, having left for Ottawa on the afternoon train, but Mr. P. J. Hughes appeared for him and inasmuch as there seemed to be no question as to the legal rights of the claims of the plaintiff for \$182.75 which the jury found due him for expenditures, it was decided to accept a contract take up the question of entering of verdict at a later date to be agreed upon. The judge said he was inclined to enter verdict for plaintiff on the point.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IS DESTROYED

St. Agnes, Wooden Building Prey to Flames in an Hour—Pupils in Adjoining School Get Out Safely.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 21.—Intense excitement was created here at noon when a general alarm of fire took all the downtown fire companies to Fifth Avenue and Brady street where St. Agnes Roman Catholic church, an immense frame structure, was in flames. Next door to the church was the public school, but its six hundred pupils were removed without panic. Within an hour the church had been destroyed and fanned by a strong wind the flames had jumped Fifth avenue and attacked half a dozen residences in the opposite side of the street. The parish house also caught fire and the handsome public baths were endangered.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 21.—To the tune of eight goals to four the New Glasgow Black Foxes team defeated the Halifax Socials in the Arena rink here, but it was not all hockey.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—Ottawa defeated Canadiens in the N. H. A. fixture here tonight by a score of three to two in one of the most brilliant games seen here in years.

OUTLAW WHO DEFIED POLICE FOR EIGHT DAYS IS TAKEN

Shot Postmaster of Mayville—Barricaded Himself in House and Held Out Against Deputies for Over a Week—Victim is Recovering.

Mayville, Jan. 21.—Edward Beardsley, the defiant outlaw of yesterday, is tonight a meek-mild-mannered little man behind the bars in the county jail here and the farm house on the hill near Summerside in which he held out for eight days against Sheriff Anderson and his deputies is unoccupied. Beardsley was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Postmaster John Putnam, the victim of the shooting affray, is well on the road to recovery.

This afternoon two large sleds were driven up to the Beardsley home. The nine children and Grandma Austin were bundled into one and driven to Mayville. The second sleigh took Miss Edna Pier to the hospital. She is a sister to Edith Austin, whom Beardsley calls his wife, and the mother of five of the nine children in the Beardsley household. Mrs. Pier is suffering from a severe but not necessarily dangerous wound in the leg, the result of the accidental discharge of a revolver on Sunday evening.

Beardsley's so-called capture occurred at four o'clock this morning. He had previously agreed to go into Mayville with his captor, Charles D. Backus, a hotel man. He wanted to defy Sheriff Anderson to the end, he said. Backus drove to the house unaccompanied, and called Beardsley to the window. He came unarmed. He demurred at first, saying he feared the deputies would fire on him. Backus grabbed him by the arm and told him there could be no backing down. Beardsley willed. He allowed Backus to come into the house and gather up his ammunition.