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DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST EDWARD COLE

Uncle of Albert County Man Swears That Prisoner Proposed to Drug and Rob Steeves--Other Witnesses Swear He Pawned a Watch, Similar to One Murdered Man Had, the Day the Crime is Supposed to Have Been Committed--Judge Intimates He Will Hold Him for Trial.

Portland, Me., May 11--(Special)--When the conclusion of the State's side was reached, this afternoon, in the preliminary hearing of Edward P. Cole, recently of Hopedale, Me., who is charged with the murder of John F. Steeves of Hillsboro (N. B.), April 12, Judge Hill, of the Portland municipal court, called up Messrs. Wilson and Dodge, the defending attorneys, and suggested that they waive further examination. He said it was his province only to determine the question of probable cause, and the State had put in so strong a case in which he was hopeful of securing a discharge of their client at the preliminary hearing. They believed his alibi impregnable, but the case presented by County Attorney Eaton and Sheriff Penzell was surprising.

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TWENTY KILLED AND MORE THAN 100 INJURED

Train Strikes Car of Dynamite Explosion That Followed Was Terrific--Cars Took Fire and Burned Up Clean, and Not a Whole Body Was Recovered--Terrible Scenes at the Wreck.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11--Twenty persons are known to be dead and more than 100 others were injured in the railway wreck at Harrisburg, Pa., which occurred early today on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the southern part of this city. That no more persons were killed is considered remarkable by the Pennsylvania railroad officials, as a full box car of dynamite exploded directly at the middle of the heavy express train.

The following is a list of the dead: Alfred Crosby, conductor, Philadelphia. V. L. Craibe, Pittsburg. George Ziegler, Pittsburg. James R. Phillips, Pittsburg. Paul Bright, Pittsburg. Mr. Shaw, Pittsburg. J. L. Silverman, Philadelphia. Mrs. Robert G. Daugherty, Philadelphia. H. K. Thomas, Parkersburg (Pa.), engineer of express train. C. Kuhlman, Altoona (Pa.). Norma Martin, 7 months old. Mrs. Wm. Lovewell, Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania railroad officials tonight gave out a list containing the names of 18 persons who were injured and treated at hospitals or elsewhere. The company also gave a list containing the names of 36 persons who were in the wreck and whose injuries are not given.

Debris Carried Twelve Miles. Debris was carried northeast as far as Cooperstown, twelve miles, and it is reported that there are more fragments in that town than in the town of Harrisburg. About seventy-five head of horses and cattle were killed at Snyder. A committee this morning began to remove carcasses. The mayor of Snyder is having much trouble arranging for the burial of the dead. The confusion is great, owing to the fact that there are a number of unidentified bodies at the morgues. There is much suffering, owing to the lack of provisions and places to stay. What houses remain in the town are in bad condition and unsafe for habitation. Besides there is not room enough to care for the homeless. Bedding and wearing apparel are both lacking, and despite the fact that there are a number of people still in a pitiable condition. Many of the wounded could not be cared for or given medical aid until 9 o'clock this morning. Fred Crump, a boy, had started to a cellar, when a flying timber decapitated him.

John B. Mason, Philadelphia, scalp wound and left leg bruised. Mrs. W. S. Husell, Philadelphia, face and arm cut. James Rawson, Trenton (N. J.), left neck and right hip contused. Carl Durker, Pittsburg, left foot and ankle cut. Max Kalber, New York, punctured wound of left thigh, arm face and abdomen bruised. W. H. Vantrye, Pittsburg, both arms burned and face hurt. Mrs. Wm. Ailes, Pittsburg, abrasions of body, cuts of face and arms. Joseph Carman, Pittsburg, forehead cut and seriously burned. J. W. Anderson, Philadelphia, burns of face, legs and arms. M. O. Coggin, Pittsburg, large cut over the arm. Charles Norton, Cleveland, both arms and legs burned. R. D. Dickey, Philadelphia, back of head cut. J. W. Anderson, Pittsburg, burned, scalp cut. Mrs. R. Woodworth, Springboro (Pa.), hand and arm cut. William Kline, New York, burns of face, hands and legs. Edwin L. Harmon, Pittsburg, shoulder, neck and face lacerated. Henry M. Keasbey, New York, burns both hands. Charles Donnelly, Pittsburg, face and scalp cut. Anna Peter, Cleveland, face and body burned. I. H. Amos, Columbus, Ohio, right knee contused. Mrs. W. P. Pope, Pittsburg, body cut, hands and left eye cut. W. K. Taylor, Pittsburg, back and hand cut. Arden Post, Elizabeth (N. J.), both hands and feet burned. Inquirer, Harrisburg, face and chest contused. Rose Parley, Philadelphia, face and chest contused. E. D. Sauerland, Philadelphia, scalp, arms and legs cut. Mrs. Elizabeth (N. J.), both hands and feet burned. (Continued on page 2 fourth column.)

SNYDER DEATH LIST NOW 100

Eighty-five Bodies Have Been Recovered and Many Are Missing

Relief is being sent from neighboring towns. Oklahoma city today sent 100 men to dig graves and seek the dead still in the ruins, and a dozen undertakers, with 100 coffins. Offers of financial assistance have come from several cities. Governor Ferguson, of Oklahoma, issued a proclamation calling attention to the needs of the stricken town. It is still difficult to obtain information from Snyder. A single telegraph wire furnishes an outlet, but it is blocked with private messages concerning the dead and injured.

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INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS OF EQUITABLE SOCIETY

State Superintendent of Insurance Conducting It--Hyde Will Deny Reports About Famous Ball. New York, May 11--H. R. Winthrop, financial secretary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was under examination again today in the inquiry of Supt. Hendricks of the state insurance department into the affairs of the society. Mr. Winthrop produced many books and documents and was on the stand the entire day. There were other developments during the day. A conference between James H. Hyde, Senator Dewey, Vice-President McIntyre and other officials of the Equitable reported tonight on apparently reliable authority that the complaint in the action to oust Mr. Alexander from the trusteeship of the Hyde stock would be served within the week, and that sworn affidavits would be included, stating that no Equitable money went toward paying for the Hyde ball, that there was no unseemly action on the part of any person at that ball, and that false reports about these things were spread as part of an alleged conspiracy to injure Mr. Hyde.

"ENGLAND SAFE FROM FOREIGN INVASION"

Balfour Sounds Warning Note to Germany and Russia--Latter's Movements Towards Indian Frontier Watched With Interest--Premier Defends Use of Submarines, and Declares Mines a Menace to One Who Uses Them.

Ottawa, May 11--(Special)--The house went into committee on the Alberta bill. Section six, which provides for the election of the members of the house of assembly, was passed after the minister of justice had announced that he would introduce a bill similar to that introduced last year by T. Chase Casgrain. It provides for the posting of lists in the post office nearest the polling place or at the polling place. Notice was given of an amendment to section fifteen, providing for the continuation of law courts and law officers, regulations, companies, professions. The amendment provided that the territorial supreme court should be abolished, but a provision was introduced to give a court for each province. Unorganized portions of the territories are also placed under the jurisdiction of this court.

Electoral Districts. The prime minister presented a copy of the schedules providing for the twenty-five electoral constituencies. Sir Wilfrid said he was aware of the delimiting of electoral boundaries was a delicate and difficult matter. It was one that was likely to produce differences of opinion. The basis of the present redistribution had been the boundaries of the constituencies which returned members to the house of commons, which contained thirty-four members. As each of the new assemblies would have twenty-five members, fifteen new constituencies would have to be created. The problem of the government in undertaking the creating of the new assemblies. In preparing the schedules the government had largely relied on the advice of the western members, who knew the local situation. He understood there were some objections to the boundaries of some of the constituencies. He would be glad to have the objections made, so they could be looked into.

Chicago Strike PETERING OUT. Little Disorder Yesterday; Only One Man Knocked Senseless--Interest in Chancery. Chicago, May 11--The teamsters strike today was quiet, as driving storms of wind and rain drove the pickets from their posts. There was little disturbance in the business quarter. On the outskirts, however, there were a few attacks, but with the exception of one negro, none was knocked senseless by a stone, nobody was injured. The most important part of the strike today was the examination of witnesses before Master in Chancery Sherman who is taking testimony relative to the alleged violation of the federal injunction granted in favor of the Employers' Association and of the seven express companies. Adolph Pfell, for eleven years an employee of the U. S. Express Company, but now a striker, refused to answer questions on the ground that he might incriminate himself. Edward Buckley, a striking union driver, told of being ordered by officials of his union to put his wagon in the barn. When asked why he did not continue at work, he replied: "Because I did not want to be killed. There were riots on the streets and I would not sacrifice my life for a job."

Carnegie Offers \$75,000 to Radcliffe. Cambridge, Mass., May 11--It was announced today that Andrew Carnegie has offered to Radcliffe College the sum of \$75,000, for a library building on condition that an equal sum shall be raised among the alumnae and friends of the college for the endowment of the library. An effort will be made to meet the requirements of the gift. No New Smallpox Cases at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, N. B., May 11--(Special)--Twelve smallpox patients were removed to the isolation hospital today, and any others suffering from the disease will be taken there tomorrow if the weather proves favorable. No new cases were reported today.

Russians LOSE 300 ON FUTILE ATTACK ON JAP. Tokio May 11--The following telegram from Army headquarters in Manchur was officially published today: On the morning of May 9, the enemy consisting of two regiments of infantry, five squadrons of cavalry and one battery of artillery made an attack in the vicinity of Yingcheng from the direction of Nanchangtzu which is 15 miles east of Yingcheng. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy made a resolute attack. Under cover of artillery, the infantry advanced to within 100 metres of our lines, where upon our garrison assumed the offensive and attacked and dispersed the enemy. The enemy left 60 killed and 100 wounded on the field. Besides these soldiers dressed in Chinese clothing carried away many killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed and six wounded. Japs on the Move. Gaidgyadan, May 11--A movement of the Japanese has been observed at both flanks to the westward, mainly small bodies of cavalry and Chinese bandits evidently endeavoring to ascertain the Russian dispositions. But to the eastward Japanese in considerable force appear to be concentrating on the line held by the Russian advance troops and gradual occupying the roads and passes. Energetic sapping and road making are in progress along the whole Japanese front. A Double Tragedy. Valdosta, Ga., May 11--John Hewitt, white man of Adel, shot and killed his wife today, shot her sister and brother wounded them slightly and when rounded by a posse of citizens, who killed himself.



A. J. BALFOUR

ALL RESTIGOUCHE DRIVES LIKELY SAFE

Steamer Lady Eileen Had Full Cargo on First Trip to Gaspe Coast--Geo. McKean May Put on Steamer to Aid His Business. Dalhousie, N. B., May 11--(Special)--Arthur Hildray, manager of the Dalhousie Lumber Company, says that their drives are coming out successfully and he has no doubt that after the recent rain that all the drives in Restigouche county will reach their destination except perhaps, a couple on the head waters. The steamer Lady Eileen started yesterday from Campbellton on her first regular trip and stopped at the Dalhousie I. C. R. wharf. She had a full cargo and several passengers. There is still a large quantity of freight at Campbellton to keep her busy for several trips. The promoters of the Interprovincial Steaming Company are much pleased with their new steamer and the Campbellton, Dalhousie and Gaspe coast people have reason to be proud of the good beginning of their enterprise. William McKean, manager for George McKean, at Maria (P. Q.), is speaking of putting on a freight steamer to run between New Richmond, Maria, Carleton, Nouvelle and Dalhousie.

GERMANY MAY HAVE TO TAKE RUSSIA'S JOB TO TAKE RUSSIA'S JOB

Kaiser Declares Drunkenness and Immorality Defeated Czar's Troops at Mukden, and Warns Officers to Be Prepared to Fight Yellow Peril. Berlin, May 11--Emperor William addressing the higher officials after a review of troops at Strasburg today said according to the Strasburg Baerger Zeitung, whose statements may be taken with some reserve: "The Russian army, which fought at Mukden had been enervated by immorality and drunkenness, only in this way can its defeat in Mukden be explained. As Russia has shown in the presence of the yellow danger, circumstances might arise which would place upon Germany the task of opposing this danger. Officers and men must spend their time well so that they shall not fall into immorality and intemperance."

YUKON NAVIGATION WILL OPEN JUNE 1

All Classes of Mail Matter May Be Sent on and After May 24. Ottawa, May 11--(Special)--Navigation on the Yukon river will reopen about June 1 and all classes of mail matter can therefore be accepted on and after May 24 for transmission to Dawson and all other points in the Yukon territory.

SUDDEN DEATH OF PICTOU DRUGGIST

Haltax, N. S., May 11--(Special)--Fred W. Fraser, druggist, of the old and well known firm of J. D. B. Fraser & Son, dropped dead at his home in Pictou shortly before noon today. He was at work on usual in the morning, and about 11 o'clock complained of a severe pain near his heart. He thought it was indigestion, and went home for rest. The pain becoming worse, he sent for a doctor. While his sister was procuring him a drink of water, and before the physician arrived, he was dead. He leaves two brothers and two sisters. He was sixty years old.

TROUBLESOME PRISONER AT SUSSEX

Sussex, May 11--Patrick Bolan, whose home was burned a few days ago, was in trouble again today. Constable McLeod was called to Bolan's new home to prevent violence. Bolan having threatened his daughter. The constable and his son had entered the prisoner, and removed him after a lively scuffle, during which he is said to have bitten Mr. McLeod twice on the arm. The man was taken to Hampton and locked up pending his appearance in court here.

The Johann Hoch Murder Trial

Chicago, May 11--At the trial of Johann Hoch, charged with the murder of Mrs. Marie Wecker-Hoch, Dr. Ludwig Hektel today declared he found no condition of the nuptials, in the organs of the dead woman, such as would cause death. Among the witnesses of the day was Frederick O. Collins, druggist, of New York. Hoch declared when arrested that the poison found in his fountain pen (nuptials) was bought at Collins's store. The druggist came to Chicago, armed with his register book, which does not show that arsenic was ever sold to Hoch on the date he mentions or to any person answering his description.