

"DAGO FRANK" CONFESSES BEFORE THE EXECUTION

Claimed He Was Five Miles Away When Shooting Took Place.

Albany, N. Y., April 13.—Shortly after "Dago Frank" Croftel went to the death chair in Sing Sing prison early today he told Warden Clancy that "Gyp The Blood" Horowitz, "Lety Louis" Rosenberg and Harry Vallon, the informant, fired the shots which killed Hermann Rosenthal, the penalty for which crime the four gunmen paid with their lives.

Afraid of Consequences to Family. "I caused Frank Croftel to be brought from the condemned cell house to the principal keeper's office about four o'clock Monday morning. He made the following among other statements in the presence of myself, Principal Keeper McIntosh, the chaplain, his mother and sister. They urged him to tell the whole truth. He hesitated, and said: 'I don't want to make any statement for the public. I do not fear for myself, but I do fear for you.' His sister replied 'Don't have any fear for us, we will take care of ourselves, God will protect us.' His mother and sister continued to urge him to tell the truth. He said 'I did not do the shooting. The men who fired the shots were Gyp, Louis and Vallon.'

Lets Becker Out. He said: "I was five miles away at the time. So far as I know Becker has had nothing to do with the case. It was a gamblers fight." He mentioned several raids on gambling houses and said that the story Shappire told to Commissioner Dougherty was true. He said: "I told some lies on the stand to prove an alibi for the rest of the boys. The testimony about the conversation with Rosa in the car on the way down was not true. I was in Bridge Webber's when the arrangements were made. I did not know just what the arrangements were. I knew something was coming off. I did not see Louie pack the trunk as I testified on the stand. There were guns there, but not the ones they used." When asked how he gained this information he said "I heard the boys talking about it since I was here."

MUCH DEPENDS ON APOLOGY. Immediate Developments in Mexico Hinge on Whether or Not American Flag is Saluted by Commander at Tampico.

Washington, April 13.—Upon whether the commander of the Huerta forces at Tampico salutes the American flag in apology for the arrest of American marines last Thursday depends immediate developments in the Mexican situation.

President Wilson declared unofficially today that he expected the federal commander at Tampico to fire a salute to the Stars and Stripes as demanded by Rear Admiral Mayo, and he spoke with a confidence that implied instances. The navy department was still undecided tonight as to whether or not the salute had been fired. It is understood instructions

COMMISSION WILL COME TO ST. JOHN

Domains Royal Commission to Include This City in Tour—Statistics Being Prepared For Their Visit to Canada.

Ottawa, April 13.—A great mass of statistics and information of all kinds is being collected by the trade and commerce department in preparation for the visit of the Dominion Royal Commission, which will arrive in Canada in August. Some of the information has already been forwarded to England for the use of the commissioners before arriving in Canada. The commission will arrive at Sydney on August 15, and visit Halifax, St. John, Fredericton and Charlottetown, and thence visit Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. The western itinerary has not yet been arranged. Mr. F. C. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce, has been appointed Canadian secretary with full charge of arrangements.

ARREST MADE IN OTTAWA SHOOTING CASE

Police Capture Man Believed to Be Murderer as He Was About to Cross Boundary Line.

Ottawa, April 13.—A man believed to be Antonio Padro who Sunday afternoon shot and killed John Sisti, another Italian, in a boarding house at 24 George street west here, was arrested this evening at Prescott, Ont., while attempting to cross the International line at Odgensburg, two companies, Tony Mandell and Tony Girati, both of this city, were apprehended at the C. P. R. station this evening after returning from Prescott and were held on a charge of aiding and abetting a fugitive from justice.

Immediately following their arrest, the police made a round-up of foreigners who were present when the shooting occurred and as a result six men and Donato Maraschino, the woman who is one of the central figures in the case, were taken to police headquarters tonight and lodged in the cells.

BUSINESS SECTION OF NEW TOWN IN B.C. WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Vancouver, B. C., April 13.—Fire this morning wiped out a large part of the business section of Telkwa, a new town in Northern British Columbia. The flames broke out at 1:45 this morning, and it was not until after 8 hours hard fighting that the volunteer brigade got the blaze under control. The loss will run into many thousands of dollars, insurance being less than \$50,000, it is estimated.

COMBINATION OF OPTIONAL EXCLUSION AND HOME RULE WITHIN HOME RULE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS REASSEMBLES TODAY.

Asquith to Take Up Reins of Power Again—A Quiet Week Looked For.

London, April 14.—After a brief Easter recess the House of Commons will reassemble today, when Premier Asquith will return from his bloodless victory in East Fife to take his seat and reassume the leadership of the Government.

Although a quiet week is expected, in which a number of minor measures will be handled it is believed that certain members are preparing a series of searching questions concerning the military preparations that preceded the army crisis, which the Prime Minister, in his new capacity as Minister of War, will have to arrange.

As regards legislation the proposal was that Ulster should be treated as Ireland, return representatives to both the house of the Irish legislature, but when any law was enacted by the two houses which Ulster deemed detrimental to the province it should not become operative without the consent of the Ulster House.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH FISHERMEN

Lobster Fishermen at Yarmouth Lose Heavily.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 13.—The heavy storm of the past twenty-four hours has played havoc with the lobster fishermen all along the shore. The men have just got their gear out of the spring fishing, many of their traps were washed away in the heavy gale which was responsible for the loss of the steamer Cobeguid.

HON. GED. E. FOSTER, MEMBER OF DOMINION ROYAL COMMISSION

London, April 14.—The Dominion Royal Commission has completed its sittings in South Africa and the members are now returning to England. Canada will be the next place mentioned and the departure from England has been fixed for the middle of July. Hon. Geo. E. Foster is the Canadian representative on the commission.

Railwaymen's Strike Likely at Any Moment

Leaders Hold Secret Meetings and Nothing Made Public—Government Replace Sailors on Postal Steamers With Bluejackets.

Rome, April 13.—The question of a strike of the railway men throughout Italy still hangs in the balance, but the government in order to be in readiness for any eventuality, has already occupied stations with detachments of troops. Arrangements have been made to replace with blue jackets the sailors on the postal steamers plying between the continent and the islands, while the engineers and stokers of the warships will, if necessary, assist the military engineer to carry on the train service.

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Private Companies. The private companies, however, had managed the railways almost exclusively as a speculation, so that their system was a failure from a permanent point of view. When the government took back the ten thousand miles of railways heavy expense was incurred for the urgent purchase of rolling stock, for the laying of double tracks, for the enlargement and rebuilding of stations, and for increases in the wages, salaries and pensions of the employees.

ECONOMIC PHASE OF PANAMA TOLLS DISPUTE DISCUSSED

Commissioner Says U. S. Hasn't Right to Exempt Un- less It Pays for Passing Ex- empted Ships Through Canal

Washington, April 13.—The economic side of the Panama Canal tolls controversy occupied the senate inter-oceanic canal committee today in the virtual exclusion of the treaty obligations involved, and neither aspect was in evidence elsewhere at congress.

Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Decisions in the dynamite conspiracy and Jack Johnson cases will be handed down tomorrow by the United States circuit court of appeals, it is expected.

EARTHQUAKE REPORTED AT GOBBOUT, P.Q.

Quebec, April 13.—A despatch received here tonight from Mr. Comeau of Gobbout says that a strong earthquake shock was felt there yesterday at 3:30 p. m. during zero weather. Gobbout is a trading post on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, about twenty-five miles below here.

AT VARIANCE OVER QUESTION OF HOME RULE

Officers of United Free Church of Scotland Under Fire For Lack of Sympathy Towards Presbyterians in Ulster.

London, April 14.—Members of the United Free Church of Scotland are manifesting a great diversity of opinion with regard to the attitude the church should adopt in connection with the Irish question. Through the columns of the Glasgow Herald officers of the United Free Church are being assailed by many correspondents as being unsympathetic towards their Ulster fellow Presbyterians. One writer declares that Presbyterians cannot possibly have realized the inequity which the government is about to perpetrate in handing over Irish Protestants to the dominance of the Catholic majority and the tender mercies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Over two columns of letters from both sides for several days past seem to indicate that political feeling rather than religious sentiment sways the majority in Scotland. Mass meetings of members of the church have been suggested, but as certain extremists threaten to split the church in two the committee expressed itself reluctantly that the officers will not venture to test the feeling of the membership.

ALL-ALASKA DOG RACE HAS BEGUN

Inhabitants of Nome Turn Out to See Dog Teams Start Four Hundred Mile Journey.

Nome, Alaska, April 13.—The all-Alaska sweepstakes dog race, 412 miles over the wind-swept snow trail from Nome to Candle and return, was begun at 9 a. m. today. All the inhabitants of Nome turned out to see the teams start. A blizzard was in progress at the time and four teams are in the race, those of John Johnson, 18 dogs, driven by himself; Leon Soppala, 14 dogs, driven by himself and Allan and Darling's sixteen dogs, owned by A. A. (Scotty) Allan of Nome and Mrs. C. E. Darling of Berkeley, Calif., and driven by Allan.

POLISH WRESTLER TO MEET CANADIAN.

Montreal, April 13.—Stanislaus Zyzek, who claims the heavyweight wrestling championship of the world, since the retirement of Gotch has arrived in Montreal for his match with Raymond Cazeaux at Solmer Park Wednesday night. The Polish wrestler claims to be in a better form than when he met Lennar in the memorable bout at the Arena a year ago. The bout will be a catch-as-catch-can style, the best two falls out of three.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

Sherbrooke, Que., April 13.—In order to avoid clashing with the Quebec ex-

One of Worst Accidents in the History of the Sydney Steel Plant.

ONE MAN MAY DIE FROM HIS INJURIES.

Six and a Half Year Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan, St. John, Burned to Death.

Sydney, N. S., April 13.—A deplorable fatality occurred in the city yesterday morning when little Edwin Carl, the six and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan and grandson of Captain P.H. Vorgan, was burned to death. The lad and an older brother had just come down stairs to dress before an open fire place when the nightgown of the younger boy was drawn to the flames by the heavy draft from the stove and caused fire. Mrs. Vorgan heard the cries of the children, but thinking that they were merely playing did not hurry down stairs.

The maid was the first to discover the fire and immediately extinguished the flames. Doctors Bruce and D. J. Macdonald were called in and investigation showed that the entire body of the child was terribly burned. Every thing was done to relieve the child's sufferings but no hope was given for recovery and death ensued a few hours later.

EXPLORER MAY HAVE TO GIVE UP POLAR TRIP

Amundsen Needs \$200,000 to Equip Expedition—Believed Sum Can't Be Raised.

Washington, April 13.—Private reports from Christiania were received here tonight that Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, must have \$200,000 before he can equip his proposed polar expedition. Explorers and scientists here expressed the belief that it would be practically impossible to raise the required sum.

The reports from Christiania said that Amundsen's ship, the Fram, after completing repairs at Montevideo, would sail for Norway, the plan being for her to leave there and pass through the Panama Canal to the Pacific coast early in 1915, provided that \$200,000 can be raised before that time. The National Geographic Society here recently decided to appropriate \$200,000 for Amundsen's expedition. According to announcements, the expedition is scheduled to leave the Pacific coast next year, to explore the polar basin. The vast tract between Northern Canada, Alaska and Asia, including the North pole, is contemplated to be traversed by the explorer, and it is expected that the voyage would require at least four years' work in the polar ice.

HOMELESS WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Montreal, April 13.—The body of a woman believed to be Mrs. Kate McQuigan, a domestic, was found today on the waterfront. She had come into an old shack apparently to get away from the cold last night and had been frozen to death.