

'SLIM' WILLIAMS READY TO DENOUNCE MURRELL

Isabel Armstrong Plans Liberal Rally Tomorrow

"SLIM" WILLIAMS READY TO TELL ALL HE KNOWS OF MELBOURNE CRIMES

Member of Murrell Gang Now in Penitentiary at Kingston. Gives Exclusive Interview.

'FRAMED' HE ASSERTS

Relates How the Melbourne Job Was Plotted — Doesn't Recognize "McGregor."

Special to The Advertiser. By a Staff Reporter.

Portsmouth Penitentiary, Kingston, Ont., June 21.—Convinced the Murrell brothers double-crossed him, Henry Jack (Slim) Williams is prepared to come to London when the murder trial is held and tell all he knows.

"I will tell a straight story," Williams promised The Advertiser in an interview. "They double-crossed me all through."

Early in the morning The Advertiser reporter approached the great, forbidding limestone walls of the penitentiary. In a field just beyond the walls, a convict was plowing. By his side stood a guard, apparently unarmed.

However, on the adjacent wall, a sentry, with rifle trailed, paced to and fro, occasionally taking refuge from the scorching sun in the tower built above the corner where the east and north walls meet.

As the reporter neared the huge gates at the main entrance a guard coming from Warden J. C. Ponsford's residence across the street, met him.

"Whom do you wish to see?" he asked courteously.

"The warden," The Advertiser replied.

"Well, come with me and wait in his office. He will be here in a little while. He generally comes down about this time."

When the guard and the visitor reached the entrance the gates swung open to allow a horse-drawn vehicle to pass out. The warden was carefully inspected by two other guards, and the reporter's guide took the reins from the driver and drove away, instructing another guard to usher The Advertiser man into the warden's office.

Within the Prison.

"Come in," invited one of the gatekeepers, pleasantly. The reporter entered and the gates closed behind him. Heavy bolts were thrown into place. The visitor found himself under a high arch, barred at each end by huge iron gates. Above the arch, towers of the prison, dome crowned with a belfry, from which each day a great bell tolls the various messages of prison routine.

Leading from the side of the arch are two small doors. The one to the right leads to the general offices. Through this the reporter passed.

Uniformed officials, dressed almost similar to Canadian army officers, were busily engaged censoring letters to and from three 716 inmates, and issuing and obeying numerous orders.

"Have you come to see Williams?" one of the officials asked.

The reporter produced a letter of introduction, and was told to wait for the warden.

A few minutes later Warden Ponsford, attired in "civies," entered. The staff saluted.

Having received an introduction to Mr. Ponsford, the reporter followed him into his office.

A chat with the head of this great penal institution puts to rest ideas that all wardens are "hard" and officious. Warden Ponsford proved to be a real human man with the welfare of his wards uppermost in his mind.

He chatted for some time with the reporter, and the escort entered a third cage, between the two.

"Do you know this man?" the official, referring to the reporter, asked Williams.



WILL TELL ALL HE KNOWS. William Vaughn, alias "Slim" Williams, a member of the Murrell gang, is waiting in Kingston Penitentiary for the opportunity to return to London and testify against Sidney Murrell. Williams told an Advertiser representative who secured an exclusive interview with him in the penitentiary that the "gang" had double-crossed him and that he is now prepared to tell all he knows.

DISCOVER SCREEN STAR RESEMBLES MURRELL

Patrons of Patricia Theatre Surprised at Likeness in Picture.

Londoners who saw the picture, "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight," which played at the Patricia Theatre the first three days of the week, were struck with its resemblance to the leading man bore at certain times to Sidney Murrell, the Melbourne bandit.

Mr. Landis who played the role of the wandering boy in the Distinctive Pictures Corporation production has according to those who saw the film, practically the same features as Murrell. When the photographs of the screen star and the bandit were compared the resemblance differed in the respect that Murrell appeared hard bodied.

Mr. Landis has the same forehead and the same bushy hair of Murrell and it was when he appeared worried in the picture that the resemblance was most striking.

The Advertiser suggested to W. Stewart the manager of the theatre this morning that Murrell might have doubled for Landis in part of the picture but he was positive in his contention that such was not the case. Mr. Stewart has seen Mr. Landis in various pictures and he stated that he himself could tell that the real screen star had appeared throughout the picture.

Reports Austria Suffering Cold

Snowfall Compels Removal of Herds Into Valleys.

Associated Press Despatch. Vienna, June 21.—A continued cold wave, unprecedented for June, is reported throughout Austria. Five inches of snow fell in the Styrian highlands Tuesday night, compelling the removal of the herds into the valleys.

FIND RICH SILVER CLAIMS AT KENO HILL IN YUKON

Canadian Press Despatch. Dawson, Y. T., June 21.—Several rich new silver claims have been struck at Keno Hill since the snow disappeared. One vein of high grade ore has been found in the western slope of the hill near the Treadwell-Alaska lode, which is one of the heaviest producers at present. Some good veins also have been struck on South Hill, opposite Keno Hill. It is understood that a number of new companies will send representatives into this field this year.

Sixty-Sixty

Is your name on the voters' list? Do you know where you should vote on Monday? You'll get prompt answers to both questions by telephoning sixty-sixty—6060—headquarters of Isabel Armstrong, London's Liberal candidate.

MURRELL STATES HE HAS NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE DEATH

Extradition Proceedings Open in San Francisco Before Federal Commissioner.

BLAMES BROTHER

Prisoner Objects To Be Forced To Wear Handcuffs At Hearing.

Special to The Advertiser.

San Francisco, June 20.—"When my own brother gets up there and says I have I got," said Sidney Murrell, Canadian World War veteran, before Federal Commissioner Krull today. Murrell was in court on extradition proceedings brought by the authorities of London, Ontario, Murrell being charged with the murder of Russell Campbell during a bank robbery at Melbourne, on April 10, 1921.

"The British consul," said Murrell, "expects to send me back to London on what you call picked evidence. My own brother swore that I done the murder, and he is the only person that swears I done it. Others say I didn't do it."

Murrell was arrested at Susanville by deputies from the office of United States Marshal Holohan. He has been held in jail here several weeks, awaiting a hearing before Commissioner Krull, and also for authority from the secretary of state ordering his deportation.

In a telegram received today by Commissioner Krull from Murrell's mother, she says: "My son's war record is that he joined the C. E. F. (Canadian Expeditionary Forces) November, 1914. He trained at Toronto before proceeding to England, and his age being 15, he was refused to go to France. So he deserted the army and joined the navy in November, 1915, under the name of Sid Duggan. He was assigned to submarine duty, and was wounded during the war. He was discharged April 29, 1917."

Murrell was in court handcuffed. He stated that the procedure was unusual, and asked United States Deputy Marshal Charles Gheen to remove the irons. Gheen refused. T. E. K. Cormac, representing the British consul, presented an affidavit that tended to connect Murrell with the Melbourne, Ontario, bank robbery, and asked for the defendant's extradition.

Murrell, when asked further if he had anything to say, replied: "I can't say anything. They will not believe me. They only surmise that I done the murder. There is only one person says I done it—and he's my brother. I've got nothing more to say."

Commissioner Krull took the matter under advisement.

TEN NEGROES PERISH IN BLAZE AT CHICAGO

Twenty-Five Reported Hurt in Fire of Unknown Origin.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, June 21.—Ten negroes are known to have been killed and at least 25 injured in a fire which swept a three-story tenement house at 22nd and Federal streets here early today. Approximately 160 negro tenants of the building were cut off from escape by the destruction of the main stairway, and a number jumped to the streets from windows.

The fire started in a furniture store on the ground floor, and quickly destroyed the wooden tenement. Firemen made heroic rescues.

The tenement was in the heart of the negro district near Chicago's Chinatown.

Later, Joseph Smith, wealthy negro owner of the furniture store, was arrested.

The fire, which started from an unexplained cause, spread rapidly through the store, and attacked the wooden stairs leading to the upper floors of the building, before any occupants of the tenement awakened.

When the firemen arrived the first floor and entrance were in flames.

NEW ENGLANDERS DIE FROM TERRIFIC HEAT

Nine Persons Succumb. While Many Are Prostrated by Record Warmth.

Special to The Advertiser. Boston, Mass., June 21.—Nine persons have died and scores been prostrated as a result of the terrific heat wave which has gripped New England for three days.

Today gave every indication of being ever warmer than yesterday, when the mercury climbed to 96, the hottest day in four years.

FERGUSON'S PARTNER

Beck's Ability Injured By Ruthless Autocracy—How \$11,000 of Public Money Went For Beck's Radial Propaganda—Disregard For the Law.

There is one unfortunate side to the character of Adam Beck which militates against the record of ability he has to his credit. Adam Beck is an autocrat. He is an autocrat in that he has no regard for the rights of others, nor for the law of the province, when it crosses his plans.

THE CODE OF HONOR GOES.

Parliament's code of honor under the Garrow resolution, unquestioned for over 20 years, says he should not participate in a political campaign, because he is a public employee.

Beck wants to be elected—the code of honor doesn't matter.

RIGHTNESS DOESN'T MATTER.

In 1919 Beck realized that Conservative party politics were hurting hydro and he quit the party with that as his reason.

But now Beck wants to be elected—the Tory camp is his only chance—the rightness of it doesn't matter.

PUBLIC MONEY DOESN'T MATTER.

Parliament tells Beck he may spend the people's hydro money for certain things, and that he may not spend it for other things. Beck ignores parliament. Last year he spent \$11,000 of the public money on hydro propaganda in the political campaign, contrary to instructions.

Beck wanted to win—the rightness of it didn't matter.

A DANGEROUS PARTNER.

It is this characteristic—this ruthlessness—this disregard for the rights and interests of others, which makes Beck, in spite of his ability, a dangerous partner of a man like Howard Ferguson.

Ferguson has the same trait of character—his timber performances prove it. And Ferguson is an unscrupulous politician. With Ferguson able to take advantage of Beck's ruthlessness, where is Ontario's non-partisan hydro heading for?

PUBLIC MONEY FOR PROPAGANDA.

There can be no mistake about Beck's ruthlessness and disregard in the spending of public money. IN THE CAMPAIGN OF 1922 FOR HYDRO RADIALS, BECK ORDERED THE SPENDING OF \$11,000 OF PUBLIC MONEY TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA IN THE HYDRO MUNICIPALITIES.

THIS IS A MATTER OF SWORN AND SOLEMN EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE HYDRO ELECTRIC INQUIRY COMMISSION, AN IMPARTIAL JUDICIAL BODY, WHICH IS NOW SITTING IN PRIVATE ON ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

The evidence of Beck's misuse of public funds was taken on Feb. 21, 1923, and on Feb. 27, 1923.

This is the way it was reported in the Toronto Mail and Empire, which must be regarded as the most honorable and most influential of Ontario's Conservative papers:

Under the heading "MONEY FREELY USED IN RADIAL CAMPAIGN—EVIDENCE AS TO ILLEGAL EXPENDITURES BY THE HYDRO COMMISSION—DIVERTED THE FUNDS," the Mail and Empire on Feb. 23 gave the following report:

"Some rather sensational evidence was given before the Gregory Commission yesterday regarding expenditures made by the Provincial Hydro Commission during the recent municipal election campaigns in Toronto, Hamilton and other places. Admissions were made by Chief Engineer F. A. Gaby that \$11,000 had been spent in the campaign for which no legal authority existed. Mr. Gaby, in defending these expenditures, stated that Sir Adam Beck had told him to go ahead, as he (Sir Adam) had received the assurances of the provincial government that an order-in-council would be passed authorizing such expenditures, but as a matter of fact the order was never passed, and further the government had expressed disapproval of the spending of money as proposed by Sir Adam Beck. It also came out in evidence that T. H. Hannigan of Guelph, secretary of the Municipal Hydro Radial Association, of which Mayor Maguire is president, received a salary of \$4,000 per annum to carry on campaign work. It was admitted the legality of this payment had been questioned."

Under the heading "DISPUTE AUTHORITY FOR HYDRO SPENDING—MATTER OF \$11,000 BEING PROBED BY GREGORY COMMISSION—USED IN CAMPAIGN," the Mail and Empire, on Feb. 23, gave this report:

"The Gregory Commission concerned itself yesterday with a matter of \$11,000 which had been spent by the hydro in connection with the radial campaign in Toronto and the Niagara peninsula, and there was some difficulty over the point as to whether the expenditure was legal. Sir Adam Beck said it was spent under an estimate which had been presented to Uremier Drury, and he claimed that the deputy prime minister, Mr. Horace Wallis, had promised that this expenditure would be legalized by a special order-in-council. Mr. Wallis, upon being called, denied any such representation, while the premier and the government member on the hydro commission, Hon. D. Carmichael, disclaimed any understanding of this nature. Sir Adam also stated that the item had been initiated by Mayor Maguire in connection with the submission of bylaws in various municipalities, and he understood that Mayor Maguire and Col. John Currie, M.P., had seen the premier with regard to the matter. Some of the \$11,000, it was brought out, had been spent on advertising in St. Catharines, while the bulk of it went for propaganda in one way or another."

WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR TRACK ELEVATION

Acting Mayor Hayden Promises Project Will Not Be Allowed To Drop.

Ald. Edmund Hayden is acting mayor today in the absence of Mayor Wenige.

As a member of the special "track elevation and union depot" committee of the city council the acting mayor gave his promise that every effort would be expended to insure progress and continued negotiations with the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railroads.

"This is the finest thing that has ever happened for the city," declared Mr. Hayden. "It will be a big proposition for London, and we will continue the fight as outlined. It would not do to allow this project to remain suspended in the air after more progress has been made in the past few weeks than in nearly three previous years."

CITY WILL START ACTION AGAINST EAST END PLANT

McCormick Manufacturing Company Is Selected For Test of Taxes.

NO BLANKET SUIT

Believe Action Will Be Spread Over Long Period.

The municipality of London proceeds immediately with legal action against the McCormick Manufacturing Company to secure \$4,883.25 additional school taxes levied this year.

This was the official announcement today from City Treasurer James Bell, following a conference late yesterday afternoon with Mayor Wenige. City Solicitor T. G. Meredith has been duly notified to proceed in this undertaking in the city's interests, and it was upon his advice that the municipal authorities decided to enter action against one and not the several delinquent industries in the annexed districts of East London.

All checks tendered by the 23 firms were returned to them today by the city treasurer's department, explaining that as they have failed to meet the additional school tax levied by the city council of 1923, legal action must be taken without delay to obtain the same.

Try One Firm.

It was first deemed advisable by the city authorities to issue a blanket suit through the courts, but the city solicitor advised that it would be much more satisfactory and less expensive to test out the council's action with but one firm. In this way a precedent would be established, and more than likely, in the years to come, the courts sustaining Mayor Wenige and his associates, the other firms would tender their taxes without further question.

There is every indication, however, that the battle will be long and arduous, and may continue indefinitely—possibly over a period of years. It is freely predicted, even, that either of the contestants is prepared and willing to carry the fight even to the point of appeal in England before final defeat is acknowledged and accepted.

Large Sum Involved.

The McCormick Manufacturing Company was selected for the test by reason of the fact, city officials explain, that the largest sum is involved. The city seeks in all about \$15,000 from 23 firms, but several of these are trifling items. Mayor Wenige holds the opinion that the municipality emerge successful in the decision made to be retroactive, and date back even to the time of annexation several years ago.

The right to impose this increased first launched into the municipal arena four or five years ago by ex-Ald. H. B. Ashplant, Labor representative in the council for several years, but now city auditor.

The city council of 1922 rejected the proposal, Mr. Ashplant standing practically alone.

U. S. GIRL TRIES AID FRIEND, IS FINED BY GERMAN COURT

By GEORGE WITTE. Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright. Berlin, June 21.—Miss Caroline Corey of Indianapolis, Ind., was fined 3,000,000 marks yesterday by a Berlin court because she tried to send a check for \$10 to Miss Lucy Kellogg of New York, who was stranded in Moehling.

Miss Corey was accused of trying to evade the German law forbidding the sending out of the country of gold or foreign money.

REPORT EUROPEAN CROPS ABOVE AVERAGE CONDITION

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, June 21.—Although European crops have recently suffered slight deterioration, they are still above average in condition, according to reports received by the department of agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture from Rome.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 21.—An enormous increase in divorces throughout Canada in recent years, and particularly since the war, is shown by a bulletin just issued by the new bureau of statistics. In 1918 divorces granted in Canada numbered 59. In 1919, the first year of peace, the number jumped to 375, and in 1922 there were 544. British Columbia with 138 had the highest number of divorces in 1922. Alberta coming next with 129. Manitoba had 97, Ontario 90, and Quebec only six.

In the years subsequent to Confederation the number of divorce decrees granted was very small. In 1883 there were 13, and in 1903 there were only 21. The causes for the increase in divorces, says the bulletin, may be found in the generally unsettling effect of the war period. Long separations of men from their wives, furthermore, frequently led to estrangement. In addition there is the fact that since 1918 the prairie provinces have had power to grant divorce decrees in their own courts.

In Australia and New Zealand the same tendency is observed, divorces in the former country increasing from 617 in 1916 to 1,051 in 1920, and in the latter from 246 in 1916 to 660 in 1921.

Blame Effects of War For Increase of Divorces

Bulletin Issued by Canadian Government Shows the Number Allowed in 1922 Advanced to 544, With 90 Granted in Ontario.



WILL ADDRESS THE PUBLIC. This is a new picture of Isabel C. Armstrong, London's Liberal candidate, who is holding a mass meeting in the Majestic Theatre tomorrow night, free, and open to the public. D. J. McDougall of Ottawa will also speak.

TO GIVE PUBLIC REASONS WHY SHE SEEKS ELECTION

Isabel Armstrong To Hold a Rally in Majestic Theatre Friday Evening.

FIRST OF THE KIND

Liberal Candidate Only One To Give Public Chance To Hear Her Platform.

Isabel Armstrong, London's plucky Liberal candidate, is apparently the only one of the four aspirants for political honors who intends to give the general public a chance to hear her arguments and form opinion of her platform.

Tomorrow night in the Majestic theatre the Liberal candidate will hold a mass meeting, open to all. D. J. McDougall of Ottawa, ex-member of parliament and known throughout the country as an eloquent Liberal orator, is coming to London to speak with Miss Armstrong, and two brilliant speeches are assured.

Isabel Armstrong will outline and explain the platform for better homes and the protection of public ownership, which she has advocated at factory meetings throughout the city during the past week. She will explain her stand against the subversion of Ontario's hydro to a political party, and will give the public a free and open opportunity to judge her personally.

Tomorrow night's big meeting will be under the chairmanship of Jared Vining. It is a characteristic move on the part of the Liberal candidate and in keeping with the frank and courageous campaign which she has been conducting. None of the other three candidates has yet demonstrated anything comparable with Isabel Armstrong in the way of energy, sincerity, quickness of wit and entire good sportsmanship.

There will be no tickets of admission tomorrow night, and the big meeting will be brief and to the point. The only way to make sure of a seat is to be there early.

MILTON GIRL SAVES CHUM FROM DROWNING DEATH

Special to The Advertiser. Milton, June 21.—Yesterday afternoon while bathing in Martin's Lake near Milton, Miss Marion Sinclair, 14 years, ventured too far from the shore, got beyond her depth, and was going down for the last time when Loretta Brush, aged 15 years, saw her chum's aid and rescued the drowning girl just in the nick of time.

It is believed that Miss Brush is entitled to a medal for her heroic deed in saving Miss Sinclair's life.

MISS ARMSTRONG WINS SUPPORT OF WORKING WOMEN

Stevenson Outlines Assistance Given Labor by the Drury Government.

SIR ADAM BECK ILL

Donahue Declares He Is Not Seeking To Split Workmen.

With Sir Adam Beck indisposed for a few days the local political campaign assumed a three-cornered aspect today. The remaining three candidates braved the intense heat at noon hour and addressed the workers at several manufacturing plants. All are spending their time at noon hour and addressing the workers at several manufacturing plants. All are spending their time at noon hour and addressing the workers at several manufacturing plants.

As the final hours of the campaign approach, the swing in Miss Armstrong's favor is becoming rapid and definite. Seidman has it been the fortune of any local candidate to receive the ovation accorded the Liberal candidate when she addressed the women and girls at Penman's and Perrin's during the noon hour. It was the first time in local political history that a candidate addressed a gathering of women workers, and the response to Miss Armstrong's clean cut summary of the issues at stake elicited spontaneous applause.

Asked To Speak Again.

Invitations for the Liberal standard bearer to again address the men at the car shops and McClary's were received this morning.

This illustrates the distinct hit she made yesterday when, climbing a table in one instance and a pile of iron in another, she outlined her platform to attentive, interested audiences.

A number of prominent Conservative women telegraphed Miss Armstrong this morning that they had decided to waive all political leanings this election and vote for her. They regarded her as a woman of better homes, progress and prosperity, and as such entitled to the support of every conscientious citizen.

Tomorrow evening Miss Armstrong will speak before a mass meeting of Londoners at the Majestic Theatre. D. J. McDougall, former M. L. A. of Ottawa, and one of the best platform orators in the Dominion, will appear with her to address the citizens.

Speaks at Penman's.

This morning, speaking at Penman's, Miss Armstrong made a striking appeal for equal education for working women. Her speech was singularly lacking in political flavor. It was a straight-from-the-shoulder talk by a woman to a woman. She told the women:

"As a woman who had worked all her life, Miss Armstrong said, she understood and appreciated all the problems of the workingman and woman. She referred to the minimum wage, mothers' allowances, old age insurance, and other phases of her political pronouncement. In graphic language she pictured the deplorable conditions of various parts of Canada before the prohibition enactment of 1916. It is because she believes a return to these conditions would inevitably come about if the O. T. A. were reelected that she stands for its strict enforcement."

Asks Fair Play.

"Fair play for all men, women and children," said Miss Armstrong, "should be the aim of every citizen who enters political life. If I go to Toronto I shall use my best influence to promote the things of life which are most needed. Every citizen who enters political life should be afforded an equal opportunity for education. That is why I can promise that if victorious I will turn to Page 2, Column 4."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today—Moderate winds; mostly fair, a few local thunderstorms; cooler tonight.

Friday—Fair, and not quite so warm. Pressure is low over the Northwest States and Maritime Provinces, and highest over Northern Ontario.

The weather has been cool, with local showers in the Western Provinces, while, except for showers near the Gulf of St. Lawrence, it has been fair and decidedly warm in Ontario and Quebec.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	53	50	Cloudy
Calgary	70	50	Rain
Winnipeg	80	64	Fair
Port Arthur	70	58	Cloudy
Ferry Sound	58	56	Fair
Toronto	83	70	Clear
Kingston	76	66	Clear
Ottawa	74	64	Clear
Montreal	80	63	Cloudy
Quebec	88	64	Cloudy
Father Point	64	42	Cloudy
St. John's	70	50	Fair
Halifax	74	54	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 81; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 81; lowest, 56.