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KING FARMER ACCUSED MAN OF SHOOTING

DAN BASKIN NAMED BY CLAIN IN ANTE-MORTEM STATEMENT

Evidence to This Effect Given at Sussex Inquest—Baskin Admits Being in Woods With Rifle, But Denies It Was Discharged.

SUSSEX, N. B., Oct. 5.—Evidence to the effect that Gideon Clain, who was fatally shot while working in his home in South Branch, near here, on Thursday morning, in an ante-mortem statement accused Dan Baskin of the deed, was given at an inquest held here on Saturday evening. Baskin, on the stand, admitted that he was carrying a rifle, but denied that it had been discharged. He claimed that he was several miles away from the spot where Clain was fatally wounded.

The inquest, which was held in the public hall, was presided over by Coroner F. W. Wallace, and about 200 people attended. Chief of Police Asbell occupied a seat alongside the coroner and questioned some of the witnesses. The jury found that Clain "came to his death by a bullet fired from a rifle by some unknown person."

BASKIN ACCUSED. Held W. Bonnell, the first witness, said that he was summoned from the field in which he was working by a message sent by phone from Clain's, saying that Gideon Clain had been shot. He hurried over and found Clain lying in the field. "I asked him if he was hard hit and he said, 'Yes, Dan Baskin has shot me.' I asked him if he had seen anybody around who was liable to have fired the shot and he said 'No.' I said to him 'I trust you are prepared to meet your God.' He said he was.

"I glanced at my watch and it said 12:06 o'clock. Clain was lying on his right side in an extended position and asked me to raise his left leg so as to ease the pain. He told me he had a sum of money in the bank and he would like to leave it to my wife, meaning his wife. I called to Mr. Shea on the road to bring paper and pencil and to hurry as I believed death was very near. The paper and pencil was brought and I wrote a will which I read to Clain and asked him if it was what he wanted. He said it was and signed same in presence of Mr. Shea and myself."

THINKS SHOT CLOSE. In response to question from Chief of Police Asbell, the witness said he considered the shot was quite handy to where he was at Albert Connors' place. It was pretty hard to tell but he said that he thought the shot was fired on Clain's property. It might have been possibly a quarter mile away from where he was.

Austin Shea told of going to Clain's assistance after being summoned by telephone. When he reached Clain he said that he had been shot and that Dan Baskin had shot him. Clain gave him \$45 and told him to give it to his wife. He told of signing the will as witness. He said he did not hear the rifle shot.

HEARD THREATS. Mrs. Edward Buchanan told of having heard of threats made and considered Dan Baskin Clain's enemy. Walter Buchanan said he was in the field with Mr. Clain the day he was shot.

"I was working ahead of him in the field. I had my back to him. I heard a shot and looked and saw Mr. Clain fall. Clain said, 'Dan Baskin shot me.' He told me to take the horses to the house, which I did. I have heard Dan Baskin make threats that he would have Gid's life if he was hung for it. D. Kyle, at whose house Dan Baskin was stopping, about three miles from Clain's, said that Baskin left his home the morning of the shooting at 11 o'clock, and he did not see him again that day. A telephone call came from Mrs. Buchanan at Clain's asking if Dan Baskin was there, and she was informed that he was not.

RIFLE MISSING. She then asked if he had a rifle away with him. The witness said he did not know, but went and looked and found the rifle was gone. The rifle took a British 308 cartridge.

Dr. Weston told of receiving a call to South Branch. He responded quickly, arriving there about 12:25. Clain was lying on a sofa in the kitchen in a semi-conscious condition. He rendered medical aid. Clain died about 10 minutes after arrival of the doctor.

Richard Smith, working at Irvine Crockett's, about a mile from Clain's place, heard a shot about 11:30. He could not tell whether it was near or far away.

Albert Connors told of helping carry Clain from the field to his house.

DENIES FIRING SHOT. Daniel Baskin said he had seen Gideon Clain was slightly aggravated with him but never talked much to him. He first knew him in 1917 or 18 years ago. Thursday morning, he said, he left Dallas Kyle's after 7:30 o'clock and went to Robertson's on an errand for Mrs. Kyle and came back to Kyle's again. He told of following a bear trail which led from Billy Grey's orchard to Billy Kyle's, going in the direction of McLean Settlement.

"About 10:30 o'clock," he testified, "I was at Hazen Stears; from there I went to Jimmy Lockhart's place. I got back home arriving there about 11 o'clock, and heard of the death of Clain."

When he was trailing bear, he said, he had a rifle with him, but he did not fire the rifle. He said he had purchased four shells in the Sussex Mercantile

King Promises Ocean Rate Cut, If In Majority, Says Preston

463 OUT FOR 245 SEATS

Maritime Ports' Equipment 5 Years Ahead Suggested

OTTAWA, Oct. 4.—"Not only should your ports be equipped beyond any question to handle present business, but to anticipate the growth of the next five years—and that rate should continue," said Mr. Hickman of the Ottawa East Works yesterday. He expressed keen sympathy with the Maritimes, and declared that partly through selfishness or indifference and partly through causes that had not been foreseen, Canada has come to the point where the people from the various sections must get together, in the spirit of give and take, and endeavor to frame a policy which all will agree to support, although no one section may get all it wants.

LIST IS BEING WELL FILLED FOR FEDERAL VOTE

197 Conservatives, 177 Liberals Already Have Been Named

89 OTHER PARTIES

NEW BRUNSWICK, With Eleven Seats, Has Twelve Now Nominated

NEW BRUNSWICK, 11 seats, 7 Conservatives, 2 Liberals, 2 Independents. Quebec, 64 seats, 54 Liberals, 48 Conservatives, 3 Independents, 3 Laborites. Nova Scotia, 14 seats, 12 Liberals, 12 Conservatives, one Laborite.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 11 seats, 7 Conservatives, 2 Liberals, 2 Independents. Ontario, 82 seats, 79 Conservatives, 62 Liberals, 21 Laborites, 4 Independents, 3 Laborites.

Manitoba, 17 seats, 11 Conservatives, 9 Liberals, 9 Progressives, 5 Laborites. Saskatchewan, 21 seats, 16 Conservatives, 15 Liberals, 15 Progressives.

Alberta, 16 seats, 11 Conservatives, 9 Progressives, 8 Liberals, 2 Independents, 2 Laborites. British Columbia, 14 seats, 13 Conservatives, 12 Liberals, 7 Laborites, 2 Progressives, 2 Independents.

Saskatchewan, one seat, 1 Liberal, 1 Conservative.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD BY HALIFAX POLICE

Charged With Drunkenness While Driving and Assaulting a Passenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 5.—Andrew Yeaton, porter in the city of this city was arraigned in the police court this morning charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Yeaton was arrested late last night after he had been relieved of the wheel of his motor truck, engaged in bringing passengers home from an outing and had attacked one of these, Harry Wright, of Halifax, and thrown him down a 25 foot embankment. Wright was subsequently removed to his home in a serious condition. Several motorists, it is alleged, were required to ditch their vehicles in an endeavor to escape the careening motor truck before it was brought to a stop by a passenger.

Child Bounced From Bed To Her Death

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Playing with her brother before retiring, five-year-old Ida Weisman ran and leaped on the bed. The bed acted as a spring-board and Ida was bounced through a window falling seven floors to her death.

Premier's Mother Left Estate of \$25,000

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Mrs. Louisa Baldwin, of Wilden House, Hartlebury, who died on May 16, mother of the Prime Minister and widow of Alfred Baldwin, chairman of Baldwin, Limited, ironmasters and coal-owners, chairman of the Great Western Railway, and M. P. for the Bewdley Division from 1892 until his death in 1908, left £25,309, with net personalty £5,154.

Steer on Rampage in Toronto Spreads Terror Until Killed

TORONTO, Oct. 5.—Breaking from its pen in the Union Stock Yards with two other animals a wild and savage steer terrorized the Lambton district of the city for three hours before the acts of a police squad which included mounted motorists and patrolmen ended its mad career on Sunday. Church-going people including women and children took to cover as the animal tore along the streets. The animal was first overtaken by a cycle police-

Queen of Rum Runners



Mrs. Gloria de Casares, wealthy Briton, owns the ship General Serratt (below), lying in the Thames at London waiting to sail for America with \$100,000 worth of whisky. The crew, claiming their wages were denied, refused to sail and would not even let her board her ship. Now customs officers are investigating, and Mrs. de Casares, to add to her troubles, faces a charge of seeking to defraud a London store.

Six Boys Burned To Death As Fire Sweeps Dormitory Of Indian Mission In Idaho

LEWISTOWN, Idaho, Oct. 5.—Six children lost their lives in a fire that swept the boys' dormitory of the Catholic Mission on the Nez Perce Indian reservation, 25 miles east of here Saturday night. The fire was believed to have been caused from the explosion of a lamp. There were 31 boys in the dormitory at the time of the fire and the heroic efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and others at the institution were responsible for saving many of the boys' lives.

47 Drown As Finn Gunboat Is Swamped

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Oct. 5.—Three officers and fifty men were drowned when the Finnish torpedo boat S-2 went down in a violent storm during naval manoeuvres.

13-MONTH YEAR IS PLANNED BY LEAGUE

Consent of All Great Christian Churches Has Been Secured.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph sends a report received from Stockholm that a Finnish gunboat, name not given, was sunk during manoeuvres in the Gulf of Bothnia, between Heronssand and Haskila. Two officers and 45 men are said to have been drowned, some of the bodies being recovered and taken to Heronssand.

Russia Again Wet

MOSCOW, Oct. 5.—After 11 years of partial prohibition Russia Sunday became completely wet. Whiskey, brandy and liquors containing 60 per cent. of alcohol and vodka of 40 per cent. strength again appeared in the cafes, restaurants and stores.

Brother of Senator Webster Passes Away

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—Robert Allan Webster, president and general manager of the Webster Coal and Coke Company, died suddenly yesterday in his 73rd year. Senator Lorne C. Webster, Montreal, and W. M. P. Webster, Halifax, are brothers.

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BELLEFONTE, Pa., Oct. 5.—The search for Charles H. Ames, air mail pilot, who was lost Thursday night while on "St. Louis" flight from New York to Chicago, was resumed today by the 11th army and mail planes which for three days had been scouring over the mountains between Hartleton and Kennerdel. Hundreds of volunteers, on foot, in automobiles and on horseback are searching the roads and woods.

PLANS CONTRACT IN EFFORT TO BREAK COMBINE

Says British People Will Help Empire Trade

AROUSSED, HE SAYS

Will Be Turned Out Of Power If Attempt Made To Hinder Scheme

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 5.—"I have received a positive assurance from Premier Mackenzie King that the only thing that will prevent him from entering into a contract which will ensure a very material reduction in ocean freight rates between Canada and Great Britain will be the lack of a working majority," W. T. R. Preston, author of the Preston report on ocean freight rates, declared here last night. Mr. Preston arrived here yesterday and expects to remain in the West for the next week or two in the interest of the Liberal election campaign.

Petersen's Last Word

Mr. Preston, who made the statements in an interview with newspapermen, deplored the death of Sir William Petersen.

"Only five minutes before his death," he said, "Sir William said to me that it only required one more short interview with the Premier to bring about a satisfactory settlement of every detail."

Mr. Preston said that Premier King in a recent interview had informed him (Mr. Preston) that he was "absolutely determined regular flight from New York to Chicago" to see to it that ocean freight rates were lowered.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The outstanding feature of continental weather this morning is a pronounced area of high pressure which has come into western Canada from the far north accompanied by wintry weather. The depression which was west of the Mississippi on Saturday passed south of the Lakes giving rain in southern Ontario Sunday evening.

FORECASTS: Scattered Showers. MARITIME—Moderate to fresh southeast shifting to northwest winds, cloudy today and Tuesday with scattered showers.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair and cooler tonight, possibly light frost in exposed places in interior. Tuesday fair with slowly rising temperature, fresh northwest winds diminishing and becoming variable Tuesday.

Table with columns: Location, Highest, Lowest, and a blank column. Rows include Toronto, Montreal, and other cities.

World News In Short Metre

BOSTON—Twenty-five people were killed in Massachusetts by motor cars during the week ending October 2.

NEW YORK—On her 105th birthday, Mrs. Françoise Levestre entertained 20 of her descendants at a dinner at which vegetables which she had raised were served.

NEW YORK—When a robber held up their foreman and seized \$5,000, their weekly pay, men working on the roof of the new Madison Square Garden were reimbursed by Tex Rickard.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The parents of five-year-old Ruth Boyce gave her away because she was "too much bother," according to Superintendent Wm. C. Mesick, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who is prosecuting them.

BOSTON—The curtain has fallen for the last time on the stage of the Old Boston Theatre, opened in 1854. The theatre was torn down to make way for a vaudeville house.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No special occurrences marked the twentieth wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Coolidge yesterday.

NEW YORK—Last night the first of a series of Sunday evening concerts by famous musicians found Reginald Wennerath broadcasting from WJAF and 11 other stations.

BANK MEN CLEARED

Two in Havana, Held on \$73,000 Check Fraud Are Freed.

HAVANA, Oct. 5.—Pentelon Gonzalez and Eduardo Benet, employees of the Santa Clara branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, who were placed under arrest Thursday, have been cleared of police charges of complicity in the \$73,000 check fraud against Havana branches of the bank.

\$400,000,000 Baking Merger Is Completed

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Completion of plans for a \$400,000,000 baking merger involving the General, Ward and Continental Baking companies, which together operate 157 plants in all sections of the United States, is announced.

The General Baking Corporation, which had been incorporated in Maryland to absorb the three concerns, will be the largest baker of bread in the world, with an estimated total sales value of \$200,000,000 annually.

MAN BADLY HURT IN CANAAN ACCIDENT

Skull Fractured While in Moving Engine, When Head Strikes Van.

CANADIAN PRESS. MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 5.—Injuries, which it is believed will have fatal results, were inflicted on C. Edward Bergland, Worcester, Mass., when he struck his head from the window of a locomotive cab at Canaan, a few miles from here, about 9 o'clock this morning. His head struck the van of a train standing on a siding. He was rushed to the city where X-Ray examination revealed a fracture of the base of the skull.

Bergland was employed by a New England company in connection with the installation and operation of heating equipment on railway locomotives and was on an instruction trip at the time of the accident.

MELBURN CHOSEN. HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 5.—Conservative of this city have unanimously selected Major-Gen. S. C. Melburn as their candidate in East Hamilton in the coming federal election, and named C. W. Bell, K. C., as their standard-bearer in the west riding.

Western Boy Scout Officials Resign

SASKATOON, Sask., Oct. 5.—W. F. Kerr, Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Boy Scout Association, and G. B. Mantell, treasurer, have resigned. The resignations were the result of a controversy over the expense of carrying on the work of the association.

White Canada Is Aim, Says Speaker

Australians Told Dominion Has Same Ideas as The Antipods.

CANADIAN PRESS. MELBOURNE, Oct. 5.—In a speech which he delivered at a dinner given by Australian journalists in honor of the overseas delegates to the Imperial Press conference, John W. Daffoe, managing editor of the Manitoba Free Press, Winnipeg, declared that Canadians were just as keen for a white Canada as Australians were for a white Australia. There would not be the slightest hesitation, he said, on the part of Canada or any other British country to defend Australia against any attack upon this principle.