

RETURN TRUE BILL AGAINST GARNERS

Grand Jurors At Sarnia Decide Trial Must Proceed

SACRILEGE IS ALLEGED
Result of Theft of Host From St. Joseph's Church

Special to The Free Press
SARNIA, Sept. 29.—A grand jury late this afternoon in the fall session here returned a true bill against George Garner and Roma C. Garner, United States citizens and evangelists, who are charged with breaking into and entering St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church here and taking therefrom the sacred host.

NO CHANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAWING FROM EMPIRE

Separation a Dead Issue There, Declares British Colonial Secretary

LONDON, Sept. 29.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Hon. J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, Sir Douglas Hogg, M. P., and Senator Gustave Boyer, Canada, members of the Empire Parliamentary Association, who recently toured South Africa, arrived at Southampton to-day in advance of other members of the party.

Smuts Government by the Nationalist-Labor coalition would affect South Africa's relations with Great Britain. He had no hesitation in saying not only that the question of separation was not a live issue, but that it was a very old corpse.

Mr. Thomas said the trip of the Parliamentary representatives of the empire to South Africa had been a valuable one from his standpoint owing to having been enabled to talk with Premier Hertzog personally and explain the real object of the proposed imperial conference in London this autumn and to remove many misapprehensions which the South African premier had had with regard to it. The outcome of his conversations with Premier Hertzog, Mr. Thomas said, was that Premier Hertzog promised him that South African representatives would participate in the discussion.

TOO MANY TRACKS, SAYS MOTHERWELL

Minister Intimates Curtailment In Horse Racing

LEGISLATION IS POSSIBLE
To Allow Only Certain Number of Days In Each City

OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, under whom comes the administration of horse racing, expressed the opinion to-day that something should be done to curtail the extent of racing, although denying that he is taking steps to that end under the Rutherford Act.

"I am not aware," he said, "that I have any power to abolish race tracks, but some of them ought to be abolished. 'The principal code,' continued the minister, 'limits the number of days racing to 14 in a year, but there is nothing limiting the number of racing associations. They get their charters from the provinces, and with enough associations it is possible to keep going all the year where weather permits. I understand it is being abused on the Pacific coast.'

AN INTIMATION.
"What may be done," said Hon. Mr. Motherwell, "is to amend the code in respect of racing to provide that, regarding the number of racing associations, there shall be only a certain number of days racing in each place, the number to be governed by the size of the city."

There are now four tracks in Ontario on which betting is conducted, being operated in the City of Toronto, one at Hamilton, two across the border from Buffalo, and three across the river from Detroit.

In connection with the curtailment of the number of race tracks, it is confidently rumored that the authorities at Toronto believe that two tracks are sufficient for Toronto, one at Windsor, and the meetings to run 14 days each. This would abolish one course at Hamilton and another at Port Hope, a half-mile track at Niagara Falls, and probably one track at Windsor.

Toronto turf authorities say that such action will probably be taken by the minister of agriculture, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, before next year's racing schedules are made out.

LIONS CLUBS TO WAGE WAR AGAINST NARCOTICS

International Executive, Meeting At Toronto, Names Committee to Arrange Plans

TORONTO, Sept. 29.—A continent-wide battle against the evil of narcotics is to be waged by Lions clubs in every state of the United States and every province in Canada, under a plan to be laid down by the international executive of the Association of Lions Clubs.

Preliminary steps were taken to-day at the opening session of the international executive, meeting here this week, under the presidency of International President Harry A. Newman, Toronto.

A committee, headed by Dr. M. M. Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah, was appointed. It will report to the executive to-morrow.

MYSTERIOUS DISEASE HITS ITALIAN CATTLE

ROME, Sept. 29.—Cattle in the Maremma district on the edge of Tuscany are dying of a mysterious disease which baffles veterinarians. Authorities in a desperate effort to check the ravages of the plague, have declared a ban on the import and export of cattle in the affected areas.

The disease is thought to be due to a poisonous tick, which imbeds itself under the skin of the cattle while they are grazing. The first symptoms of the disease are not seen until the first sign that there is anything wrong is the sudden death of the animals.

Large sums of money are being spent to check the plague, as land owners make fortunes from the cattle industry in this section.

PREMIER STARTS ON WESTERN TRIP

Prepared To Discuss Questions Affecting Prairies

FOUR MINISTERS WITH HIM
Indications of General Election In Fall of 1925

BY C. L. BISHOP
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OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—Premier King left to-night on his tour of the West, which from start to finish will cover a period of 5 1/2 weeks. He is accompanied by Hon. Arthur Currie and Hon. H. B. McEwen, while Messrs. Stewart and Motherwell went along at the same time. They will branch off from the party at Winnipeg and join the premier when he reaches Saskatchewan and Alberta.

A secretarial staff has been busily engaged in preparations for the trip and in the compilation of matters to be dealt with. Mr. King, it is understood, goes fully prepared to discuss those subjects which are foremost in the Western mind. On the basic question of the tariff he will be able to say that the policy enunciated last session reducing the duty upon or adding to the free use of implements of production elicited the support of the Western representation and is in keeping with the Western idea.

Like-wise announcement of Government policy in respect of the Crow's Nest Pass and the general question of freight rates may be anticipated along with the Hudson Bay Railway question, the Peace River Railway connection, and the development of the Pacific Ocean outlets through British Columbia ports. More general subjects, such as immigration and employment, will likewise be dealt with.

Nothing is likely to be said on the subject during the tour, but there is reason to expect that the session, which will begin in January, will be the last of the present Parliament, and that the fall of 1925 will see dissolution and a general election. The present tour of the prime minister as well as the sedulous activity of the leader of the Opposition are in effect, the preliminaries of an election campaign. Such a prospect will also have the effect of giving a peculiarly keen interest to the session of Parliament.

Premier King's first meeting will be held in Fort William and Port Arthur. George P. Graham will be acting prime minister and Hon. Ernest Lapointe will take over the department of marine and fisheries.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP GROWN FROM SEEDS FROM EGYPTIAN TOMB

TACOMA, Washington, Sept. 29.—F. W. Johnson, a farmer near Morton, Wash., has just harvested bumper crop of wheat that he claimed came from seeds taken from an Egyptian tomb.

Mr. Johnson says he got the seeds four years ago, and this year the bumper crop was planted in 15 acres. He has just finished harvesting the crop, which netted 729 bushels for an average of 48.8 bushels to the acre.

The grain is white and very hard, the straw short and heads prolific, and Mr. Johnson says it is one of the best varieties of spring wheat he has ever grown.

AIRPLANE MECHANIC PROVIDES REAL THRILL

LYMPNE, Kent, England, Sept. 29.—Spectators watching the light airplane trials here this morning had a thrill that was not included on the program when the giant air liner from Croydon to Paris, with eight passengers aboard, was observed descending with a man perched on the lower wing with his legs dangling over.

On landing the pilot said that the control arm of the plane had become disconnected from the petrol supply. The machine's mechanic climbed out in an attempt to repair the break. He was unable to do so, however, and found that the only thing that could be done was to hold the broken control. This he did for 40 minutes while the liner made for the airfield, as he was perched on the lower wing with his legs dangling over.

After the repairs had been completed the plane left for Paris.

HAMILTON TAXATION HEARING POSTPONED

HAMILTON, Sept. 29.—The cases of the 15 citizens who are accused of conspiring to defraud the city of over \$3,000 tax moneys through the 50-50 split with a tax office official and two others were adjourned for eight days by Magistrate Jelfs to-day at the request of the crown. The accused were allowed out on their own recognizances. It is understood that the defense will be that they believed they were approached by tax officials who offered a rebate for payment in full and that they acted in good faith.

CALL 125 WITNESSES FOR DELORME TRIAL

MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—There will be a host of witnesses called for the third trial of Abbe Adelaire Delorme on the accusation of murdering his half brother, Raoul Delorme, judging by the subpoenas that were issued to-day. Detective Lajoie, who took a prominent part in the case, starts to-morrow to serve 152 witnesses with subpoenas to appear at the trial, which starts in a week's time. A curious situation will arise at the opening of the trial, for, while counsel for the curator of the accused's estate will seek to convince the judge that Father Delorme is entitled to another sanity trial and that he is insane and unfit to stand trial, counsel for Father Delorme himself will oppose this and will insist that the trial proceed on its merits.

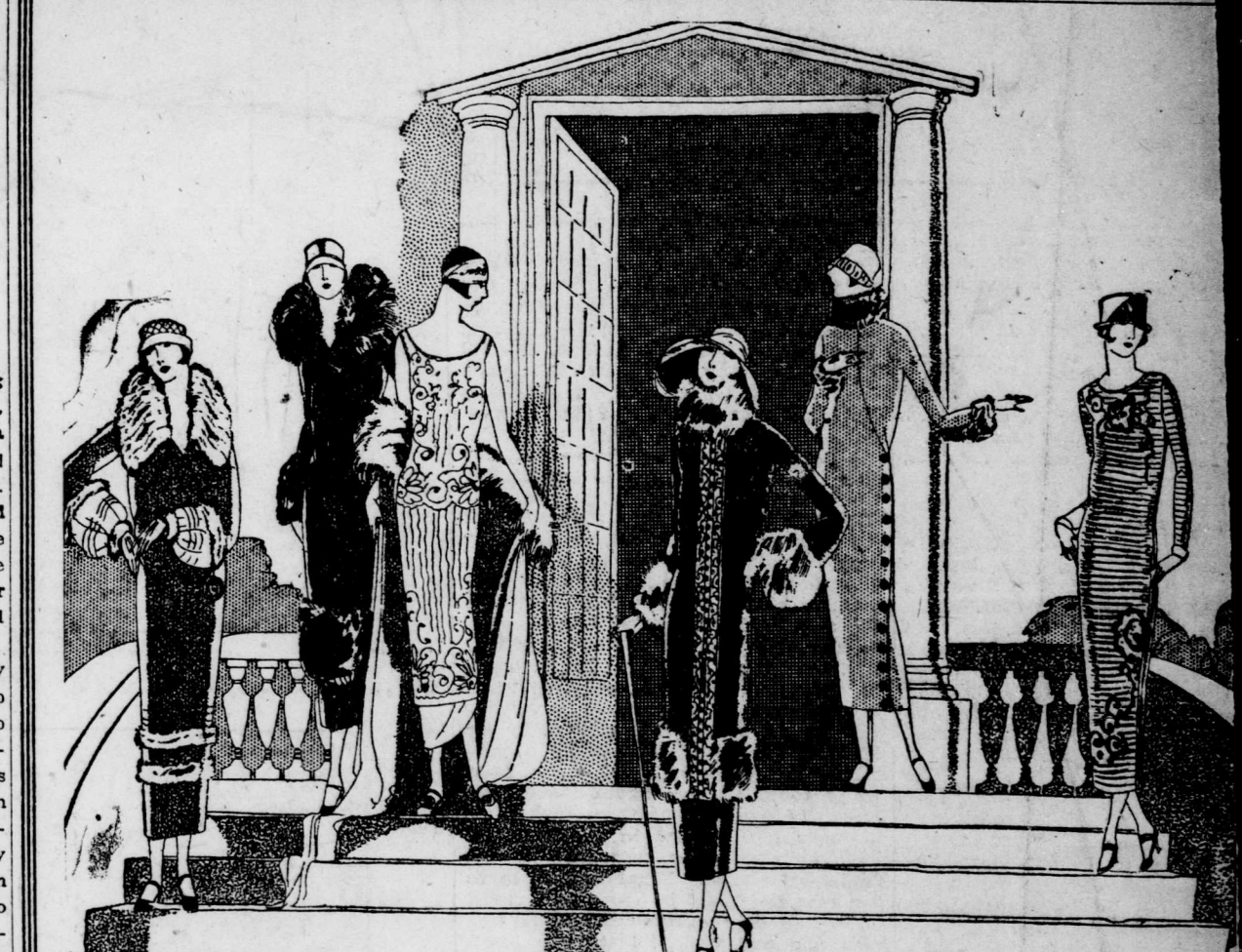
The able jurist he is a sane man and will strenuously oppose any attempt to have another jury sanity trial.

TRUE BILLS FOR MURDER AT HAMILTON, LINDSAY

HAMILTON, Sept. 29.—A true bill will return to-morrow by the grand jury in the case of John Drozdowski, charged with the murder of Anthony Upiński. The prisoner was arraigned before Justice Kelly and pleaded not guilty. He was not represented by counsel, but his lordship will make an appeal to members of the local bar, and it is understood that On-ville Nash will act as his counsel. The trial will likely start to-morrow afternoon. Drozdowski is accused of shooting and killing Upiński during a christening.

AT LINDSAY.
LINDSAY, Sept. 29.—After being out for three hours the grand jury brought in a true bill against Fred McLaughley, charged with the murder of Beatrice Fee, his sweetheart, on Sunday, May 25, near the McLaughley home, south of Lindsay. The trial will start to-morrow morning.

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