

REYNOLDS PLEADED GUILTY TO A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Admitted the Killing of Fred Colver on the Hamilton Road.

TO BE SENTENCED TUESDAY MORNING

Opening of the Assizes Before Mr. Justice Falconbridge Today.

The case of Daniel Reynolds, charged with the murder of Frederick Colver at Graham's hotel on the Hamilton road, east of London, some months ago, took a rather sensational turn, when called at the spring assizes this afternoon, the prisoner, through his counsel, entering a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter, which was substituted, with the consent of the crown prosecutor, Mr. McGregor Young, of Toronto, and Crown Attorney James B. McKillop. Certain facts relating to the matter will be laid before the court at 9:30 tomorrow morning, after which sentence will probably be imposed.

Reynolds was commonly although clearly dressed as he entered the room escorted by two constables. He was plainly in a very grave state of anxiety, but answered readily in the affirmative when asked did he agree with Mr. P. H. Bartlett, who announced the change of plans.

He was, thereupon, informed that the court would be pleased to hear any argument bearing on the subject, and was sent back to his cell.

The Fatal Blow.

The circumstances of the fatal blow which terminated in Colver's death will be set before the court tomorrow, and while there is a possibility that the penalty will not be then imposed, preparations will be made for the sentencing of the prisoner. For some days the counsel for Reynolds and the crown have discussed the case, but the greatest secrecy was maintained, and the announcement of Reynolds' change of plea created a decided sensation.

The time with which Reynolds is charged, was committed at the Graham Hotel on the night of Dec. 14 last. He had gone there accompanied by his son and daughter, and had boarded at his place. They drove in a gravel wagon, and called that they intended to go from the Reynolds home at London Junction to Belmont.

They stopped till 9 o'clock at Graham's Hotel, on Hamilton road, when a fight over the theft of a gun from Reynolds' wagon commenced.

A number of drunken men ran from the scene, leaving Reynolds, armed with an axe, in pursuit of Colver, who had been in the wagon.

Shortly afterward Colver staggered in.

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SCOTTISH RITERS MAKE UP PURSE FOR BEREAVED DRAKE FAMILY

Sum of \$300 Is Sent to Illustrious Brother McKillop of This City.

An expression of sympathy for the Drake family, three of whom were killed by a Scottish Rite's special from Hamilton on a Grand Trunk grade crossing, two miles east of London, on Wednesday last, was received in this city this morning, in the form of a

SPANISH POLICE HAVE AT LAST NAILED "THE SPANISH PRISONER"

Colossal Frauds With Their Paraphernalia Were Taken Into Custody—Many Prominent Londoners Had Been Chosen by the Swindlers as Victims.

Madrid, Feb. 25. — With the arrest in Bilbao of a gang of swindlers and the capture of their complete paraphernalia, the Spanish police believe that they have at last succeeded in putting an end to the machinations of a rogue who for the last ten years has been known to the press of Europe and America as "The Spanish Prisoner." His agents at The Hague and in San Francisco have been operating extensively of late.

The agency at The Hague caused to be published in the English press notices of the demise of certain persons whose ancestors had fled to Holland during the religious persecutions of the middle part of the sixteenth century, and had died wealthy, without any Dutch heirs. In these cases, certain London solicitors became the unconscious agents of "The Spanish Prisoner," and actually transmitted the money necessary to present the claim to The Hague, where it was never heard of again.

In the house raided by the police in Bilbao were found a collection of photographs, letters, and other documents, and long lists of Spanish, American and English names, with biographical notes attached, showing how it had been possible to conduct the business with so much plausibility.

Inquiry among the police here shows that several foreigners had from time to time arrived here, who had fortunately inquired of the police before looking up "The Spanish Prisoner," and had therefore been rescued from his machinations.

HARRY DREANEY FOUND DEAD

Well-Known Former Londoner Found by His Wife in His Room in Toronto.

HEART FAILURE CAUSE

Was at One Time Employed in the Customs House Here, and Also in the City Hall.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 25. — Thomas Henry Dreaney, better known as "Harry," was found dead in bed by his wife at six o'clock this morning. The dead man was 42 years old, and death was due to heart failure. He was an accountant on the C. P. R., and the body will be shipped to London for burial. No inquest will be held.

The late Thomas Henry Dreaney was the only son of the late Captain Henry Dreaney, a former alderman and well-known resident of this city, whose death occurred a year ago this month. He had been in Toronto for several years, previous to that residing in this city. For many years he was employed at the local customs house, and was for a while in the assessment commissioner's office in the city hall. Since he moved to Toronto he has been employed as accountant in the C. P. R. offices at Parkdale.

Word of his death was received in London this morning, and his mother, Mrs. Henry Dreaney, of Dundas street east, and her son-in-law, Mr. H. J. Childs, the London, East druggist, left immediately for Toronto to make the funeral arrangements.

Besides his wife and mother, the late Thomas Dreaney is survived by one sister, Mrs. H. J. Childs, of this city. The body will be forwarded from his late residence, 60 Uxbridge avenue, West Toronto, to this city on Tuesday. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

A strange coincidence is the fact that the late Henry Dreaney, father of the deceased, was found dead in the same manner at his home on Dundas street east in this city on Feb. 13 last.

WILL SELL POTATOES AT 3 1-2 CENTS EACH

Pond Mills Man Has 59 Samples To Dispose of.

Potatoes at 3 1/2 cents apiece is rather a high price, but that is what Mr. A. Cornish, of Pond Mills, is willing to sell them at.

He has 59 choice samples which weigh 90 pounds. This is the legal weight for a bag of potatoes. At 22 a bag, it will readily be seen that the potatoes are worth 24 1/2 cents each.

They are fine specimens, but oranges look cheaper at this stage of the game.

\$300 donation from the members of Merton Lodge, who were on board. The draft was forwarded by Mr. G. R. Lloyd, of Merton Lodge, to Crown Attorney McKillop, of this city, who is also a Scottish Rite Mason. The tragedy aroused the sincerest sympathy among the Hamiltonians who caused the special to be run, and many of them assisted in removing the bodies of Mrs. Robert Drake and Mr. Charles Drake from the pilot of the locomotive. The plan to collect the money for the family was arranged while the Scottish Rite were in session here, but information concerning the purse was suppressed for the time being.

JOHN PRODGER RELEASED

Man Who Was Given Three Years Is Out on Parole.

John Prodger, who was sentenced to serve three years for shooting Miss Elizabeth Frank, of the Wellington road, in 1910, has been released on parole, and on Saturday reported to Chief Williams. Prodgers has put in about fourteen months of his time, and his behavior was of the most exemplary character.

MUNCEY FUNERAL. [Special to The Advertiser.] Muncey, Feb. 24. — The funeral of Mr. Isiah Nicholas was held today and was largely attended. Mr. Nicholas had been very ill for some time.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Feb. 25. — A strong wind and gales, easterly to northerly, with snow, turning in some localities for a short time to sleet or rain.

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

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Weather Notes.

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GORDON LAMOTTE PLEADED GUILTY

Strathroy Highwayman Will Not Be Tried at the Assize Court.

IS MENTALLY UNSOUND

His Father Sure That the Young Fellow Is Unbalanced and Has Frequently Threatened Suicide.

That Gordon LaMotte is mentally incapacitated and has been from his youth, and that further this condition is responsible for his difficulties, was the plea entered by his father and his counsel, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, when the prisoner was brought before County Judge Macbeth this morning at his own request to change his plea to guilty.

LaMotte was to have come up for trial this afternoon before Chief Justice Falconbridge and a jury at the spring assizes, which commenced today, but on Saturday night after a consultation with Mr. McEvoy, notified Crown Attorney McKillop of his change of plans.

LaMotte, on the night of Dec. 10, met Mr. J. E. Pedlow, a merchant of Strathroy, the prisoner's home town, and held him up at the point of a revolver, taking Mr. Pedlow's gold watch and chain, a sum of money and a bunch of keys.

While Mr. Pedlow went to report the matter to Chief of Police Wilson of that place, LaMotte entered his store with the keys secured in the hold-up and smashed open the cash register.

He then left the place and was arrested on his return, two weeks later.

Since that time he has been at the county jail here, and on Saturday, in company with Patrick J. O'Brien, a hold-up man arrested here, attempted to secure delivery from the jail by slugging Turnkey Sproule.

No charge has been laid against him in connection with this matter, however. Judge Macbeth will consider the case until Saturday next, when the prisoner will again be brought into chambers for sentence. His father, who is considered eminently respectable, stated to the court that he, and other members of the family, have for years suspected that Gordon's mind is affected.

He has frequently threatened to suicide, and has created much uneasiness at home at intervals.

Subject to Spells. He was taken with these spells monthly, said Mr. LaMotte, and for that reason asked that something be done with his son other than sending him to penitentiary. The family, he states, lives in constant dread that there will be further trouble upon the young man's release, and earnestly requested that he be sent to the Hamilton asylum, where he may receive treatment.

The fact that he may be detained there for the remainder of his life did not appear to carry great weight with his father under the circumstances, as it is believed that it would be better to dispose of him in some manner now.

BUTTER AND EGGS ARE SOARING NOW

Blockade of Railways and Country Roads Has Had Its Effect.

The produce famine is growing daily more and more acute. Butter and eggs are soaring at wartime prices, and with country communication blocked in every direction, there is every likelihood that they will keep soaring. Eggs are now worth as high as 45 cents per dozen on the local market. Grocers and produce merchants find it difficult to supply their patrons with the number demanded, and uniformly high prices are the rule on every hand. Restaurants and confectioners are large consumers of eggs. The lunch counters are feeling the pinch keenly, and the local Spartans may be seen reading hand books on "How to Make Egg Sandwiches Out of Egg Fruit."

Butter is also a very scarce commodity, and sells at nothing less than 40 cents per pound.

Potatoes at \$2 per bag are another item of terror to the housekeeper. Not a single farmer was on the local square this morning, and Saturday's market, while practically the only market of last week, was about half its usual size.

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DANIEL REYNOLDS HANDCUFFED TO CONSPIRACY COURT.

COL. GARTSHORE AGREES TO RAISE THE SUM OF \$7,500 FOR VICTORIA HOSPITAL

SLASHED EAR OFF RUSSIAN

Row at the Bank Hotel On Saturday Night Had Serious Turn.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY

Man Charged With Blood-Thirsty Cut Was Allowed Bail in the Police Court.

A row of Russians and Poles at the Bank Hotel, near the market, culminated a little more seriously than usual on Saturday evening, and in the course of the disturbance, Rubez, a Canadian, slashed the ear of Louis Blakes.

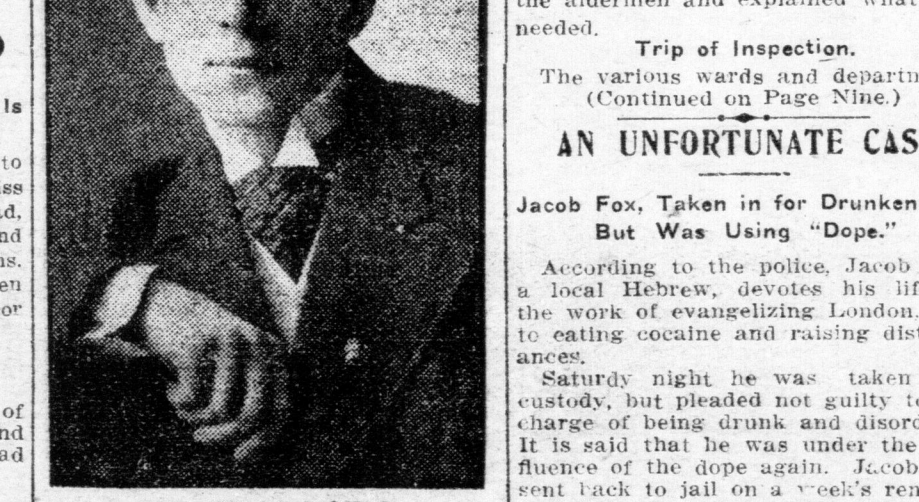
This morning he pleaded not guilty, and elected trial by a magistrate, but admitted having performed the operation in self-defence. He claims that he was being held by a half a dozen men, and that in the melee he drew a razor which he was taking downtown to have honed, and slashed out in defending himself.

Blakes' head was lopped after the row, and he required the attention of a physician.

The police allege that the razor has not shaved any person in years, and that it does not look worth honing.

Bail was granted by the court despite the protests of Crown Attorney McKillop, who commented upon the increase of such serious outbreaks among the foreigners of Canadian cities, especially Toronto and Montreal.

Clanfane was released under \$400 recognizance, and will appear for trial on Thursday next.



GORDON LA MOTTE, Strathroy Man Who Pleaded Guilty to Highway Robbery.

COAL SITUATION IMPROVES; SUPPLIES ARE NOW ARRIVING

For a While Today the Worst Was Feared by the Dealers.

The coal situation is improving, quite a number of cars arriving in the city Sunday, and more being started where the blockades were. If the storm of today does not cause a complete breakdown, the situation will be relieved in a day or two. I do not think the railways will be held up long from today's blow. The weather is clearing. We are satisfied now that the worst is over. It did not look any too promising for a time, believe me. We were not the only people suffering, the complaint being general.

NATIONALISTS ARE RALLYING TO BRING MR. BORDEN TO TIME

Armand Lavergne and Archbishop Bruchesi Bringing Pressure to Bear to Have Government Give Separate Schools to Minority in Manitoba Extension.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 26. — Pressure is still being applied to the Government by the Nationalists to have the right of the Manitoba minority to separate schools recognized in the bill providing for the extension of provincial boundaries.

Armand Lavergne is still here, rallying the Nationalist members of Parliament and representatives of the church are taking a hand in the game. Last night Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, and a Canon Gauthier, rector of St. James' Church, Montreal, came to Ottawa with Minister of Justice Doherty, and conferred with him throughout the trip. The bill for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba has been drafted, and the provision for separate schools has been inserted and withdrawn a half dozen times as the Government made up its mind one way or the other. At present it is not certain whether the clause is in the bill or out of it, and how the measure will come before the House cannot be determined, as the situation changes from day to day.

How Will They Vote. How many Nationalist members will vote against the Government if the bill extending the boundaries of Manitoba contains no provision for separate schools? This is the question which is the chief topic of discussion in the lobbies today. The Nationalists are making a desperate effort to have their claim to separate schools recognized. They claim that if there is no school provision in the bill it will amount to a betrayal of pledges given to them by the Conservative leaders before the last election. Against such a bill it is almost certain that votes will be cast by Messrs. Lemarche, Severyn, Barrette, Paquette, Achin, Lesperance, Mondou, Boulay, Bellemare, Blondin and Mauthier.

Fear Bourassa. The feeling is that they might as well separate from Mr. Borden when the bill comes down, if it is without a school provision, for if they do not Mr. Bourassa will go into their constituencies and beat them at the next election.

It is not expected this dissatisfied group will join Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by whom they have been disciplined in the past, and from whom they could expect nothing more than justice in the future.

Instead of allying themselves to any party they will constitute a group of independents in the House and seek to win their point by embarrassing the Government and the Opposition as occasion offers.

THE GREAT STRIKE HAS COMMENCED

Today the Coal Pit Workers of Derbyshire Will Lay Down Tools.

BOTH SIDES STUBBORN

London Daily Mail Calls on the Government to Seize All Supplies of Coal.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 26. — Today sees the actual beginning of the coal strike, which, if allowed to develop, will bring England face to face with one of the gravest crises in her history.

Today the men of the Alfreton pits in Derbyshire cease work. Tomorrow many thousands of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire miners desert their pits. On Wednesday tens of thousands of others in Yorkshire and elsewhere follow the Derbyshire lead. By midnight on Thursday about 600,000 federated miners will have brought the strike to its completion. The Government has three days in which to prevent this national stoppage, and tomorrow the Prime Minister meets the delegates.

Both Unyielding. Both sides are still unyielding. Meetings of the South Wales miners and delegates from Lancashire and Durham collieries voted yesterday against any extension of notices or postponement of the strike.

Despite the difficulties in the way of a settlement, the public have much confidence that the Government will find a means of preventing the disaster.

The Daily Mail, in a double-leaded editorial, under the caption of "The Government Can Stop the Strike," says:

"In this particular quarrel, the public has no reason for any sympathy with either side. The coal owners are engaged in a prosperous business. The miners themselves are notoriously well paid, if they are often a thrifless class."

"There is no shortage of coal above ground. All over England, at the pits' mouth and in many a private hoard, there is a vast accumulation of coal."

The Mail agrees that the Government cannot force the men to go down in the mines, but points out that handling the coal above ground is not a tremendous difficulty. The military can shovel coal just as readily as it can dig trenches. It disagrees with the argument that the coal owners under the circumstances are entitled to regard this coal as private property, and says:

"At such a moment, coal is no more private property than air is. Coal stands in exactly the same position as did food in the siege of Paris or the siege of Ladysmith, and we know that on these occasions the Government appropriated every ounce of food in these cities, and dealt it out for the people."

The Mail, however, recognizes that some miners are entitled to serious consideration, and says that the coal trade is like every other trade, although as a rule more prosperous. There are mines that do not pay, but there are also mines paying a dividend that would make gold mine shareholders' mouths water.

It suggests that the Government, by drastic measures, such as the appointment of a receiver to work the mines, and render an accounting to the coal owners afterward, or by compulsory purchase of coal already above ground, could afford time for further consideration of a scheme for preventing a catastrophe of such grave dimensions.

GALE AT GODERICH DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Roof of the Wheel Rigs Factory Blown Off and Many Have Narrow Escapes.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Goderich, Feb. 26. — One of the strongest gales of the winter blew from the east here this morning, blowing the roof off the wheel rigs factory and doing heavy damages. Some of the workmen were injured in the flying debris. This is the second time this factory has suffered from a similar gale; the building being largely composed of windows was not strong enough to stand a heavy gale. The damage to machinery and stock will be considerable. The gale was so strong it took signs in the business portion of the town from their moorings and many narrow escapes occurred on the streets.

BALL AT MUNCEY. [Special to The Advertiser.] Muncey, Feb. 24. — The fifth annual ball of Chippewa Jubilee L. O. N. No. 1385, held in the Jubilee Council House, was very largely attended and was a great success, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.