

ASK WITNESS IF HE KILLED CAPTAIN PERRY

Dramatic Moment in Preliminary Hearing at Yarmouth in Murder Case.

WIDOW TALKED OF POSSIBILITY OF DEATH

Toronto Witness Tells of Talk With Mrs. Perry Last October.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 21.—The eagerly awaited new evidence by means of which the Crown authorities hope to solve the mystery which has surrounded the case of George Henry Perry, retired sea captain, who was shot to death on the third of his home on the night of February 1st, was reached tonight when William P. Messanie, Montreal manager of the Sharples Cream Separator Company, was called to the stand at an adjourned session of the preliminary examination into the charge of murder preferred against Clara Elizabeth Perry, wife of the murdered man and Missfield Ross, fiancée of Messanie Perry, as an accomplice after the fact.

Possibility of Death.

Messanie testified that in October of last year the defendant had referred to the possibility of Captain Perry's death. Three other new witnesses examined at this afternoon's session of the inquiry were Joshua Trevis, who accuses of reported differences between the murdered man and himself and in reply to the point blank question put to him by W. J. O'Hearn, counsel for the prosecution, said that he had not killed Captain Perry. Frank Shute, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, called as a handwriting expert and A. W. Morner, superintendent of Yarmouth schools, who swore that he saw a light in the middle upstairs room of the Perry home on the night of the tragedy and testified to cordial relations existing between Captain Perry and his wife. When asked tonight if the new evidence adduced today was the extent of the new evidence to be put in, W. J. O'Hearn, representing the attorney general's department, replied in the negative and asked the witness to advance along the same line would be advanced.

Those who have been following the case from the time of Mrs. Perry's arrest say that the defendant is beginning to show the effects of the cruel ordeal through which she is passing.

Six times today Mrs. Perry was driven through the streets of Yarmouth in a closed conveyance from the jail to the steno-graphic magazine, Chas. S. Peck's court and on each occasion she had to run the gamut of the morbidly curious people lined up on the sidewalk in front of the office. On one occasion when an enterprising photographer attempted a "close up" Mrs. Perry made a haste with her eyes that appear the equilibrium of the camera. Naturally of a ruddy complexion she exhibited no trace of color tonight and while preserving a dignified mien, presented a striking contrast to her usual appearance. Missfield Ross, sitting beside her in the dock, preserved his usual calm only starting from his close attention to the proceedings to assist Mrs. Perry with her wraps when the room became too warm and his eyes were strikingly pretty in a taller-made row of black cloth, followed the evidence with rapid attention throughout the evening.

Mother and Daughter. Mother and daughter had a brief moment together just before the prisoners left for the jail, the younger woman throwing her arms about the elder's neck and kissing her fervently. (Continued on page 3.)

Total Excise Tax For Year \$79,268,244

Ottawa, April 21.—The total revenue from excise taxes for the Canadian fiscal year ending March 31, was \$79,268,244. This was divided as follows: Salaries tax \$38,025,882; manufacturers' tax \$30,249,573; stamps and luxury taxes \$8,164,567; transportation tax \$2,633,206; other revenues, fines, licenses, etc. \$19,639,216. The sales tax collected on domestic products totalled \$27,990,669 and on imported goods \$16,134,494. The manufacturers' tax on imported goods totalled \$9,812,113 and on domestic goods \$39,437,466. Stamps and luxury taxes on domestic products totalled \$8,164,573 and on imported goods they amounted to \$37,893,216.

DISCUSS IRISH PROPOSAL

London, April 21.—The cabinet today discussed a request from Ireland for postponement of elections to the Southern Parliament. No decision was reached and the matter will again be considered next Thursday. Mr. Lloyd George admitted in the House of Commons at today's session that the question was under consideration. He said he was decided to postpone the elections he said the public would be given an opportunity to discuss the subject.

Berlin Refuses To Deliver The Gold

Allies' Order to Bring It to Coblenz or Cologne Denied Officially by German Rulers

Paris, April 21.—The German government has refused to transfer the gold reserves of the Reichsbank, the German Imperial Bank, to the Coblenz and Cologne branches of the bank, as demanded by the reparations commission. It was announced here today.

ARMY OF PAPER WORKERS MAY GO OUT NEXT MONTH

Twenty-Five Thousand Employees in Canada and United States Concerned.

SEVENTEEN MILLS IN THE TROUBLE

Fifty Mills Involved in Dispute Over New Wage Schedule.

New York, April 21.—Union workers in the paper and pulp mills of the United States and Canada have voted to reject the thirty per cent wage reduction proposed by the manufacturers for May 1. It was announced here tonight by the Labor Bureau, Inc.

Local unions have been instructed that should satisfactory terms of settlement not be forthcoming from the paper manufacturers between now and the time of the expiration of existing agreements, work will automatically cease in the mills of six companies upon May 1, and thirteen companies upon May 15.

25,000 Men Concerned. Should the walkout occur, labor leaders assert approximately twenty-five thousand workers will be affected and fifty mills of 19 companies tied up. These mills, they claim, produce about two-thirds of the paper stock consumed in the United States.

The official report of the makers vote will be made to the manufacturers' committees at a meeting next week. It was stated, and further efforts will be made to bring about a settlement.

The Mills Concerned.

The six companies whose agreements expire May 1 are: Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company; Grand Lake Bag Company; International Paper Company; Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company; Peleeport Paper Company and Tidewater Paper Mills. Those whose agreements expire May 15 are: Abitibi Paper Company; De Grasse Paper Company; J. R. Booth Paper Company; E. B. Eddy Paper Company; Hanna Paper Corporation; Hoboken Paper Company; Massey Paper Company; St. Regis Paper Company; St. Maurice Paper Company; Schreiner Paper Company; Spanish River Paper Mills and Union Bag and Paper Corporation.

TROTSKY PLANS RAID ON POLAND

Claims to Have Millions of Privates and 150,000 Officers Available.

London, April 21.—Leon Trotsky, the Russian Soviet war minister, in addressing the students passing out of the military school in Moscow declares that the Bolshevik army now counts millions of fighting men with 150,000 officers while the output of the Russian munitions factories increased 400 per cent in 1920, says a despatch to the London Times from Helsinki under date of Wednesday. He added that the Petrograd military academy was in a high state of efficiency and that in the coming summer he would investigate the possibility of an offensive in the east and a war of revenge against Poland.

Serious in Siberia.

Meantime, advices received in London, indicate increasing activity on the part of insurgents in Siberia and the Ukraine, which the Bolsheviks have been unable to suppress. Soviet newspapers reaching London admit that a serious situation exists in Siberia and state that orders have been telegraphed to the local soviet to hire Chinese troops and German and Austrian prisoners of war to fight the rebels.

"Dry" Majority In Ontario 146,037 Now

Toronto, April 21.—The Ontario referendum committee has reported from six-year electoral districts out of a total of eighty-one, and the "dry" majority at noon today was 146,037, according to completion. Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant still maintains that the "yes" majority when all returns are tallied amount to 300,000.

HARDING WILL NOT MEDIATE ON PAYMENTS

Plan That He Fix Amounts to be Paid the Allies is Denied.

READY TO CONSIDER REASONABLE VIEWS

Only to Do So However to Help in Bringing About Speedy Peace.

Washington, April 21.—The United States government refused today an urgent request of the German government that President Harding mediate the question of reparations between Germany and the Allies and fix the sum Germany is to pay.

The United States agreed, however, that if the German government would formulate promptly such proposals regarding reparations "as would present a proper basis for discussion," it would "consider bringing the matter to the attention of the Allied Governments in a manner acceptable to them in order that negotiations may speedily be resumed."

The appeal was answered by Secretary Hughes after a conference late today, with the president at the White House.

America's Reply

In reply, Secretary Hughes said: "This government could not agree to mediate the question of reparations with a view to acting as umpire in its settlement. Impressed, however, with the seriousness of the issue, we feel that the United States feels it to be deeply concerned with the question of obtaining an early and just solution. This government strongly desires that there should be an immediate resumption of negotiations, and reiterates its earnest hope that the German government will promptly formulate such proposals as would present a proper basis for discussion. Should the German government take this course, this government will consider bringing the matter to the attention of the Allied Governments in a manner acceptable to them, in order that negotiations may speedily be resumed."

FOCH IS READY TO HIT ENEMY

Military and Economic Tactics to be Used on May 1st Are Decided.

Paris, April 21.—The military and civil commission met today at the headquarters of Marshal Foch and definitely decided the details for military and economic operations in Germany territory, which will be occupied after May 1, in the event that Germany does not carry out her reparations obligations. The military and economic reports from the military experts concerning the delimitation of the territory to be occupied and the effective measures to be taken to the mobilization of the class of 1918.

Adopt Three Reports

Three reports exclusively economic were adopted: First, concerning the working of mines; second, financial administration; and third, the mobilization of the populations and the families of mine workers. Committees will be formed to manage the production and distribution of coal and industrial production, also the customs and financial administration. General Weyand, acting as general secretary of staff for the military commission, is putting the finishing touches on the report tonight, and it will be handed over to Premier Briand tomorrow night or Saturday morning.

Former Soldier Is Sinn Feiner Victim

Armed Bandits Take Him from His Home and Murder Him on the Road.

Dublin, April 21.—A former soldier, John Reilly, was taken from his home by armed men last night and shot dead on the road at Ballyear. One civilian was killed and another wounded when the party of which they were members was discovered by a military patrol in the act of destroying a bridge on the Charleville road, County Cork, today. The military suffered no casualties. The Burtonport Railway has been closed because of repeated train holdups along the line. During the course of last night every station on the road was raided and all goods found were carried away or burned.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Paris, April 21.—Complete cessation of work and the holding of ten meetings in Parisian suburbs has been decided upon for May 1 by the union syndicates of the Seine Department. Subjects to be discussed at the meetings:—No infringement of the eight hour law; Amnesty; Protest Against War and Assistance to the Russian Revolution.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Two thousand ex-soldiers may be restored to ranks of the C.N.R. as a result of Moncton demands.

Hearing in the Postoffice election case was completed yesterday at Fredericton, N. B. Maurice Long, accused of being responsible for the death of her child at McAdam Jct., is sent up for trial.

New witness in the Perry murder case, Yarmouth, N. S., claims widow now under arrest talked to him of possibility of her husband dying.

Neology \$12,000 of issue was seized at Campbellton, N. B., in a raid by provincial officers.

UNITED STATES

Two dead, two others missing and several hurt as result of a garage explosion in Detroit.

President Harding refuses to intervene with the Allies on behalf of Germany.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Fear is growing that the coal mine strike will be a prolonged struggle.

EUROPE

Germany refuses Allies' order to send her gold to Coblenz or to Cologne.

Berlin asks President Harding to act as mediator in the indemnity clash.

HOUSE DIVIDED UPON MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Mr. Rowell Greatly in Favor of Plan.

HON. W. S. FIELDING MUCH OPPOSED

Premier Declares it is Difficult to Secure the Proper Representative.

Ottawa, April 21.—The Dominion Government has not abandoned the idea of appointing a Canadian minister to Washington. On this, speaking in the House of Commons tonight, Sir Robert Borden, prime minister, was definite. "It is intended to make the appointment," he declared. "There is no reason, and one only, why the appointment has not already been made," he added, "and that is because the government has not been able to decide on the best man to occupy this important post."

Borden Favors Action

Debate has arisen on a vote of \$60,000 for "Canadian representation in the United States." Speaking on it, Sir Robert Borden, former prime minister, urged that the greatest benefit would result from the appointment of a Canadian minister at Washington. "The appointment is in the best interests of Canada and of the empire," he declared. "It is intended to make the appointment," he added, "and that is because the government has not been able to decide on the best man to occupy this important post."

Many Want Farm Helpers

Toronto, April 21.—At the present moment there are seven hundred applications for farm hands from farmers in the province in spite of a considerable amount of unemployment in the cities, said Hon. Manning Doherty to the Board of Trade this afternoon, stating that the government stood for an intensified yet carefully selected immigration from the British Isles of men who would remain on farms.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Douglas Fairbanks in "When the Clouds Roll By."

OPERA HOUSE—Grace Wallace and boys, and four other acts.

QUEEN SQUARE—Eileen Percy in "Why Trust Your Husband" and Eddie Polo in "The King of the Circus."

STAR—Ruth Roland in "The Girl of the Law." "Mutt and Jeff" and other comedies.

PALACE—"The Law of the Yukon"

EMPRESS—Foot Gleason in "Kismet."

MONCTON MAY GET C.N.R. MEN BACK AT WORK

Hon. Mr. Wigmore and Senator McDonald Supply Demand for Reinstatement.

TROUBLE AROSE OVER WAR PROMISE

Seniority of Ex-Soldiers Guaranteed, it is Claimed, When They Enlisted.

Ottawa, April 21.—A decision of the possible reinstatement of some 2,000 former employees of the Canadian National Railway in Eastern Canada may be handed down by the C. N. R. executive board in Toronto shortly, as the result of representations made to D. B. Hanna by Col. F. B. Anderson, David Cochrane and Mayor A. C. Chapman of Moncton, N. B., representatives of the discharged soldiers and G. W. V. A. of Moncton. The reinstatement is being supported by Hon. R. W. Wigmore, minister of customs and Senator McDonald.

Premier Makes Trouble.

The difficulty arose through a promise, made by the railway management that men enlisted in the overseas forces would be restored to their proper places on the seniority list on their return. After the war it was found that some hundreds of these men were unable to take over their former positions and were given other employment. The McAdoo award did not take seniority of soldiers into consideration, with the result that the ex-servicemen found themselves at the foot of the list and junior to men taken on during the war.

Left Off Pay Roll.

When the industrial depression made a cut in staff necessary the men were offered the choice of working three days a week, or a thirty-two per cent reduction in staff. The Eastern employees chose the 32 per cent reduction. These men are now seeking reinstatement on a basis of four days' work a week. A conference between the delegates and D. B. Hanna, has been held here with the result that Mr. Hanna has promised to take the matter up with the executive board. The delegates said that if the reinstatement is not effected the government will have to take some action to prevent starvation among the families of the married unemployed railroad men.

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Fear Coal Strike Will Be Prolonged

Strikers Claim Everybody is Standing Firmly for the Principles of the Coal Men.

London, April 21.—Fears were expressed tonight that there may be a prolonged stoppage of work at the mines. At the conclusion of the meeting of the miners' executive today Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, said district reports all clearly indicated the men were standing firmly by the principles of a national wages board and a national wages pool. It is considered not unlikely that tomorrow's conference of miners' delegates will adjourn without reaching a decision.

Meantime the Government appears to be standing aside until the parties to the dispute are able to agree on some basis for a conference.

MARGARET LONG TO STAND TRIAL FOR DEAD CHILD

Witnesses Tell of Events in McAdam Jct. Hotel on Night of Birth.

PRISONER REFUSES TO MAKE STATEMENT

Trial Will Be Held at Fredericton Beginning on May Third.

Fredericton, April 21.—Margaret Anne Long, of Millford, St. John county, who was charged with the death of her infant child at the C. P. R. Hotel, McAdam, on the morning of Sunday, March 20th, was committed for trial yesterday afternoon by Police Magistrate Limerick before the circuit court which meets in this city on Tuesday, May 3.

Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, of this city and Mrs. Josephine Shaw, of Millford, were called as witnesses. The former testified that in reply to a telephone call from McAdam Junction he had come there, driving out on Sunday afternoon and getting Dr. Dougan, the coroner, at Harvey Station. When they arrived at the corner told him to go to the C. P. R. hotel and call a jurist and this he had done and the inquest had been held into the death of the child.

Saw Shoe Lace.

He had not seen the child himself but his shoe lace, with which the child was said to have been strangled, had been handed him by the coroner, who had placed it in a sealed envelope. F. H. Peters, for the Crown asked to have the shoe lace put in evidence. C. J. Milliday, for the defence objected on the grounds that the Sheriff had said he did not know if his own knowledge that it was the same lace that had been found about the baby's neck.

Got Medicine For Girl.

They had slept together at the hotel with two other girls in the room, and when she was awakened on the morning of Sunday, March 20th, by one of the other occupants of the room, who told her that Margaret-Lane was sick, whereupon she went down stairs and got her a cap of ginger tea returning down stairs again for her breakfast.

While she was eating her breakfast about 8:30 o'clock one of the girls came down stairs and told her that the accused had given birth to a child in the bathroom, whereupon she went up stairs, and seeing the accused sitting on her bed fully dressed had asked her if it was so.

Admits the Birth.

The accused had answered "yes," and continued saying, "there is a string around its neck; will you go in and take it off." The witness said she had tried to get in the door but found it locked and did not know who had the key.

"This closed," the prosecution and the magistrate asked the accused if she had anything to say for herself. She replied, "No, sir," and her counsel stated he had no witnesses to call. She was then committed for trial.

DISPUTES BOARD'S LEGALITY

Boston, April 21.—Former Senator James F. Cavanaugh, of Everett, served notice today on the special legislative committee investigating the conduct of members of the legislature of 1918 and 1919 in relation to dealings in street railway stock, that in his opinion the committee was exceeding the scope of its authority, and that he would hold each member personally responsible.

FARMERS NOT SATISFIED

Winipeg, April 21.—The executive of the United Farmers of Manitoba has adopted and issued a protest against the inclusion of a member of the board of grain commissioners on the commission of investigation.

GERMANS SEEK PRES. HARDING TO INTERVENE

Formal Note Requesting Reparation Intervention is on Way to Washington.

PLEDGES NATION TO ACCEPT VERDICT

Appeal is Signed by German Chancellor and the Foreign Minister.

Berlin, April 21.—The German Government has formally asked the President of the United States to mediate in the reparations question. The note embodying the request was forwarded Wednesday by Loring Dromot, the United States commissioner in Berlin to the state department in Washington. It was signed by Chancellor Fahrenbach and Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister. The appeal pledges Germany to accept the mediation without reservations and to fulfill absolutely any award President Harding may make after examination and investigation into the subject.

Text of Note.

The text of the note to President Harding follows: "In the name of the German Government and the German people the undersigned, notwithstanding the uncertainties, notoriety, state of war, respectfully petition the President of the United States to mediate in the reparations question and to fix the sum to be paid by Germany to the Allied powers."

"They earnestly urge him to secure the consent of the Allied powers to such mediation. They solemnly declare that the German Government is ready and willing to agree, without reservations or qualifications, to pay to the Allied powers as reparations such sum as the President, after examination and investigation may find just and right."

Stand By Decision.

"They formally pledge themselves to fulfill in letter and in spirit all the provisions of any award that may be made by him. With abiding faith in the righteousness of his verdict, and with the confidence of the German people through their constituted government, submit their appeal to the President of the United States, with the confident hope that it will be granted to the end that the final award may be made in accordance with right and justice. To meet the heartfelt wishes of all civilized nations, to avoid the immeasurable consequences of the imminent coercive measures, and to promote the peace of the world."

Canada Buying In States Huge Stores

Hundred Million Dollars Spent Annually for Goods Secureable at Home.

Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—Sir James Laurier, Government leader, announced in the Senate today that the appointment of commercial agents to represent Canada in the United States was under consideration. It was understood, however, that in Canada powerful concerns were relying on the Government to extend their trade instead of doing the work for themselves. Great commercial houses were doing little toward making Canada self-sufficient as a trade entity.

Buying Million Daily

Canada was buying a million dollars a day more goods from the United States than she was selling to the United States and Canadian trade interests were doing little to overcome the handicap.

"We are spending over a hundred million dollars a year buying goods in the United States which we could produce at home," Sir James observed. The point arose on a question by Senator David M. F. if the intention of the government to appoint Canadian commercial agents in the principal centres of the United States and in other countries.

Four Are Killed In Garage Explosion

Two Bodies Found. Two Others Missing and Several Hurt at Detroit.

Detroit, April 21.—Two persons are dead, two are reported missing and several others are badly injured, following an explosion this afternoon in a garage in the rear of the soft drink parlor operated by George Henneman at Court Street West and Elmwood Ave. The dead are Lawrence Barnard, five years old and a woman, believed to be Mrs. George Henneman. Henneman's case of the explosion that wrecked three buildings and damaged several others is not known. Police advanced the theory it was caused by a gas tank.

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