

ADMITTS MURDERING SEVERAL WITH BOMB

John Paul Farrell Tells Of Ghastly Deeds

DYNAMITE IS USED TO AVENGE WRONG

Inform Police of Long List of Awful Acts—Detectives Prove Story True in Many Cases—Other Crimes.

New York, Feb. 4.—John Paul Farrell, a discharged apartment house janitor, confessed today that he had killed Mrs. Bernard Herrera Sunday night by means of a bomb, he had made, and that by similar means he had caused the death of Mrs. Helen Taylor, a year ago, and attempted the life of Judge Otto A. Rosalsky of the court of general sessions, last March. Farrell was held for the murder of Mrs. Herrera.

Although the police are convinced the man is mentally unbalanced, Deputy Commissioner Dougherty tonight declared the detectives he sent out in numbers to investigate the case have learned enough to lead them to believe that Farrell's startling story is true in the essentials, though false in many details.

Every time Farrell had a grievance he seems to have settled the business with a bomb. The trouble with Mrs. Herrera, he said, was that she "fired" him from his job as janitor and hired a negro in his place. He wanted to get Judge Rosalsky out of the way because the jurist had sentenced Joseph Harvey, a "pal" to serve thirty-nine years in Sing Sing for stealing \$14,000 worth of jewelry. Farrell told the police that he had a hand in helping Harvey rob Peter Johnson's home in the Bronx in 1908 but escaped.

Why Farrell wanted to kill the Taylor woman, sometimes known as Grace Walker, was more than the police could fathom. In his early story Farrell said she was his daughter and he slew her because she had gone wrong. Later he recalled this and said she was an intimate friend but gave no reason for killing her.

He took Mr. Dougherty back to the days of his infancy on the police force and told him why he shot "Kid" Walker who was shot down and slain in 1887 on the Bowery. He said Walker betrayed the Taylor woman and a man named L. E. Strange killed him in revenge. Having disposed of the bomb mysteries Farrell confessed, the police assert, to having perpetrated numerous other crimes.

LUMBERMAN KILLED IN BATTLE IN FOREST

Camp in Maine Woods Scene of Fierce Fight—Rifles and Knives Used With Deadly Effect.

Island Falls, Me., Feb. 4.—Word comes out of the woods today of a lumberman's party at Silver Ridge, an isolated plantation last night, that broke up in a fight in which one man was killed and others seriously injured. John Fay died from a rifle shot and Patrick McJohn in whose home the affray occurred, was reported to be dying from knife wounds. Of the least seriously injured, Charles Lean and John St. John suffered most.

MAY EQUIP VESSEL TO DETECT ICEBERGS

London, Feb. 4.—The British government has entered into negotiations with the principal north Atlantic steamship lines with a view to equipping a vessel with a powerful wireless installation to patrol the ice regions and notify the wireless stations on the Atlantic coast and liners plying the Atlantic of the location of icebergs and of similar dangers. The cost of the service as contemplated is to be shared by the government and the companies.

PREMIER BORDEN NAILS UNTRUTH

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—A local Liberal newspaper this afternoon announced in big display that a movement was on foot to boost the seasonal industry from \$2,500 to \$4,000, that the movement had the approval of the government and that a bill giving effect to the increase would be introduced this session. Your correspondent asked Premier Borden about it. "This is the first I have heard of," he said, "and moreover there is not a word of truth in it."

NAVAL DEBATE DRAGGING ON IN THE HOUSE

Liberals Are Doing Talking and Nobody Pays Much Attention—Bare Quorum of Members Present Yesterday.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The House resumed the Naval debate today and it dragged along in unexciting fashion the Liberals doing all the talking while a bare quorum of members maintained a perfunctory attendance. The speakers today were Turgeon, Gloucester, Thompson, Q'Appelle, and Marcell Bonaventure.

Mr. Turgeon argued exhaustively there was no emergency. Mr. Thompson followed with a defence of the Laurier policy, and attacked the gift of Dreadnoughts as unconstitutional. Under the B. N. A. Act the government had no authority, and parliament no mandate to contribute thirty-five millions. All that the act authorized the Dominion to do was to acquire its land and naval forces.

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TO INVESTIGATE CEMETERY TRUST

Toronto Will Hear Report of City Solicitor With Regard to Matter—Want Representation on Directorate.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—"That cemetery trust is the closest, wealthiest and most exacting corporation in Toronto, and we are with you," said Mayor Hocken to a delegation of North Toronto ratepayers who urged the board of control to have a straight road cut through the Mount Pleasant cemetery, north and south paralleling Yonge street.

Controller McCarthy was not satisfied with this. He wanted the cemetery trust investigated and reported on by the City Solicitor. This was his motion. "That the city solicitor be asked to report such information as is obtainable as to the cemetery trust, its shareholders, directors, meetings, fees, capital, dividends, cost of ground, charges for plots, and individual burials, and to report what right the city has or had to representation on the board of that trust."

"A proper motion," said the mayor. Controller Church would ask the legislature to put all the cemetery trusts under the control of the Ontario railway board. The McCarthy motion was carried.

RADIO-TELEGRAPHY BILL UP THURSDAY

Hon. Mr. Hazen's Measure Will Then Go to Committee—Expect Vessel Men to Oppose Provisions.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The standing committee on Marine and Fisheries will, on Thursday take up Hon. J. D. Hazen's bill respecting radio-telegraphy. It is anticipated that representatives of the marine interests who will attend the meeting will protest against some of the provisions of the bill. The measure requires all boats plying 200 miles or more and carrying fifty people, to be equipped with wireless.

Amendments have been suggested reducing the limit of distance and increasing the passenger limit, while some members favor an act requiring a wireless equipment for all passenger vessels. The vessel men object that for small distances costly wireless apparatus would be unnecessary, and that operators would be hard to obtain.

TURKS ANSWER FEEBLY TO MIGRITY CANALIANS

Adrianople Almost Passive Under Terrible Bombardment

BELIEVE CITY CAN HOLD OUT LONG

Optimistic Feeling Permeates Sublime Porte in Spite of Balkan Guns Thundering Almost at Their Gates.

London, Feb. 4.—The Turks remain on the defensive at Tchatalja and Adrianople. The Adrianople fortress replies only feebly to the Bulgarian bombardment, and apparently no attempt was made in the way of a sortie.

The Turkish newspaper Tanit, asserts that Adrianople has sufficient provisions for four months, and other Turkish reports declare that the fortress, certainly will be able to hold out for several weeks.

Official quarters in Constantinople breathe a spirit of confidence in further communications either to the powers or to the allies. Should it turn out that Adrianople can resist for any considerable time, diplomatic negotiations are likely to remain at a standstill, although in the European capitals settlement by diplomacy rather than by arms is still hoped for.

There is no confirmation of the reported capture of Soutari by the Montenegrins.

Bulgars May Fool Turks.

Constantinople, Feb. 4.—The Bulgarians, according to reports received tonight are retiring from the burning villages of Tchatalja especially on the left wing. This is regarded as a strategic movement, possibly with the idea of the belief is held among military experts here that no serious operations are to be expected at Tchatalja for the present. The condition of the southern portion of the zone between the lines of the belligerents is such as to render the movement negotiable.

Only on the higher ground in the northern region can the armies come into contact, and it seems improbable that either side will indulge in an attack in force.

It is supposed that the Bulgarians denounced the armistice, less on account of the failure of the negotiations than because they expect that Adrianople would be obliged to surrender within a few days and an armistice still in operation might have embarrassed their liberty of action.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETS THIS MORNING

Fredrickton, Feb. 4.—Premier Flemming, Hon. J. A. Murray and Hon. John E. Wilson arrived in the city tonight but there was no meeting of the executive council and will not be until tomorrow morning.

Attorney General Grimmer, who went to Toronto from Ottawa, will arrive here at noon tomorrow. Hon. Dr. Landry arrived at noon today from the conferences regarding agricultural matters at Ottawa.

This evening Premier Flemming had a conference with A. M. Boulton, district engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., who was here from Quebec. It is understood that the question of a connection from the National Transcontinental Railway at Nappadogau, with the St. John Valley Railway near here, is under consideration. St. John, was under consideration.

HEARST SECURES AN INJUNCTION ON RAPID TRANSIT CO

Prohibits Public from Signing Operating Contracts for New Subway—Was \$30,000,000 Job.

New York, Feb. 4.—Thirty minutes before the public service commission was to have met this afternoon, preliminary to signing the operating contracts for New York's new \$30,000,000 subway, now under construction with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, an injunction was served upon Chairman Wilcox prohibiting the commission from taking action. The injunction was obtained by Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for William Randolph Hearst.

Under the proposed contracts the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and the New York Municipal Railway Company agree to divide the cost of construction with the city and to equip the new lines in return for the privilege of operating them for forty-eight years. In 1955 all subway lines are to become the property of the city. One advantage of the plan, according to its advocates, is that it would enable all the city's subway lines to be operated as one with a five cent fare and free transfers. It is also reported that the plan fails to give the city its due share or supervision of the profits of subway transportation.

STEAMER WAS WRECKED IN STRANGE WAY

S. S. Nicholas Cuneo Drove Ashore Bow on During Thick Weather—Was Twenty Miles Off Course.

New York, Feb. 4.—With her bow pointing at right angles to the shore the Norwegian steamship Nicholas Cuneo, laden with bananas and coconuts from Port Antonio, Jamaica, grounded upon the sloping stretches of sand at Long Beach on the south shore of Long Island early today.

When the tide, high when the vessel struck several hours before dawn, receded, it left the ship with her forepart so high on the sands that lifesavers were able to stand under her bowsprit and read to Captain Knudsen telegrams addressed to his station and are collecting names and other evidence in regard to the interference with which we are meeting there. As far as our shipping business is concerned, we are not much bothered. We are communicating with the rest of the I. C. R. by our own lines running to St. John, N. B., and to Lewis.

The government wants us to use its lines and it is up to it to see that we are not interfered with."

PERPLEXED JURY PUZZLED BY TURTLE

Cannot Decide Whether Turtle is Animal or Reptile—Case Must Be Brought Up Again.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 4.—A turtle is just a turtle; it may be an animal or it may be a reptile so far as the jury in general sessions court today was able to determine after consideration of an hour and a half. Whether the animal or reptile the jury did decide that a turtle possessed a sense of feeling, and in this contention the court agreed.

The case was that of Capt. Cleveland S. Downs, of the Ward Line steamer Saratoga, who was charged with cruelty to animals in that he brought 65 Cuban turtles to this port together lying on their backs on the deck of the vessel. While unable to agree as to the main point at issue, the jurors individually expressed to the court that they believed even turtles could be treated in a more humane manner.

The court released Capt. Downs in the custody of his counsel. A third trial to determine the social status of the turtle must be held, the police court from Capt. Downs appealed to general sessions, having decided that it was an animal and should be treated as such.

PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATES.

In the Dominion Estimates as published yesterday morning the vote for public works, capital account amounted to \$1,202,000. The sum really provided from this service is \$1,202,000.

GARMENT WORKERS TO VOTE ON TERMS MADE BY EMPLOYERS

Many Believe Agreement Will Be Defeated by Discontented Party—Terms for Women Refused.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Settlement agreements negotiated in two branches of the clothing makers' strike, which has been in force since early January, today were rejected by representatives of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and of the workers in the boys' clothing trade. Both agreements tentatively provided for increases of ten per cent in wages and shorter hours.

Garment workers in other branches of the industry will vote tomorrow on the acceptance of the agreement which has been reached by officers of the union and representatives of the United Manufacturers and Merchants Association, providing for a sliding scale of wages.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS WILL SETTLE DISPUTE

Deadlock Between Dominion Express Company and G. T. R. Referred to Hon. Frank Cochrane for Adjustment.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—The deadlock which has come about in connection with the Dominion Express Company and the Grand Trunk Ry. is being referred to the Minister of Railways in Ottawa for settlement.

W. H. Biggar, K.C., general counsel for the Dominion Express Company, and John Pullen, president of the Canadian Express Company, left Montreal today for Ottawa. They are to meet in conference with the Hon. Frank Cochrane.

W. S. Stout and V. G. R. Vickers, president and superintendent respectively of the Dominion Express Company, will be present to place the Dominion Express view of the case before the minister.

Meanwhile the Dominion Express Company officials are seeking all the freight that is offering for transhipment over the intercolonial line, and express themselves as unperturbed at the turn things have taken.

"Outside of our request that the government bring pressure upon the G.T.R. such as to permit of the carrying out of the Dominion's contract station and are collecting names and other evidence in regard to the interference with which we are meeting there. As far as our shipping business is concerned, we are not much bothered. We are communicating with the rest of the I. C. R. by our own lines running to St. John, N. B., and to Lewis."

CRIPPLED STEAMER IN HALIFAX HARBOR

FRANCE NOW HAS BLOCKED CHINESE LOAN

Insists on Several New Conditions—Objections Cause Great Consternation Among Bankers.

Peking, Feb. 4.—The six power loan agreement was not signed today. At the last moment the French minister informed the Chinese government that he would be unable to agree to the loan unless all three advisers represented neutral countries or were all subjects of one or another of the six countries participating. He added that if the latter alternative was adopted, a Frenchman ought to be appointed to one of the three posts.

The French objection was entirely unlooked for and caused consternation in government circles and dismay among the bankers. The ministers representing the six powers met this evening but failed to reconcile the conflicting views.

The agreement as formulated undercuts an advance by the six powers of \$10,000,000 when the agreement is signed and China is depending on this advance to pay the arrears in the wages due the troops who are getting restless. Forty soldiers started looting yesterday but a majority of them were arrested and executed.

DEvised APPARATUS TO DESTROY AIRSHIPS

French General Has Invention Which if Used in War Would Force Aeroplanes Out of Present Position.

Paris, Feb. 4.—An apparatus has been devised, which if all that is claimed for it is substantiated, may have an important bearing on the aeroplane as an engine of war.

General Hirschauer, of the flying corps, has received a communication from the inventor of the apparatus, Dr. Cousin, a scientist who has recently been experimenting on this device with Jules Verne's, the aviator. He informs the general that the apparatus which is small and simple can be carried in a soldier's knapsack, and when used will provoke a disturbance in the air which will cause any type of aeroplane to capsize, even if it has ascended to a height of more than 5,000 feet.

WILL INTRODUCE BILL FOR RELIGIOUS FUNDS

French Government Will Consider Supplement to Congress Act With a View to Establishing Common Fund.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The French government shortly will introduce a bill in parliament supplanting the Congress Act of 1910. The bill will establish a common fund from which relief may be granted to members of religious congregations the liquidation of whose property has failed, to realize a sufficient sum of money for their adequate support.

The bill will also define the conditions under which members of the suppressed congregations may be granted permission to reside in France and provides for the manner of distribution of any surplus among the national charitable institutions and schools.

A Literary Evening.

The reading circle of the Free to Serve Club of Centenary church had its first meeting last evening at the residence of Mrs. J. L. Dawson. The programme was in charge of Miss Mary McKendrick and the author of the evening was Chas. G. D. Rob. Miss McKendrick gave an interesting sketch of his life up to the present, and Miss Gladys Edgewood read a paper on his works. Miss Baxter and Miss Balaiey gave readings from Roberts' works. An animated discussion took place on the plan for the winter which is expected to arrive before spring, and Miss Baxter was elected secretary of the circle. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at the home of Miss Hayward, Queen Square.

Devonian Arrived Yesterday with Rich Prize In Tow

MEXICO'S SALVAGE MAY REACH \$50,000

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Feb. 4.—After towing the crippled French freighter Mexico, with her million dollar cargo through a terrific hurricane to safety in Halifax harbor the Leyland Liner Devonian dropped anchor here today, incidentally earning a salvage award of about \$50,000 for the captain and crew. For nearly five days the Devonian has been tugging on the massive steel hawser and today Capt. Trant left the bridge for the first time since Thursday.

The Mexico, bound from New York to Havre, with a cargo consisting largely of petroleum in casks had been badly battered about by the gales and a great quantity of her freight had been destroyed while she was tossed about helplessly with a broken shaft two days before assistance came.

Leaving New York on Friday week she ran into a severe storm which rocked her almost continually on her beam ends until Tuesday evening when her propulsion became disabled from churning against the heavy seas. When the shaft snapped wireless calls summoned her sister ships the Florida and Caroline to aid her, but before either could get near the Devonian, which was proceeding from Boston to Liverpool, answered the calls and turned back and passed a line to the Mexico Thursday night.

Next morning she started for Halifax and in eighteen hours negotiated 130 miles, but then struck a southeaster which brought both crafts to a standstill. Oil was pumped on the turbulent waves incessantly, but they were unable to make more than ten miles in twenty-six hours steaming.

The French steamer, which was rolling heavily, shipped much water over her bridge deck, clipped many and her bridge was damaged. From Monday morning until the arrival in port fair progress was made and in a binding blitz they passed up into Halifax. Tomorrow morning the Devonian proceeds to Liverpool, while a survey will be held to ascertain the damage to the disabled Mexico.

WILL BE APPOINTED TO WOODSTOCK POSITION

Expected George E. Balmain Will Succeed Late Williamson Fisher as Collector of Customs.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Feb. 4.—It is expected that within a few days appointment will be made of the appointment of George E. Balmain as collector of customs at Woodstock in succession to the late Williamson Fisher.

The selection of Mr. Balmain has given general satisfaction. He has been a leader in the business of the town for several years and holds many important positions of trust. He will bring to his duties a trained mind which will prove a most efficient officer. He is chairman of the Liberal Conservative Association of Carleton county and has always been a staunch party man but fair to political opponents.

SIR WILFRID ILL

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is confined to his house today with a severe cold. His illness is said to be not serious, and he is expected to be back in the House in a day or two.

CRUISER LINERS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The model of the first cruiser-stern built liner for the Canadian Atlantic service was set up in the lobby of the House today. The vessel is the new Albatron of the Allan Line which it is expected will be on the Quebec route next July. She is constructed in such a way as to allow of her being armed if necessary and is the first of a fleet of convertible liners which have been predicted for the Atlantic service. She is a quadruple screw vessel of 15,000 tons and 18½ knots.