

MISS STEVENS MURDERED IS DOCTOR'S VIEW

Body Was Then Hurlled Into River to Cover Traces of Appalling Tragedy.

AUTO RACED AWAY AS CRIME DISCOVERED

Montreal and Quebec Warned to Capture Delapidated Car With Two Young Men.

Special to The Standard. Edmundston, N. B., Oct. 13.—Murdered and then thrown into the Madawaska River was the decision of the physicians who examined the body of Miss Minnie Stevens, the young telegraph operator whose body was discovered in the bottom of the river early yesterday.

Tonight two officers left for Quebec City and Montreal in an endeavor to locate two men who left town in a hurry as soon as the crime was discovered. They passed through River Du Loup, Que., early last evening in the old automobile they had while in this town. As the Quebec police have a full description of the car and the number, it is expected they will not succeed in reaching the United States boundary.

Very Popular Girl. Hourly the tragedy becomes more appalling. Miss Stevens was a beautiful girl of about twenty years of age, who had been in the telegraph office here since last June. She made friends rapidly and was exceedingly popular in all circles. On Tuesday evening she left her friend, Miss Rose Johnston, about 9 o'clock to walk to her room.

"I'm not afraid," was her parting word as she turned away. No one, so far as can be discovered yet, ever saw her alive after that moment—except the murderer. About a half hour later fearful screams were heard from the direction of the river, but as they ceased in a moment the two or three who came out of doors to investigate decided all was well. It was at the place of the screams that the body was found the next noon, with the head battered in and the neck and parts of the body showing horrible finger marks. The shrieks were the death cries of the young woman.

How Crime Was Discovered. The murder was discovered when a set of false teeth, some hairpins and some hair were found on the shore. As blood stains were very numerous, Chief of Police Savage was called. He decided to drag the river, and he had been engaged in this work only a few minutes when the slain girl's body was brought to the surface. Doctors who examined it were united in their decision that the girl had been assaulted and murdered before she was thrown into the river.

The local officers are keen on the trail of the discovery of the crime. It was an old car bearing a Massachusetts number. It was without any mudguards and carried four spare tires. It is said that the room the man had occupied here shows blood stains upon towels and bed linen and that they seemed to have been washed in the village loomed of the river. The two are about 27 years of age each and one is at least six feet in height, while the other is slightly shorter.

At the adjourned inquest this evening the statement of the doctors was read, and then the case was adjourned until tomorrow morning. This evening the body of Miss Stevens was removed to Nova Scotia for burial.

VILNA SITUATION CONSIDERED AS EXTREMELY GRAVE

League of Nations Commission Has Not Been Given Good Treatment. London, Oct. 13.—The League of Nations has sent a telegram to Colonel Chardigny, at Kovno, who is in charge of the League of Nations Commission there, asking him to report fully on the Vilna situation as to what treatment the members of the commission have been given, and assuring him of the support of the League.

Promises Not Kept. The Poles, unofficially, have been informed that the League considers the Vilna situation extremely grave and a violation of former Premier Haderowski's statement at the Party meeting of the League Council that the integrity of Lithuania would be respected.

The case will be considered at the Brussels meeting of the council Oct. 20.

SCOTCH WHISKEY CARRIED IN PIANO

Montreal, Oct. 13.—A piano of more than ordinary interest is at the prohibition law offices here awaiting the outcome of a case before the courts. It was being carried in a motor truck along the King Edward highway, which leads to the States, when Revenue Officers stopped the truck and examined the instrument. It was found to contain 31 cases of Scotch whiskey and the driver will appear before the courts to be questioned.

Serious Charge Placed Against U. S. Marine Corps

Evidence of Indiscriminate Killing of Haitian Natives Reported to Commander.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Evidence of "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitian natives by United States marines was brought to the attention of Colonel John H. Russell, commanding the marine forces in Haiti, in a confidential letter written by Major-General George Barnett, commanding of the corps, in October, 1919, calling for a thorough investigation of conditions.

FARMERS THE AGGRESSORS ON TARIFF

Tariff Protection Held as Responsible for Stricken Conditions of Many.

Brandon, Man., Oct. 13.—Farmers were the aggressors at the sessions of the tariff inquiry here today and attacked the protective tariff from many angles, through the Canadian Council of Agriculture, the United Farmers of Manitoba and allied women's organizations.

Tariff protection was held by the women as responsible for the poverty-stricken condition of many farmers, and for the fact that some few are at present taking up agriculture as an occupation.

The organized farmers through their officials demanded immediate reduction of the tariff, and its final abatement in the interests of national prosperity and peace.

Three local manufacturing firms urged the retention of the protective tariff to prevent the imports of similar United States industries forcing them out of the home market. The commission leaves for Winnipeg tonight, where sessions will be held Thursday.

GOV. COOLIDGE REJECTED THE LEAGUE DAY COM.

Refuses to Proclaim October 24 as League of Nations Day in Mass.

Boston, Oct. 13.—A request by the League of Nations Day Committee, headed by President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, that the governors of all states proclaim Sunday, October 24, as "League of Nations' Day," to promote a better understanding of the covenant, was refused by Governor Coolidge today.

Recent intrusions. To a suggestion that the people on that day be invited to read the covenant in their homes and other places and that the announcement be made also through the schools, Governor Coolidge replied that the people of the state would resent intrusion upon their worship on Sunday, and that he would not undertake to make innocent children advocates of what they do not understand.

Regards Move Political. He was compelled, he said, to refuse the proposal that he "take action which would appear to give the League of Nations the official sanction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," and that the use of the office of governor for the dissemination of a political propaganda by official proclamation resented by many of the people.

EXCESSIVE FOG SET FLIERS BACK

Attempted to Make Vernon in Trans-Canada Flight, Forced to Return. Revelstoke, B. C., Oct. 13.—The trans-Canada airplane left here for Vancouver this afternoon, but returned owing to low flying clouds, after traveling forty miles. The fliers may decide to remain here overnight, because of bad weather conditions on the coast.

FORMER PRES. C. M. A. DEAD AT WINDSOR

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 13.—E. G. Henderson, a former president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is dead. He was vice-president and manager of the Windsor Salt Company. He was well known by business men and engineers throughout Canada.

GOVT INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS HOME RULE

British Officials Are Not to be Deflected in Their Course by Promises.

UNITY IN ISLANDS IS NECESSARY

Wellbeing of Whole Empire Antagonistic to An Independent Ireland.

Belfast, Oct. 13.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech here today announced that the Government intend to continue the home rule which it had proposed, and would enlarge it in the most generous manner, especially in the direction of finance, thereby making a complete and final settlement of the Irish problem.

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"The Government will not be deflected in its course by promises of better measures or other measures," said the Chief Secretary. "It follows, therefore, that we won't tolerate an independent Ireland, or part of Ireland being independent. We believe in the imperial and strategic unity of these islands. We believe that this unity is fundamental for the well-being of the whole Empire."

"The real key to peace in Ireland and the immediate passing of a bill that would enable Irishmen to govern their affairs in the campaign of deliberate and cautious steps, in the direction of a certain peace, and it will cease everywhere."

WATERWAYS COM. DESIRE FURTHER INFORMATION

Toronto Board of Trade Endorses Suggested Deepening of St. Lawrence Canals.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Endorsement of the suggested deepening of the St. Lawrence canals and development of water power wherever possible so as to complete a highway to the sea was given before the International Joint Waterways Commission, which opened its sittings here today, by representatives of the Toronto Board of Trade and the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The representatives of these organizations, however, were unable to give information as to the present volume of trade and possible development thereof as a result of the deepening of the St. Lawrence waterway.

Commissioner H. A. Powell, K. C., St. John's, N. B., stated that this information was necessary, and he would press for a full statement of the volume of exports tributary to the district of Toronto and date showing how the route would be patronized by Canadian manufacturers.

N. S. MINE WORKERS TAKE UP QUESTION OF STRIKE VOTE

Not Satisfied With Report of Royal Commission Relative to Wage Schedule.

Truro, N. S., Oct. 13.—The representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, discussing the Royal Commission's report, took up the question of a strike vote to determine whether the men employed in the mines under the jurisdiction of District 26, shall accept the Commission's report or reject it.

Strike Vote Motion. A motion to take a strike vote in all lodges was submitted. An amendment, which practically meant to empower the executive to take a vote on the date for a general strike, was supported by a number of members of the committee, who contended that the vote recently taken in connection with the Commission's report empowered the Executive Committee to go ahead at once. The amendment was voted down, and the motion to take a vote of the lodges was passed.

The gaps set for taking the vote cover a period of time, the end of which is October 22. Notification of the intention to take a strike vote was transmitted to the Hon. G. Robertson, Minister of Labor, tonight.

EMPIRE STEEL ON CURB.

New York, Oct. 13.—On the curb, British Empire Steel Common is quoted at 38 to 42, and the 7 p. c. preferred at 38 to 42.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA. Miss Minnie Stevens, telegraph operator at Edmundston, N. B., was murdered and then thrown into Madawaska river. Board of Commerce fixes 21 cent plus freight as maximum for sugar and prohibits importation. Thomas Bassoff, train robber and slayer of Mounted Police, sentenced to hang.

GREAT BRITAIN. British Government intends to continue Home Rule Bill for Ireland, but will make new provisions for finance of the island. EUROPE. Greece may establish a republic if the King dies from the monkey bite.

LABOR MAY QUIT PREMIER DRURY IN NEXT HOUSE

Labor Mayor of Brantford Says He Will Sit With Four More on Cross Benches.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Oct. 13.—Premier Drury, head of the Farmer-Labor government of the province, is finding it very hard to keep peace and quietness among the various elements of his following in the legislature. Mayor O'Rourke, the labor head of Brantford, who announced a few days ago that he would go on the cross benches when the House meets, will have company there, it is declared. These will come off the majority of Mr. Drury.

"Four other labor members have taken me that they will go to the cross benches with me unless a radical change occurs in the way of living up the labor party in the legislature," says Mayor O'Rourke. "I will probably leave the party."

"There is a general dissatisfaction with the L. L. P. throughout the province. Hon. Mr. Rolfo has been appearing on U. F. O. platforms all over the province. Has he spoken from one labor platform?"

Calls it Insult. "The administrators of the Mothers' Pensions Act are not at all satisfactory to the I. L. P. It is an insult to offer a woman with a family \$55 a month to feed, clothe and educate her children. Drury and Rolfo should hang their heads in shame."

"They are leading up the Mothers' Pensions Board with people who were always known for their parsimonious policy of distributing charity, as in the case of the Patriotic Fund. What woman wants another one riding to her home to give alms and investigate her affairs?"

"The Hearst Government had this bill ready to pass and could be crooked with it just as much as this Government."

Censures Bargaining. "Rolfo said he could not force an eight-hour day on the Chippewa Cannery because Drury would not give him the Mothers' Pensions Act if he did. We will not have bargaining such as that. We will not stay with the party in the House if they do not wake up and do something. We passed the Minimum Wage bill, and still Rolfo has not appointed any board yet."

"We have not spoken on an I. L. P. platform for a long time and I won't. How can I stand up and defend the work that we have done up to the present? It is possible that the other four may include Karl Homuth, South Waterloo; W. H. Greenlay, St. Catharines; George Halcrow, Hamilton, and Sergt. Major MacNamara, the Riverview member."

PASQUALE FACES MURDER CHARGE

Self-Confessed Kidnapper of Baby Coughlin to Be Tried in November.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—August Pasquale, self-confessed kidnapper and slayer of Blakely Coughlin, the 13-month-old son of George H. Coughlin of Norristown, will be charged with murder and placed on trial early in November. District Attorney Keenan, of Montgomery County, announces. He will act for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Pasquale also faces the charge of murdering Mrs. Rose Asherman at her home in this city twenty-four hours before the Coughlin baby was stolen from its crib on June 2.

INCREASE SALARIES OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

Winnipeg, Oct. 13.—A meeting of the Winnipeg School Board last night it was decided to increase salaries of all principals and teachers by twenty-five per cent, effective January 1, 1921. The board also will provide free text books for pupils after September 1, 1921.

FIX PRICE OF SUGAR AT 21 CENTS POUND

Importation is Also Prohibited by Order of Board of Commerce.

PROVISION FOR SMALL LOT SALES

In Lengthy Document Board Says Trader Must Have Share of Protection.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The fixing of the price of granulated sugar at a price not higher than twenty-one cents per pound, plus freight, and the prohibition of importations of sugar are the features of an order issued this evening by the Board of Commerce of Canada dealing with the sugar situation. The order remains in effect until the end of the present year. Prohibition of importation is provided for in the following paragraphs of the order.

"Whereas, in the view of the Board of Commerce of Canada, it is in the public interest that the transactions as to buying and selling of refined sugar should be limited to certain strictly defined channels, the Board prescribes the following regulations governing the same:

Regulations. (1) Refiners are restrained from selling sugar otherwise than to wholesalers, manufacturers or retailers and such wholesalers, manufacturers or retailers are restrained from buying sugar otherwise than from such refiners. (2) Wholesalers are restrained from selling sugar to other than manufacturers or retailers, and such manufacturers or retailers are restrained from buying sugar otherwise than from such wholesalers.

Provision for small lot sales. These follow regulations fixing the maximum price and making special provisions governing sales in small lots.

Maximum Price. It is provided that wholesalers must sell to retailers at a price which will enable them to resell at twenty-one cents per pound and realize, freight paid, a profit of two cents per pound, and that refiners will include a commission of one-half cent per pound for the service of distributing to the retail trade.

NATIONHOOD OF CANADA AGAIN IN QUESTION

Raised in Connection With Its Affiliation With International Postal Union.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The question of Canada's status as a nation is once more raised as a result of an announcement from Madrid that the International Postal Union Congress has recommended that "in future congresses only of parent countries will have voting power, colonies being excluded from voting, although they may send delegates."

The wording of the clause appears to be somewhat unfortunate. While Canada is not a parent nation in the literal acceptance of the phrase, it has been definitely decided that she is not only a colony. Canada has representations at the congress in the person of the postmaster-general, Hon. J. E. Flood, and his deputy, Dr. C. G. Allen, and she has contributed to the upkeep of the union.

The interpretation put upon the matter is that, if the item is persisted in, Canada will be excluded from voting, as it would be impossible to put us in the position of "a parent country." Under such circumstances there is a possibility that Canada would not care to send delegates to the congress at all. The item has only been reported, however, and not finally adopted.

GREECE MAY CHOOSE REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Paris, Oct. 13.—The danger of King Alexander of Greece dying, as the result of his severe illness, caused by the bite of a monkey, is deeply interesting official circles here, and the question of whether the Monarchy would be continued in that event, or a Republic established is widely discussed.

At the Foreign Office it was said today that Prince Arthur of Connaught or Prince Sixtus, of Bourbon-Parma, would be counted most acceptable as the successor to King Alexander should he die. Should a republic be established, it is believed here that the Greek Premier, Eleftherios Venizelos, would be the most active candidate.

MAYOR MACSWINEY WREAK AND TIED

London, Oct. 13.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork was reported by the physician in attendance on him at Brixton prison as being weak and tired, according to the bulletin issued by the Self-Determination League.

Locate Colony of Trumpet Swans in British Col.

This Most Beautiful and Stately of Birds Was Hitherto Believed Extinct.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—A colony of between fifty and one hundred trumpet swans have been located in Canada, but the Federal Department of the Interior is keeping their whereabouts a secret. As soon as the birds were discovered, a guardian was appointed to protect them. The trumpet swan, one of the most beautiful and stately of birds, was hitherto believed to have become extinct. It is a native of Northwest America, not being found either in Europe or Asia. It is understood that the colony is located somewhere in British Columbia. Motion pictures have been taken of them.

BANKERS PLAN HELP FOR THE CHINESE RACE

Chinese Consortium Make Public Accomplishments, Problems and Expectations.

New York, Oct. 13.—Heads of banking groups of Great Britain, France, the United States and Japan, which comprise the Chinese consortium, made public the accomplishments, problems and expectations of the consortium today in their first public statement since opening a series of conferences here. They spoke at a luncheon tendered by the Bond Club, declaring no specific loan to China had yet been considered, owing to the international financial situation, but saying a far-reaching programme to enable China to "get on its feet," was being outlined.

Small Railway Mileage. Sir Charles Adde, chairman of the British group, deploring the small railway mileage in China, said the Consortium hopes soon to be able to complete one or two of the lines in that country, and later to provide for extension of the transportation facilities.

Political Weakness. He thought the political weakness of China the source of its financial strength, as it implies the nation with a recognition of the needs of co-operative foreign assistance. He insisted China, too, must help, asserting she could be made safe politically only by her own exertions.

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and Company, chairman of the consortium, spoke of it as a force to weld the five nations together in a warm friendship that will help China economically and bring her scattered peoples together in a great nation.

HOLD UP BANK, SHOOT AND WOUND ITS PRESIDENT

Gang Thought to be Bootleggers Engaged in Whiskey Smuggling.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 13.—Four men held up the Bank of Alameda County at variance today, shot and seriously wounded August H. May, president of the institution, and escaped with \$50,000.

Whiskey Runners. Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 13.—At noon today it was believed that the bandits who robbed the Union Bank at Winkler this morning had escaped into North Dakota. Police believe they were bootleggers, engaged in whiskey smuggling across the border near East Kett, Man., twelve miles south of Winkler. Dozens of automobiles are in the whiskey running business there, it was said today, and a fast car from Winkler could reach North Dakota unchallenged within twenty minutes of the robbery.

Secured Little Cash. Graefer, the man shot, while attempting to give an alarm, is not seriously wounded, it was reported. The bandits obtained \$19,000 in cash and \$20,000 in cheques, worthless to them.

SURFACE CAR AND BUS IN COLLISION

Twenty Persons Injured, One Fatally, When Crash Occurs.

New York, Oct. 13.—Twenty persons were injured, one probably fatally, when a Broadway surface car and a Fifth Avenue bus collided tonight at 147th street. All of the injured were bus passengers. Mrs. Marie Daly, of this city, suffered a spinal fracture and may die.

HOT BATTLE WAGED ABOUT DUNMANWAY

Fifty Armed Republicans in Determined Attack on the Police Barracks.

GOV'T TO CONTINUE HOME RULE BILL

Will be Enlarged in Most Generous Form Especially Regarding Finances.

Cork, Oct. 13.—A hot battle was waged early this morning at Dunmanway, County Cork, when fifty armed republicans made a determined attack on the police barracks, which were defended by 28 "Black and Tans," and three members of the police force. The attacking party used fire-arms and bombs. The fight continued an hour at the end of which time the assailants of the barracks had been driven off.

One of the defending constables was wounded. The casualties of the attacking forces, if any, are not known. Reinforcements were rushed up for the police as the result of a wireless call, but the attacking band had already left when the fresh contingent arrived.

Londonderry Riots. Londonderry, Ireland, Oct. 13.—Rioting broke out here last night when rival factions clashed. Revolvers, bottles and stones were employed during the fracas. Several persons were wounded. The military dispersed the combatants.

Dublin Strike Ends? Londonderry, Ireland, Oct. 13.—The shipping strike ended today. The men resumed work at the request of the Lord Mayor. A strike of seamen and firemen for increased wages began early in October, this being followed by the dismissal of thousands of dock workers, and since then the port has been almost completely closed.

Military Raid. Dublin, Oct. 13.—Another extensive military raid occurred at Drumcondra last evening. Many persons left their homes fearing reprisals after yesterday's shooting affray in which Major George Smyth was killed, Professor Carrollan of All-Hallows College, who was wounded at the time, is reported to be dying in the hospital.

Who is Responsible? London, Oct. 13.—Denunciation of the Government's Irish policy by the Liberal forces of the country represented by the recent statements of Viscount Grey, former Premier Asquith and Viscount Morley, seems likely to grow into a formidable movement. The latest recruit is Lord Robert Cecil, one of the most respected of the Unionist leaders, who has joined Viscount Grey in a letter to the press calling for an investigation by a constitutional tribunal as to whether the Government is responsible for the reprisals.

Seven Dead. Dublin, Oct. 13.—Seven men were killed, five wounded, in an explosion today in a house at Tintern, Wexford County, according to the official report. The statement adds that it is believed that they were experimenting with bombs. The house which was regarded as unoccupied was completely demolished.

The five wounded are in custody.

THOMAS BASSOFF FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING TWO

Sentenced to Hang at the Lethbridge Jail on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Calcutta, Oct. 13.—Tom Bassoff, one of the trio of bandits who held up the C. P. R. train at Scintelon on August 2, was sentenced by Justice McCarthy here this afternoon to hang on Wednesday, December 22, at the Lethbridge jail for the murder of Constable W. F. E. Bailey of the Alberta police, at the Bellevue Cafe, Bellevue, on July 7. He was found guilty by the jury after an hour's deliberation.

DEMANDS MADE BY ARMY-NAVY VETS WORTHY OF FAVOR

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 13.—A strong plea for the maintenance and encouragement for the Canadian militia, the introduction of resolutions dealing with the re-establishment of ex-servicemen, the establishment of veterans' rest homes in each province of the Dominion, provisions for a colony near Kamloops, B. C., for ex-servicemen suffering from the white plague; amendments to the Pensions' Act, and the passing of a resolution calling upon the Federal Government to dismiss any alien enemies and men who did not volunteer for service abroad from the civil service, featured the afternoon session, today, of the session of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association of Canada.