

WITNESSES TELL OF KILLING OF SERGT. LLOYD PRIVATE WM. A. MOIR FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Prisoner Entered the Court Room This Morning
Very Neatly Dressed and With Very Slight
Traces of Agitation in His Demeanor.

THE JURY WAS SPEEDILY SELECTED

Though Not Before Several Had Been Challenged—The Defense
Subjects All Witnesses for the Prosecution to a Strong
Cross-Examination—Large Crowd in Court Room.

For a long time before the Moir trial was to open this morning, the crowd began to assemble, and when the court was called to order the room was crowded to its capacity, there being not even standing room outside the lawyers' circle. All the aisles were closely packed with the curious and those who had a more personal interest in the case.

There were a number of military uniforms noticeable among the crowds, testifying to the interest that Moir's one-time comrades are taking in his fate. Noticeable, too, were the number of medical students present, drawn thither probably by the rumors that the case was to involve a theory of epilepsy and insanity. There was very little stir even among the standing people. Everywhere there seemed to be a certain nervous tension that held all silent.

There were few women in the court—more than half a dozen in all.

Prisoner Appears.
At about seven minutes to ten the prisoner entered the court room in the charge of two constables. The prisoner was neatly-dressed in a dark grey suit, with light waistcoat, crossed by a gold chain. He wore a tall collar and large white puff tie. Though he showed little color in his face as he entered, he was not visibly affected as he faced the crowd in the court room.

Sitting in the box, he was quite composed, though a twitching of the mouth, and a nervous moistening of his lips, showed that he was not quite so unconcerned as he would appear.

The Shooting.
It will be remembered that Pte. Moir is accused of murdering Sergt. Lloyd on the evening of the 15th of April at Wolsley Barracks.

Moir was a member of the Army Medical Corps of the Royal Canadian Regiment. It has been stated that Moir had been down town and had come back in a somewhat inebriated state, and rather quarrelsome.

Color-Sergt. Lloyd, who was in command of the guard, reprimanded him for his condition, who said he would report him to the commanding officer in the morning.

Later a shot was heard. Lloyd, with a superior officer, went to investigate. Moir ordered Lloyd to stand back, and on the latter's moving, it is alleged, raised the rifle and fired, and Lloyd fell, mortally wounded.

Plea of Insanity.
When the court opened Mr. Edmund Meredith, K. C., stated to the judge that one of the pleas was that of insanity.

"Is he insane now?" asked the judge. "No, my lord," replied Mr. Meredith, "but we would like that issue to be tried first."

"Oh, no," answered the judge. The work of empaneling the jury was then commenced. Two panels were drawn, one of thirty jurors and the other of five.

The Jury.

Between the prosecution and defence about 25 jurors were challenged. When asked to face the prisoner it was the jurymen who showed embarrassment and not the prisoner. Finally the following were chosen:

William Cochrane, Alisa Craig, Duncan McKellar, Caradoc, Thomas Coursey, Lucan, David Witherspoon, Alisa Craig, James Nagel, Caradoc, Alexander C. McDougal, Caradoc, Dougald Patterson, Ekfrid, Arthur Bradhurst, London Township, William Olds, Ekfrid, Oliver Nichol, Westminster, James Goarley, West Nissouri, John Bogo, Adelaide.

The Crown's Case.
Mr. Sydney-Smith then opened the case for the crown, telling the story of the shooting and of how, after he had made his escape, he appeared

before three lads about seven miles east of the city. He said:

"I was out with the boys yesterday and took a few drinks. I went back to the barracks and got into trouble. Then I ran away. I wish you would get me a cap and coat, so that I can cover my uniform."

Mr. Smith then told of Moir's future actions, till he reached the farm of Mr. Robb near Arthur, Ont., where he was engaged as a laborer. In concluding his address Mr. Smith said that the case was to involve a plea on the part of the defense of epilepsy.

As To Epilepsy.
"Now, epilepsy," said Mr. Smith, "is a disease which none but the doctors know much about. It is usually followed by motor contraction of the muscles."

"There is another phase of the disease, in which it affects the brain, and it will be on this the defence will rely. You must start out with the presumption that the prisoner was sane at the time. It is for the defence to prove that he was unbalanced, if that should be the case."

"It is your sacred duty to try this case, and you must keep an absolutely fair mind, and not care for the opinion you have seen expressed in the papers or obtained from other sources. You are to try the case merely on the basis of the evidence."

Lieut. Snider Testifies.

Lieut. Snider was the first witness. He had been a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Regiment, stationed in this city, at the time of the killing of Sergt. Lloyd. He had noticed the prisoner on an Oxford street car coming from the city, and thought he had been drinking too much, though he was not very much under the influence of liquor. He seemed nervous and talked hurriedly and carelessly.

Sergt. Carter.
Sergt. Carter was the next witness. He told of going back to the barracks with the prisoner. Moir was reported for being drunk.

"When I met him the second time after entering he asked Sergt. Lloyd who had put him on the pegs," said the witness.

"You'll know in the morning," replied Lloyd.

"I'll know now!" said the prisoner, angrily, in a loud voice. Finally Lloyd ordered him out of the room.

"I left the room at that time," Carter continued, "and met Lieut. Snider just outside the door, and stopped to talk with him. Then I went to my room and started to go to bed. I heard a shot and a short time afterward another. I went to the window and saw two men running towards the northeast side of the barracks."

The Cross-Examination.
In his cross-examination Mr. Meredith asked the witness if he were drunk that night.

"I had not been drinking," replied Sergt. Carter.

"Lieut. Snider says you were under the influence of liquor. What do you say to that?" Mr. Meredith asked.

"I would say he was a liar," replied the witness.

"Is that the way you are accustomed to speak to an officer?"

"In a case like that, yes, sir. I have not had a drink in twelve years save for medical purposes."

"And you went to your room and started pressing your pants?"

"Yes, sir."

"And curling your moustache?"

"Stick to the case, sir. I won't answer personal questions," retorted the witness.

LETTER CARRIER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. William G. McKenna Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Death came very suddenly last night to William G. McKenna, one of London's oldest letter-carriers, at his home, 929 Wellington street. Mr. McKenna was apparently in his usual health when he went home from the postoffice, and during the evening he showed no signs of being ill. He retired shortly after midnight and immediately afterwards his wife noticed him breathing very heavily.

All efforts to rouse him proved fruitless, and before Dr. Pingel, who was summoned, could arrive, Mr. McKenna was dead. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. McKenna was 57 years old, and besides his wife is survived by one son and one daughter. He entered the postoffice in 1887 and was always regarded as one of the most trusted men. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mrs. McKenna is naturally deeply affected by the sad affair.

A Pathetic Feature.

An unusually sad fact in connection with the death of Mr. William McKenna, who died so unexpectedly last night at his home on Wellington street, was that on Friday he and his wife intended celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of their wedding, and had made all the necessary arrangements for having a splendid time. Instead of the wedding celebration, however, the funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mrs. McKenna is naturally deeply affected by the sad affair.

TRIP TO EUROPE CAUSES SENSATION

Watch for the Announcement,
Which Will Appear in The
Advertiser Shortly.

Great interest is being manifested in the trip to Europe inaugurated by The London Advertiser.

Already many inquiries have come to the office regarding it, and many are asking for the details of the trip.

Several young ladies have signified their intention of being contestants, and from what can be learned just now, there will be many candidates from every section.

The offer is a good one, and the trip will be just as advertised. It will be carried out to the letter, and the literary will be most ambitious.

The management are rapidly working out the details of the trip, and as soon as they are ready they will be made known.

There will be eight young ladies selected for the trip, one from each of the districts mentioned in yesterday's Advertiser.

The selection of the districts is a wise one, and will give representatives from every section an equal chance.

Readers are asked to watch for the details of the contest. They will be made known shortly.

Get in line for the great "Trip-to-Europe" contest.

GAGGED AND ROBBED.

Pittsburg, Jan. 13.—Blinding, gagging and assaulting Solomon Loughner, 80 years old, and his two sisters, both of whom are between 70 and 80 years old, six masked robbers last night ransacked the house, secured about \$1,500 in cash, ate their supper and then disappeared. The Loughners live on an isolated farm midway between Jeanette and Harrison City.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 12-8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds and decidedly cold.

Thursday—Strong east and southeast winds, with snow.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max.

London. -11. -14. 20.

Calgary. -10. -2. 4.

Winnipeg. -20. -28. 4.

Port Arthur. 6. 4. 14.

Perry Sound. 4. 4. 14.

Toronto. 10. 10. 18.

Ottawa. -16. -16. 18.

Montreal. -8. 0. 4.

Quebec. -10. 0. 6.

Father Point. -18. 0. 6.

Dawson. -22. -22. 22.

Port Simpson. 14. 22. 22.

Victoria. 4. 22. 22.

Vancouver. 12. 22. 22.

Kamloops. -16. -16. 22.

Edmonton. -16. -16. 22.

Battleford. -14. -14. 22.

Prince Albert. -12. -12. 22.

Qu'Appelle. -30. -30. 22.

St. John. 12. 22. 22.

Halifax. -24. -24. 22.

Minus means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

A pronounced low area which has come in from the Pacific is moving rapidly across the Western States and is likely to give stormy conditions in the Western Provinces and in Ontario.

The weather is now very cold throughout the Dominion.

Mercury Dropped to 14.5 Below Last Night Coldest of Winter

The Plumbers Did a Land-Office
Business Today—Coal Men
Happy, Too.

The thermometer took the lowest drop of the season last night, and before it had stopped falling reached 14.5 degrees below zero.

The cold did not come suddenly at all, as all day yesterday the mercury was only a few points above zero. As soon as the sun went down the mercury commenced to fall, and fell steadily during the night. At 8 o'clock it reached zero for the first time this season, and sank steadily. At 8 o'clock this morning it was 11.5 below.

Plumbers Cheerful.
The cold dip brought a season of great joy to the plumber and to the coal man. All morning long the telephones in plumbing and coal offices rang incessantly. Probably the plumbers did the biggest business of the two. Certainly he had most urgent calls, for when one comes downstairs, and after prodding the fire up, finds the place is being inundated more or less swiftly by streams of water from frozen pipes, there is need of prompt action. More than one hapless telephone girl judged from the violent flashing of the lights this morning that at the very least someone was being killed, or the house was being burned down.

Shouldn't Sleep In.
The luckless plumber, who happened to sleep in this morning, and who had no one in his office to answer telephone calls, not only lost good customers, but had anathemas showered on his head. Plumbers, with gasolene furnaces and sundry soldering irons, and lengths of lead pipe and other articles, only produced after cold winter nights, might be seen hurrying in all directions this morning in a vain endeavor to get all the breaks stopped, as soon as possible.

Flowers Suffered.
Not a few housewives who left their plants too close to windowpanes last night found this morning that plants which yesterday had been their pride were shriveled by the thick frost.

Late last night the streets were absolutely deserted, everybody who had been downtown having hurried home as quickly as possible. Policemen who were on night duty swung their arms around and kicked their feet against corner buildings in an effort to keep warm, while all the time icicles were forming on their moustaches, and their noses were taking on a ruddy hue as a result of being rubbed to keep from being frost bitten.

Belated Travellers.
Belated travellers, waiting for trains in some small wayside station, thought longingly of warm firesides and hot drinks as they paced about a more or less frigid depot stove. Brakemen on freight trains who had to run the cars and also break up trains at small stations found the night a most unpleasant one for working outside.

A PLEA FOR THE POOR MAN'S SON

Professor Sexton, of Nova Scotia,
Speaks for Technical
Education.

ADDRESSES THE CANADIAN CLUB
A Mild Criticism of the Present Public School System—An Interesting Speech.

Prof. Sexton, of Halifax, one of the leading exponents of technical education in Canada, was the guest of honor at the Canadian Club luncheon at noon today, and delivered a splendid address on this very live topic. Mr. Frank Lawson, president of the club, was in the chair.

In opening his address, Prof. Sexton declared that technical education was that sort that particularly fitted men and women for the useful arts and trades. He did not intend casting aspersions on the public school system, but he would leave that to grocery-store philosophers. Nevertheless, it was his belief that the present system did not do its duty by the growing boys and girls of Canada. He referred to the education of years ago, when the three R's constituted the basis of training, and the present system involved a system, Prof. Sexton explained that in Springfield a number of pupils tried an examination set in 1846 in these subjects, and the present day scholars more than held their own with their ancestors.

The School System.
The present public school system grew out of the college and university. If a boy decides to go into the professions, the path is prepared for him through the public school, the high school, the university and then his degree. After the eighth grade in the present system the system is run for 1-25th of the population, for only that part of the people go into the professions. There is not much in the Continued on Page Eight.

Still Unconcerned.
Moir is still unconcerned, at least appears to be so, and shows no sign of excitement over the coming trial, nor does he express any interest in it. He never speaks of the trial or of the crime, and never changes the quiet, disinterested attitude that has characterized him since his arrest. He seems to be of an almost absolutely unmotional nature, and will likely face the judge without at least any outward sign of fear.

Two Children
BURNED TO DEATH

Awful Tragic Early Morning
Conflagration at Capital

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Two young children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Neill, Armstrong street, Ottawa, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house, at 3 o'clock this morning. The father was sleeping down-stairs when the fire broke out, and rushed upstairs to save his wife. He succeeded in getting her out, though both were badly burned about the hands and feet. Returning for the two children, he was prevented by flames which blocked his frantic efforts to reach the room where the children were slumbering in bed. Later they were found dead in each other's arms, both fearfully charred. The house was a double tenement and on the other side lived the family of William Marriot. They got out in safety, but Marriot, who had but one leg, had no time to put on his artificial limb, and in going down-stairs fell and sustained some injuries. His wooden leg was burned. The temperature was at 15 below.

**WILLIAM WESTMAN
WAS ARRESTED**

Wanted in London for Assault
on a Policeman—Brought
Back Today.

Detective Rider arrived on the 10:20 express from Detroit this morning with Charles Westman.

Westman appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, and application for bail was made by his solicitor, Mr. H. M. Grady.

Magistrate Love refused to allow bail in Westman's case.

He was taken to the police station and put to too much expense to take any chances on his getting away.

Westman will appear for a hearing with the other young men charged with the same offence, on Jan. 20.

Detective Rider stated to The Advertiser that Westman has been crossing back and forth between Detroit and Windsor, and was arrested in Windsor.

The Detroit News claims that Westman was arrested in Detroit. It says:

"Charles Westman, aged 20, of London, Ont., was arrested by Patrolman O'Grady yesterday in a Bagley avenue livery stable on suspicion of being implicated in an attack on two London policemen last night. One of the officers was beaten until nearly dead, and he is still in a critical condition. Westman, according to the police, admits participating in the assault. The officers were trying to arrest the disturbers when attacked."

FLORENCE, MILAN AND VENICE SHAKEN BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Great Italian Cities Rocked by Seismic Shock This Morning,
Causing a Slight Panic Amongst the Populace,
But No Damage Was Done.

Venice, Jan. 13.—Two earth shocks were experienced here this morning. The people rushed out from their houses, and gathered in the Place of St. Mark and other open squares. There was much excited comment and questioning, but calm in general was maintained.

No damage was done, and this is thought to be due to the fact that houses of Venice are built on piles. The people congratulated themselves on this system of construction.

Felt at Milan.
Milan, Jan. 13.—An earth shock was felt here this morning and caused considerable alarm. A number of people rushed from their houses and congregated in the Cathedral Square. There was no repetition of the quake, and calm was subsequently restored. No damage was done.

Florence Shaken.
Florence, Jan. 13.—Several earth shocks were recorded here this morning at intervals of two seconds. The people rushed out from their houses in considerable trepidation, fearing a repetition of the Messina and Calabria disasters. No damage was done, and as the trembling soon ceased, calm was restored, and the work of the day resumed.

Traction Co. To Absorb Street Ry.
May Lease the St. Thomas System

Manager Mower Says His Com-
pany Does Not Want To
Buy the Lines.

No negotiations have as yet been entered into between the Southwestern Traction Company and the city of St. Thomas, relative to the purchase of the company.

From what can be learned here the Southwestern will not purchase or make an offer to purchase the road. They may lease the system, however, for a term of years. It is probable that negotiations for leasing it will be entered into very shortly.

"We have not all the money we want for our own road," said Manager Mower to The Advertiser. "We want a number of things yet, before we consider the purchase of another road. The rumor grew out of a suggestion made yesterday in St. Thomas that the Southwestern Traction Company take over the city road. We have not made any offer to do so. As I said before, we need a lot of money for other things, such as a new station for London. However, we might consider a proposition for leasing the St. Thomas lines. This will depend altogether on the terms of the lease. If they are reasonable we may accept. A conference may be arranged shortly, when the whole matter will be gone over. We want to do a lot of work on our road before we buy any more roads."

Rural Mail Routes for London

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**WILLIAM WATCHER
PLEADED GUILTY**

To Charge of Bribery—Sentence
Deferred for the Present.

William Watcher, jun., who was arraigned at the assizes on the charge of bribery in the recent East Middlesex election, yesterday pleaded guilty.

Watcher was accused of giving Chalmers Plott \$5 for his vote. The offence occurred on Oct. 20 last. At the preliminary hearing a number of witnesses were called to tell of the prisoner's operations. Since his arrest Watcher has been out on \$2,000 bail.

When asked to plead Watcher at once responded, "Guilty."

A Surprise.
The plea came as quite a surprise to the large number of people who crowded the court room, apparently hoping for some sensational developments.

When he had acknowledged the plea Mr. McEvoy, the accused's lawyer, addressed his honor. Mr. McEvoy said that the man was respectable and of good family, and was not a politician in any way, and probably did this act in the "exuberance of over-enthusiasm." "It has been the custom," continued Mr. McEvoy, "to hear the evidence of reputable witnesses in such cases, as to the character of the accused."

Allowed Bail.
"I am willing to hear such evidence," responded his honor, "and withhold sentence, pending such hearing, but the accused must be on hand throughout the setting, as he may be sentenced at any time."

It was decided to renew the bail for two sureties of \$1,000 each.

**A GENERAL STAFF
FOR THE EMPIRE**

British War Office Is Likely To Issue Regulations.

London, Jan. 13.—Sir Frederick Borden will sail on Friday for Canada. It is understood that the discussions between Sir Frederick, Gen. Hood and Mr. Haldane will result almost immediately in written regulations for the constitution of a general staff of the empire for submission to the over-sea Governments.

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