

WITNESS COLLAPSES AS HE DESCRIBES TRAGEDY

ELECT GIBSON NEW PRESIDENT OF BAPTIST UNION

Adelaide Street Young People Win Pennant For Best Rally Song.

ASSIST MISSIONARY

The Adelaide Street and Maitland Street Baptist Young Peoples' Unions shared honors equally last night at the rally of the city B. Y. P. U., held in the Talbot Street Baptist Church. To Adelaide Street went the glory of winning the pennant for the best rally song, and from its ranks has been selected the new president of the City Union, Mr. James Gibson, Maitland street, carried off the pennant for the best attendance. Gibson, 29 present, with an enrollment of only 32, and its new president, Miss Phyllis Kennedy, who is also the retiring president of the City Union, was last night elected to the office of honorary president, an office created in the city executive only this year. The officers mentioned in the report of the nominating committee last night were elected unanimously. They are the following: Honorary president, Miss Phyllis Kennedy; president, James Gibson; vice-president, H. Monk; recording secretary, Mr. McIntyre; corresponding secretary, Miss G. Satch; treasurer, Roy Cook; junior superintendent, Miss H. Shaw; and missionary superintendent, Miss C. Leader. The executive will include, also, two representatives from each of the six unions represented in the rally.

In the contest for attendance, Kensington Park Union, which has been organized for but a short time, made a splendid showing, having 28 members present with an enrollment of 32. Egerton street had 23 present, Worley Road 22, Adelaide 112, Talbot Street 65, and Maitland Street 93.

The rally opened with a song service led by Mr. E. L. Brown, followed by the devotional period conducted by Mr. N. J. Melitzer. Miss Kennedy was in the chair.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report showed that the union has contributed during the year \$105 to the support of a medical missionary during the past year.

Announcements concerning the coming convention of the London and Lambton unions, to be held in Sarnia, were made by Miss Carson, secretary of this union, and included the statement that at least two London representatives would have important places in the program. T. H. Yull having been asked to lead the song services and Rev. A. Burgess, pastor of Egerton Street, having been invited to deliver one of the addresses at the evening session.

The presentation of the badges was made by Rev. Norman McLeod of Brantford, president of the inter-provincial union, who also presented the feature of the program. The Adelaide Street pennant was received by L. Bisset, and the Maitland Street pennant by Roy Cook. The singing of the rally song was done by Mrs. Stephens of Egerton Street.

Held Reception. Mr. McLeod's address was of an inspiring nature, having to do with all the branches of the union work. He urged also that attention be concentrated during the winter on the annual inter-provincial convention, which next spring will be held in Ottawa. Last year's convention was held in Brantford, and the one previous to that in the city.

Following the rally, Miss Kennedy executive held a reception, at which the guests were the local Baptist pastors and their wives, the members of the new executive, and the leaders of the junior unions.

During the evening, musical numbers were rendered by a group of boys from Maitland Street Baptist Church, and two members of the junior union, the Egerton Street, Madeline White and Winnie Sharratt, who sang very sweetly a duet.

VETERAN OF CRIMEA EXPIRES AT AGE OF 92

Henry Bright, Lifelong Liberal, Passes Away at Home in City.

Henry Bright, one of London's oldest citizens, died at his home, 186 Richmond street, yesterday, following a short illness. Mr. Bright has been a resident of the city for 50 years. A staunch Liberal, it was his boast that he was one of the oldest subscribers to The Advertiser in the city. He was born in England 92 years ago, and during his residency in London has been an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. Bright was an old soldier, being one of the few remaining veterans of both the Indian Mutiny and the Crimean War. He fought in both campaigns, receiving only slight wounds.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Edward Sullivan, Louise and Minnie Bright, all of this city.

The funeral will be held from 150 Richmond street Wednesday morning. Solemn requiem high mass will be sung at St. Martin's Church at 9 o'clock, and interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

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CROWDING TO THE MURDER TRIAL.

Here is a glimpse of the crowd which jammed the entrance to the court house at 9:30 this morning, when Sidney Murrell and Slim Williams again faced judge and jury on trial for their lives. The court room is so restricted in space that very few spectators are admitted, and constables are detailed to guard all entrances.

SAW SID MURRELL, REVOLVER IN HAND, SCUFFLING WITH CAMPBELL IN ALLEY

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up the stairway from the jail, dragging their chains. Mrs. Murrell and two of her children, including young Ernest, who is the image of Sidney, were in their seats before the trial declared open again. All of the Murrell family were calm. They did not flinch as the evidence piled up. At times the young brother looked almost admiringly at his big brother, who had taught him boxing before the law charged him.

This afternoon's crowd was even greater than that which assembled this morning. Hundreds were turned away by constables at the courthouse doors. When court adjourned at noon, Murrell helped his guards take leg-irons from him, so that he could make his way down the steep, narrow stairs to the cells. Both prisoners shrugged their shoulders when they stood up to leave the room. Mrs. Murrell and the children left the court before the prisoners had been escorted back to their cells.

Five Witnesses This Morning. This morning the crown began to probe the actual murder. Erna Wright, a young woman, was called, testifying to the entrance of the four men and her departure from the bank simultaneously. Roy E. McCandless, manager of the bank, told of the assault upon him by the bandits of the number of shots fired and of seeing Russell Campbell, the victim, lying face downward in the alley. He had seen Sidney Murrell rush out into that alley a short time later.

John Little, mail carrier, swore that he saw Murrell in the alleyway, carrying a revolver. Then he saw him rush out, while two other men grappled with him. Ruthven C. McIntyre attempted to grab Murrell as he rushed out of the alley, but missed. He saw Robert Campbell, Burley Robinson and Stuart Campbell grapple with Murrell.

Duncan McCrae, a young man, was standing guard at the bank and saw Murrell captured after dashing out of the alley. He saw a young man, a railroad man, was not cross-examined. He collapsed in the box before it came Mr. Donahue's turn to question him. He will likely be placed in the witness box again this afternoon.

When the witness went out to lunch, under police guard. They will be kept under surveillance until the case concludes.

Murrell Consults Donahue. When court adjourned at 12:30, Murrell beckoned to his counsel, J. M. Donahue. He smiled as Mr. Donahue approached, and asked for a talk before the trial went on again. The afternoon saw Murrell, who is following the case closely, grasped at some bit of evidence which he believed might be turned to his advantage.

Shortly after 12 o'clock Murrell discovered where his mother was, she was in the left and slightly behind him at one side of the courtroom. Murrell craned his neck to see her, and although he gazed at her for several minutes, Mrs. Murrell did not turn to look at her son. She was listening carefully to the evidence.

The prisoners, preceded by Governor Byron Dawson of the county, and two guards, took their seats in the prisoners' box sharp at 9:30 this morning.

Williams looked a little brighter than he did yesterday and glanced around the courtroom in an interested way. He looked as if he had slept well.

Murrell smiled at his counsel, J. M. Donahue, and also looked round the room. He didn't look quite so nervous as he did yesterday afternoon.

Erna Wright Called. The first witness called to the stand was Miss Erna Wright, an employee of the Home Bank in April, 1921.

She was questioned by T. J. Rigney, K. C., representing the crown. Question: Did anything unusual

come?

A—Yes. Then I was hit on the head again. The man who had hit me left me then.

Q—After you had recovered from blows what was your first move?

A—I glanced through the door to see if anyone was hiding. And I glanced out the side door and saw a man lying face down. I saw blood. He was facing the side door.

Mr. McCandless produced a bullet which he stated had been removed from the ceiling of his office. The slug was entered as Exhibit 8.

Q—There was a break in the window of my office door, the manager stated. "There was a hole in the wall, too, but I never found the bullet."

Q—The bullet you have produced is not the one that went through the door?

A—No.

Mr. McCandless then produced a second bullet which he stated someone had handed to him.

It was entered as an exhibit.

Mr. Donahue wanted to know where the bullet, taken from Parr's store, was. McCandless did not remember mentioning at the preliminary hearing that a bullet had been taken from the store, but admitted that if he had said so at the hearing it was right. He said it was quite possible the bullets had become mixed.

Q—During the time they dragged me in I heard a man, I think it was Sidney Murrell, say to watch the door.

A—Yes.

Q—Did you see them that day?

A—At the preliminary hearing.

Q—How many did you see?

A—Three.

Q—Did you recognize them?

A—No.

Q—They could have?

A—Yes.

Bank Manager Questioned. The next witness questioned was Roy E. McCandless, manager of the Home Bank, Melbourne, on the day of the robbery. Erna Wright was employees of the bank.

Q—Where were you that morning?

A—In the teller's cage.

Q—Witness identified plan of the bank produced by the crown.

Q—How much money was there in the bank?

A—About \$1,900.

Q—What happened?

A—Miss Wright was just leaving the office when four men came in, one asking to see the manager.

Q—Did you hear that?

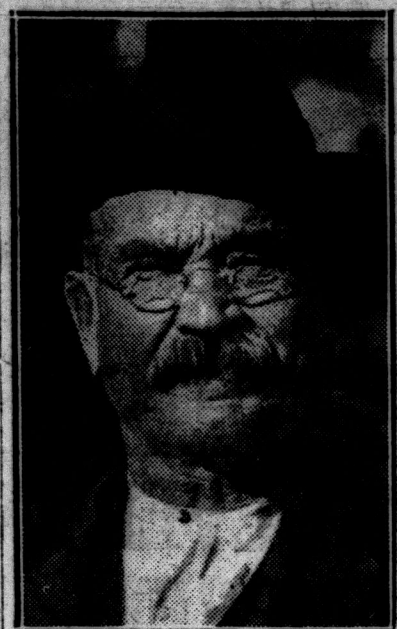
A—Yes. I left the cage and crossed over to my office. They (the men) walked across the public space to my office.

Q—Did you enter your office?

A—As I came in the door, one man came in the other, the first man, whom I haven't seen since, was in his hand in his pocket getting a gun. The man behind him pointed a gun at me over his shoulder. He is in the prisoner's box, and his name is Sidney Murrell.

Q—Who was next?

A—Just as he was Williams. Another man was far down the street, and closer to the sidewalk. I walked toward him.



DUNCAN MCCRAE, who was another witness called in the morning session of the Murrell-Campbell trial. He told of hearing shots fired.

Q—What caused you to pull back?

A—I saw Murrell with a gun in his hand and I ducked back.

Q—That's rather important," said Mr. Rigney.

Witness stated that there was nothing in Campbell's hand, Campbell was almost against Sidney Murrell. It was after that he heard the shot, Mr. Little stated.

Q—When was the shot fired?

A—Directly.

Q—Any more shots.

A—Yes, I couldn't say where they were fired, but I thought in the alleyway.

Q—How many shots were fired?

A—I couldn't say.

Q—Mr. Donahue—You were right close to the building?

A—Yes.

Q—Williams came out on the sidewalk?

A—Yes.

Q—And after that you heard shots?

A—Yes.

Q—At the time you looked up the alleyway, you saw a man, but you didn't know it was one of the men who had been in the hotel in the morning?

A—No.

Q—How many men did you see?

A—Two.

Q—Did you see the bag drop from Murrell?

A—Yes.

Q—Which way did Williams run?

A—Out of the alley, across the road, and west down the street.

Q—The guards relieved each other for short periods this morning. They took turns guarding the prisoners and the main door, changing posts during the morning.

Showed No Emotion. Sidney Murrell and Slim Williams showed no emotion at all this morning, although Murrell bit his lower lip almost constantly.

Williams kept glancing at the press representatives while the evidence was being given. Murrell kept waiting the witnesses.

and Dr. Freese who gave evidence at yesterday's session attended the witness.

McIntyre removed from courtroom. He was accompanied by Dr. Freese and two court constables.

An Aged Gentleman. Duncan McCrae was called to the stand. He was ordered to be seated until some of the jurymen who had been excused, returned.

Q—You live in Melbourne, or did in April, 1921?

A—Yes, and I live there yet.

Q—On the morning of robbery you were in Melbourne?

A—Yes. Miss Campbell told me about the holdup, so I walked right up to the bank and went in.

Q—You were alone?

A—Oh, yes, all alone. Well, I walked in and Williams was standing guard. I said, "Good day, sir," as if I didn't know anything was wrong. He said, "Good day," very pleasantly, and smiled.

Q—Where did you go when you came out of the bank?

A—I went a few rods west. Then a crowd and I went back.

He Heard Shots. Q—Hear anything unusual?

A—Yes. Two or three shots.

Q—Anything else?

A—I saw a man rush out of the alleyway. Men were clinging to his coat.

Q—Did you recognize him?

A—Not at the time.

Q—Where you seen him since?

A—No.

Q—Do you see him now?

A—Yes.

Q—Who is he?

A—Sidney Murrell.

Witness also identified Williams as the man who stood guard at the bank during the robbery.

Q—What then?

A—They tied the prisoners to posts.

Q—Where was Williams captured?

A—About two rods from the bank. Mr. Hecker (Union Bank manager) and I were standing there. I saw blood on his fingers. He said, "I give up boys."

Mr. Donahue in cross-examination asked if the crowd had been trying to aggravate the prisoners after they were tied to the posts.

Witness denied many talked, but he could not tell if they were aggravating the prisoners.

At the Churches

MARION KEITH CLUB. The Marion Keith Club of St. Andrew's Church held its regular missionary meeting last evening, following the regular service, of which Mrs. Emerson Nichols was the featured speaker.

Accompanied by Gordon McLeod, solo was given by Mr. Ernie Mills. Refreshments were served by the committee at the conclusion of the evening.

WINTER PROGRAM OPENED. At a splendid social meeting, held in the parish hall last night, the newly-organized A. Y. P. A. in connection with Cronyn Memorial Church commenced its winter program. At a short business meeting early in the evening, reports were received from the various committees, and the following delegates appointed in connection of the First Congregational Church. Addresses were given by several of the members of the following numbers: "Character," "Beauty of Character," "Unity of Character," and others. At a short business session arrangements were made for a Halloween social to be held Wednesday, October 31, and for an entertainment in about three weeks' time. Miss Annie Moule presided over the meeting.

ALL SAINTS' A. Y. P. A. Last night's meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of All Saints' Church included a brief business meeting and a musical and literary program, presided over by Tom Boyle, the president.

At the business meeting, on motion by Rev. A. A. Bice, seconded by Tom Boyle, it was decided the executive should commence arrangements for a new play.

The musical and literary program included songs by Lillian Ivory and E. Carpenter, an instrumental by E. Bice, violin selections by Jack Apple, and a short biography of Henry Ford by Tom Boyle.

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