

PROVINCE WILL EXTRADITE SIDNEY MURRELL

Beck's Indecision Leaves His Party "Up In the Air"

FINGER PRINTS PROVE IDENTITY OF MURRELL AS MELBOURNE BANDIT

Crown Attorney Will Bring "Slim" Williams From Kingston Penitentiary To Stand in Dock With Sidney Murrell and Face Charge of Murder.

NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRISONERS

Toronto, May 26.—It was announced at the provincial police commissioner's office this forenoon that steps would be at once taken to extradite Sidney Murrell, now held at Susanville, Lassen County, California. The department had no further information concerning his arrest than that announced by press despatches and do not know whether the California authorities will desire to prosecute him on the charge of burglary or will be agreeable to handing him over to the Canadian authorities.

Police Sure of Their Man.
The hand of fate that has followed so many criminals and proved their undoing with the absolute infallibility of its proof, has once more laid its clutching fingers on a fugitive of the law.

The official finger prints of Sidney Murrell wanted here on a charge of murder, the first degree, and arrested yesterday by the sheriff of Lassen County in California, have told their message to the experts in Ottawa, and the man who held here a bank, terrorized the county, and outlawed himself from his countrymen, must bow to the verdict of his own finger tips and face the charge laid at his door.

That the man taken by the sheriff of Lassen County, California, is the Sidney Murrell who is wanted here to answer a charge of murder, when the Melbourne bank was held up, is the opinion of the local police. Though the identification by a comparison of finger prints photos of the man arrested in the garden state of the Union was conducted by the Dominion authorities at Ottawa, the London officers who knew the Murrells are sure that the identification has been correct.

The extradition of Sidney Murrell, who he fled to or whether he volunteers to return, will be taken charge of by the provincial authorities, though it is possible that the local officers, who are more familiar with the case, will be asked to lead their aid.

Williams in Dock, Too.
When Sidney Murrell stands trial for his life in the county assize court, Henry Jack (Slim) Williams will stand in beside him facing the same charge of murder.

"The crown will not differentiate between Williams and Sidney Murrell," said J. C. Elliott, the crown attorney. "Nor will the trial be held up pending the capture of 'Pat.' Everyone who was at that hold-up and was armed is equally guilty. The Williams will be brought from Kingston and charged with exactly the same offence as Murrell."

When Peg-Leg Wilson was brought back from the coast some years ago, it was Detective Nickle who went out and took charge of the gunman on the trip home. It is not known whether one of the London men will go out to bring in the Murrell boy, but it is quite probable, in view of the very intimate knowledge both of the prisoner and the case possessed by the detective department of the city.

The sheriff of Lassen county would seem to be the logical receiver of the reward offered for the capture of or information leading to the capture of any of the Murrell gang. The county of Middlesex at the time offered \$2,000 for one year, and at the expiration of the period the offer was withdrawn. The province offered \$2,000, as far as can be learned this reward is still in force and can be claimed by the person entitled to it.

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THE FINGER-PRINTS THAT CONDEMNED MURRELL.
Here The Advertiser shows the official prints of the finger tips of Sidney Murrell, wanted here to answer a charge of murder and arrested yesterday by the sheriff of Lassen County, California. The top photographs show the thumb prints of the left and right hands. The bottom photographs show the remaining finger prints of the left and right hands. The prints are of the four fingers taken simultaneously.

PRAIRIE FARMERS WANT GRAIN POOL TO HANDLE WHEAT

Canadian Council of Agriculture Plan Gigantic Scheme To Sell 1923 Crop.

WHEAT BOARD FAILS

Special to The Advertiser.
Regina, Sask., May 26.—In the belief that there will be no wheat board formed by Saskatchewan and Alberta, and that the marketing legislation of the statute books of these provinces will never become operative, the Canadian Council of Agriculture is making preliminary plans now for the organization of a grain pool to handle the 1923 crop of the prairie provinces. It was learned on good authority here today. Preparations are already being made for a meeting of the western section of the council, to take place in June, and officials of the organization are determined to have a pool established by the time of the harvest.

The scheme will be voluntary and co-operative, spreading over Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and will be handled by the grain experts of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company and the United Grain Growers, both of which organizations are represented on the council. Two years ago the council made an exhaustive study of the possibilities of such a pool, but was forced to abandon the idea because of the financial guarantee from a compulsory wheat board, and the consequent likelihood of lack of co-operation.

Permanent Institution.
But failure on the part of Premiers Dunning and Greenfield to secure a financial guarantee from the farmers has made the wheat board a forlorn hope. The great bulk of the officials of the council believe that with the changing viewpoint of the wheat pool could be established in the west this year, and could be intended to wait a few days longer for an announcement of success or failure from either of the governments, and then proceed with their own arrangements.

If the pool is formed it will be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted in the country, and will not call for any legislation or for any special financial guarantee from any government. No one so far has been successful in securing a statement from Premier Dunning as to the possibilities of the establishment of a wheat board, and local grain officials and members of the council are frankly impatient at his secrecy.

Stewart Refuses.
It is known here that James Stewart of Winnipeg seriously considered the acceptance of the chairmanship of the board. Had he done so F. W. Riddell would undoubtedly have taken the vice-chairmanship. When Mr. Dunning and Mr. Greenfield were in Winnipeg some three weeks ago they used all their persuasive powers to have Mr. Stewart accept the task. Mr. Stewart did not take the chairmanship, and the head office of the Co-operative Elevator Company and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers that Mr. Stewart might take the chairmanship, at least, that he was wavering, and J. A. Maharg, president of the S. G. G. A., went to Winnipeg to attempt to help him to make up his mind in favor of acceptance. Mr. Stewart did make up his mind, but it was against the board, and Mr. Maharg's trip was in vain.

Individual Labor Party Will Send 3 Delegates
Number One Branch of the Individual Labor Party of London held a meeting last night in the Labor Temple, at which the delegates to the nomination convention were elected.

The delegates who will attend the convention are William Sherman, Jack Ashton and Walter F. Biggs. The nomination convention of the London Labor Party will be held in the Labor Temple on Thursday night, June 1.

BALDWIN'S CHOICE FOR CHANCELLOR IS BIG TRIUMPH

Inclusion of McKenna in New Cabinet Hailed as Brilliant Coup.

RECALLS PAST FEUD

New Chancellor and Lloyd George Harbored Bitter Personal Spites.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

London, May 26.—McKenna's provisional acceptance of the chancellorship is a triumphant coup for Premier Baldwin. All parties acknowledge his commanding financial abilities, and he is generally respected for his character, but between Lloyd George and McKenna there is a long-standing personal feud which existed when both were in Asquith's ministry. At the coronation election of 1919, Lloyd George's forces made a special violent attack on McKenna, and they deprived him of his seat for North Monmouthshire.

At the time of the last general election, Bonar Law offered McKenna the chancellorship, which he refused, but he volunteered to support the Bonar Law administration in a public speech. In this speech he scathingly referred to the coalition government as having lowered Britain's political and commercial prestige throughout the world.

Lloyd George replied with characteristic pugnacity, saying McKenna was a stage actor, and a bad one at that. "One moment he gets up as a stern, unbending radical, who will not deviate by a hair's breadth, and the next moment he abandons his principles and adopts absolutely new ones, but has the same conviction that he is right and no one else."

By joining the Conservative Government McKenna has placed himself in a position to approve coalition. McKenna exposes himself to shafts of irony, and Lloyd George can be trusted to take advantage of his opportunities.

There has been a curious episode concerning Churchill. A London paper declared editorially that Winston was seeking re-admission to the Conservative party. The following day Churchill's private secretary said there was no announcement to be made on the subject. Two days later Churchill authorized a denial that he was returning to Toryism. The inference is that he has been taking soundings. Lord Robert Cecil's inclusion in the new ministry may prove the most important of all changes. He has always been one of the strong points of municipal ownership, and it is certain that if the government proves a die hard he will soon quit.

PLANS ARE APPROVED FOR NEW CLASSROOMS

Department of Education Sanctions the Construction of Technical Additions.

Official approval of the plans for the six new classrooms which are to be added to the Technical School has been promised by the department of education at Toronto, and tenders for their construction will be called for next week.

H. B. Beal, principal, and Edwin Smith, chairman of the vocational advisory committee of the board of education, interviewed the minister of education yesterday, and secured his approval. He promised the co-operation of the government when completed plans were received from the board in London.

The approval of the department means that the government will bear one-half of the cost of constructing and maintaining the new wing. The city will issue debentures for \$70,000, which will be the total cost of the work, and the government will take care of one-half the sinking fund and interest.

Officials of the department complimented the deputation on the tentative plans. They praised highly an attempt made to economize on floor space.

Will Be Buried Monday.
The funeral of Elizabeth Taggart, aged 73 years, who died yesterday, will be held Monday morning at 10:30 from the undertaking parlors of John Ferguson's Sons, 174 King street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. J. Richardson, of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, will conduct the services.

The Political Line-Up

All the nominations to date and a survey of the progress made will be found on Page Nineteen.

JUDD'S HAT IN THE RING WHEN BECK BACKS DOWN, BUT DENNIS ASKS TIME

Chairman of Civic Finance Committee Defers to Sir Adam, But Will Go to the Mat With E. R. Dennis—Labor Men Deplore Thought of Hydro in Politics.

IS BECK WAITING FOR DRURY'S VIEW?

Sir Adam Beck's chances of election are about nil, according to Mayor Wenige, who questioned this morning if he would be one of Sir Adam's opponents, as he has been reported, replied that "he had not decided upon that as yet." This is the mayor's first definite public intimation that he might consider entry into the arena.

"Sir Adam won't be elected in any event," Mayor Wenige advised. "Who is going to be the successful nominee?" asked The Advertiser. "That's all right. He won't be elected in London," replied the mayor. "I notice that he hasn't accepted the nomination yet anyhow. He probably wants a few days to think over my request for the Port Stanley pay list."

Mayor Wenige added that he had always been a consistent opponent of municipal ownership—with horses, and he questioned the political activity of any public servants—particularly those identified with hydro enterprises, more especially at this moment when those enterprises are under criticism.

Deplore Hydro in Politics.
Representative members of the London Labor Party also deplored the fact that Sir Adam's candidacy will project hydro into politics. Ald. Frank McKay, one of Ward Three's Labor representatives in the city council, was quite outspoken in this regard.

"As far as the actual outcome of the election I am quite well pleased with Sir Adam's candidature," Ald. McKay said. "Dr. Stevenson is our representative at this moment, and I think that he is a better candidate than Sir Adam. I am confident that he or the selection of our convention, will be returned. In fact I believe that our success will be assured with Sir Adam in the field than one of the so-called lesser lights."

"The one thing that I do regret, however, and that is that Sir Adam's entrance will mean that hydro will be hopelessly involved in politics."

"I do not consider this wise. Hydro, or in fact any municipal ownership project, should not be projected into politics, especially now, when the name of hydro is being used to attract votes. I have no objection to the selection of Sir Adam, but I believe that it was to be kept free from political endeavor."

Blues in the Air.
Sir Adam's nomination last night is received with mixed feelings in the different political camps. The Conservatives, however, are the opinion, frankly broadcasted from scores of Fergusonites, and even E. R. Dennis, "honorable mention" group, professes to believe that Sir Adam "doesn't know what to do or say."

The Liberals retain even composure, feeling that their day is at hand. But from J. M. Donahue, anti-O. T. A. champion, comes the opinion that Sir Adam is still stalling along for a few days to note what effect, if any, his contemplated candidature may have upon Premier Drury and his associates.

There exists and has existed since the dissolution of the legislature, a rivalry between the three parties that the various candidates should not dwell too long or too loudly upon the merits of their own platform, but their appeals on the hustings. This was argued as the most sensible arrangement in the view of the government. Mr. Donahue senses that Premier Drury has in his possession a wealth of information that may be "damaging to hydro"—evidence gathered by the Gregory commissioners, and

Judd in the Ring.
The conservative situation became further complicated when at noon today Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, assured The Advertiser that should Sir Adam Beck finally withdraw from the local arena, Judd will allow his name to go to the convention in opposition to E. R. Dennis.

"I don't know what will be the outcome of last night's gathering," Ald. Judd stated. "No one does, but if Sir Adam leaves the field I will certainly allow my name to go to the convention."

"However, I will do nothing until he leaves the field. He is entitled to it, and in his evidence would show we should all get behind him."

Ald. Judd was one of the nominees at last night's convention, withdrawing in favor of Sir Adam.

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CHARTER LOCAL FIRM AT \$200,000 CAPITAL

Fireproof Warehouses of This City Included in Names of Incorporated Concerns.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 26.—The Ontario Gazette today contains the names of two dozen Ontario companies which have obtained provincial charters of incorporation. Amongst them are Fireproof Warehouses, London, authorized capital, \$200,000; C. L. Rymal & Sons, Limited, Hamilton, authorized capital \$100,000; Victoria Creamery, Limited, Lindsay, Ont., authorized capital \$100,000; Zubor Hotel Company, Kitchener, authorized capital \$200,000; Hamilton Commercial Salesmen's Association, Hamilton.

FRENCH EXECUTE GERMAN FOR RAILROAD SABOTAGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Dusseldorf, May 26.—Albert Schlager was executed by French troops today for sabotage on railroads in the occupied region and other offenses. He was shot in a stone quarry near a cemetery, and his body was delivered forthwith to the cemetery authorities. This is the first execution in the occupied zone.

One More Chance

If you failed to get your name on the voters' list which closed last night, you have one more chance.

Ward One has until Monday night to appeal, Ward Two, Tuesday night; Ward Three, Wednesday night; and Ward Four, Thursday night.

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POCOCK'S STATEMENT REPUDIATED BY NEAR

City Engineer Takes Exception to Remarks Relating to Cost of Supplies.

City Engineer W. P. Near takes exception to remarks credited yesterday to Philip Pockock, member of the public utilities commission, respecting the purchase of cement, oil, and other supplies.

The engineer doesn't know, of course, whether Commissioner Pockock has been quoted correctly, but if such is the case, he believes that commissions credited to him should "not be made without detail."

He says they have been able to purchase these supplies at a figure greatly reduced from the city department," explained the engineer. "Now that may have been the case in this department in past years, but it is not now."

"It is no question of mismanagement, as has been inferred by Commissioner Pockock, but just a matter of business. If we were purchasing only a few barrels of oil we would not be able to secure as good a price as the public utilities commission if it was purchasing several hundred barrels, and vice versa. That only stands to reason."

"This year I have been co-operating as far as possible with the general manager of the commission. Whenever we have secured a small purchase, and the commission contemplates a much larger purchase of the same commodity, we do our buying through them. And the same is done the other way. There is nothing inefficient about this."

NORMAN F. NEWTON.
popular Lucan lawyer, who was chosen to carry the Liberal banner at the North Middlesex Liberal convention held in Alisa Craig this week, Mr. Newton, who went overseas with the 18th Battalion, has an enviable war record.



MISS VERDA VINCENT.
Winner of a prize for first year biology at the University of Western Ontario.

FIERY CROSS BURNED IN BUFFALO FIELD

Police Deny the Conflagration Was Work of Ku Klux Klan Agents.

Special to The Advertiser.
Buffalo, N. Y., May 26.—A fiery cross was burned in the heart of Buffalo late last night. According to the police reports, a couple of men in an automobile erected a huge cross in a vacant lot at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, set fire to it, and made a hasty getaway. A crowd assembled, which may have given rise to conflicting reports that a large meeting was in progress shortly after the blaze started. The police, however, denied that a meeting had been held, but admitted the finding of Ku Klux Klan literature scattered about the ground.

TORONTO MAN GUILTY OF BIG BOND THEFT

McLeod Claimed Documents Were Picked Up in a Garbage Heap.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 26.—Findlay McLeod, sen., was today found guilty by the jury of receiving stolen goods, namely Victory bonds stolen from the mails to the value of \$100,000. He had been charged with the theft of the bonds, but in his evidence yesterday he claimed he did not actually steal them, but picked them up in a garbage heap after he had seen some unknown man place them there. His wife and son, Finlay McLeod, jun., also charged with theft, were operated by the jury. Findlay McLeod, sen., will be sentenced on Tuesday, and Judge Coatsworth pointed out that if restitution were made in the meantime it would ameliorate the sentence. All but \$7,000 of the bonds have been recovered.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Light winds; fair and warm. Sunday—Easterly winds, becoming unsettled.
Pressure continues relatively high over the Great Lakes, while there are important depressions over the St. Lawrence Valley and Alberta. Good showers have occurred over the larger part of Alberta, and more locally in Quebec. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night, were: Highest, 80; lowest, 48.
The actual temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 58.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m.—29.27.
Today—8 a.m.—29.29.