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ARSON CASE CONTINUED

Magistrate Refused to Discharge Thornton

Mr. Carvell Claimed No Case Had Been Made—Defense Will Call Witnesses

HARTLAND, N. B., Sept. 4.—The examination into the charge of arson against W. P. Thornton was resumed today and quite a number of witnesses examined. S. H. Shaw testified that he had acted as Mrs. Tracy's agent in sending the store to Thornton, and the correspondence between Thornton and Mrs. Tracy and the lease of the store were put in evidence showing that the store was to be used as a drug store and that Thornton was to vacate on August 1st.

Dr. MacIntosh testified that no member of the Thornton firm was registered under the N. B. Pharmacy act and that no druggist's diploma hung in the shop.

M. B. Cox swore that Thornton had been a prospector under the Canadian Temperance act on his (Cox's) evidence, and that the witness was living in the Tracy building and had lost all his effects without insurance, having been at Brown's flats at the time of the fire.

John F. Murdoch and E. C. Morgan said that they were working on the hose at the fire and turned the water into the drug store, but that they saw nothing of the show case on the lower or south counter, the former testifying that he could see nearly the whole length of the counter, but could see no cases.

G. W. Green swore that he saw several of the Thorntons in the drug store on the Sunday afternoon and evening before the fire. On cross-examination he admitted that he had been at Sheriff Foster's house on the night of the alleged fire.

F. H. Stevens reported a conversation with Thornton a few weeks before the fire, in which Thornton said that he intended going to Grand Falls to look over a business.

Mrs. M. A. Beaman and Mrs. Jane Day testified to seeing Thornton on the night of the fire wearing a collar and tie.

At the close of the case of the prosecution Mr. Carvell moved that the case be dismissed, and argued at considerable length in support of his motion. Mr. L. Hayward replied on behalf of the prosecution, and the justice decided to dismiss the information. Mr. Carvell then announced that he would produce witnesses for the defense, and the case was adjourned till Friday forenoon, when the defense will either upon their side of the case.

ABUSE MADE BOY A MURDERER

Parental Cruelty and Neglect His Ruin

Defendant in Bath, Maine, Murder Case Tells Shocking Story of Hardship

BATH, Me., Sept. 4.—The defense completed its case tonight in the trial of Sidney K. Frobie on the charge of the murder of Doris W. Heath, and it is expected the case will go to the jury by tomorrow night, the state still having some rebuttal to put in.

The feature of the trial today was the appearance of the young respondent on the stand, and his testimony took up a greater part of the forenoon. He told the story of his life, defining the story of abuse to which he said he had been subjected by his parents from his first remembrance and of going without suitable clothing in winter.

Young Frobie showed no confusion and answered in a prompt and bright way when under the cross-examination of Attorney General Hamlin. In answering his counsel the respondent stated he did not know the difference between right and wrong, but to the attorney general he stated that he did know the difference.

During the first of the afternoon several neighbors of the Frobie family related instances of the boy's being abused and of his going without underclothing.

The defense closed its evidence with the statements of officials connected with the hospital and institutions making a special study of boys. Bigelow T. Sanborn, superintendent of the insane hospital at Augusta, stated that he did not consider the Frobie boy insane, but a slightly feeble-minded individual.

Dr. Hiram M. Hallowell, superintendent of the Eastern Maine Hospital at Bangor, who had examined the respondent on three occasions and Edwin T. Wentworth, superintendent of the state school for boys at South Portland, were also of the opinion that the boy was somewhat deficient in mental powers.

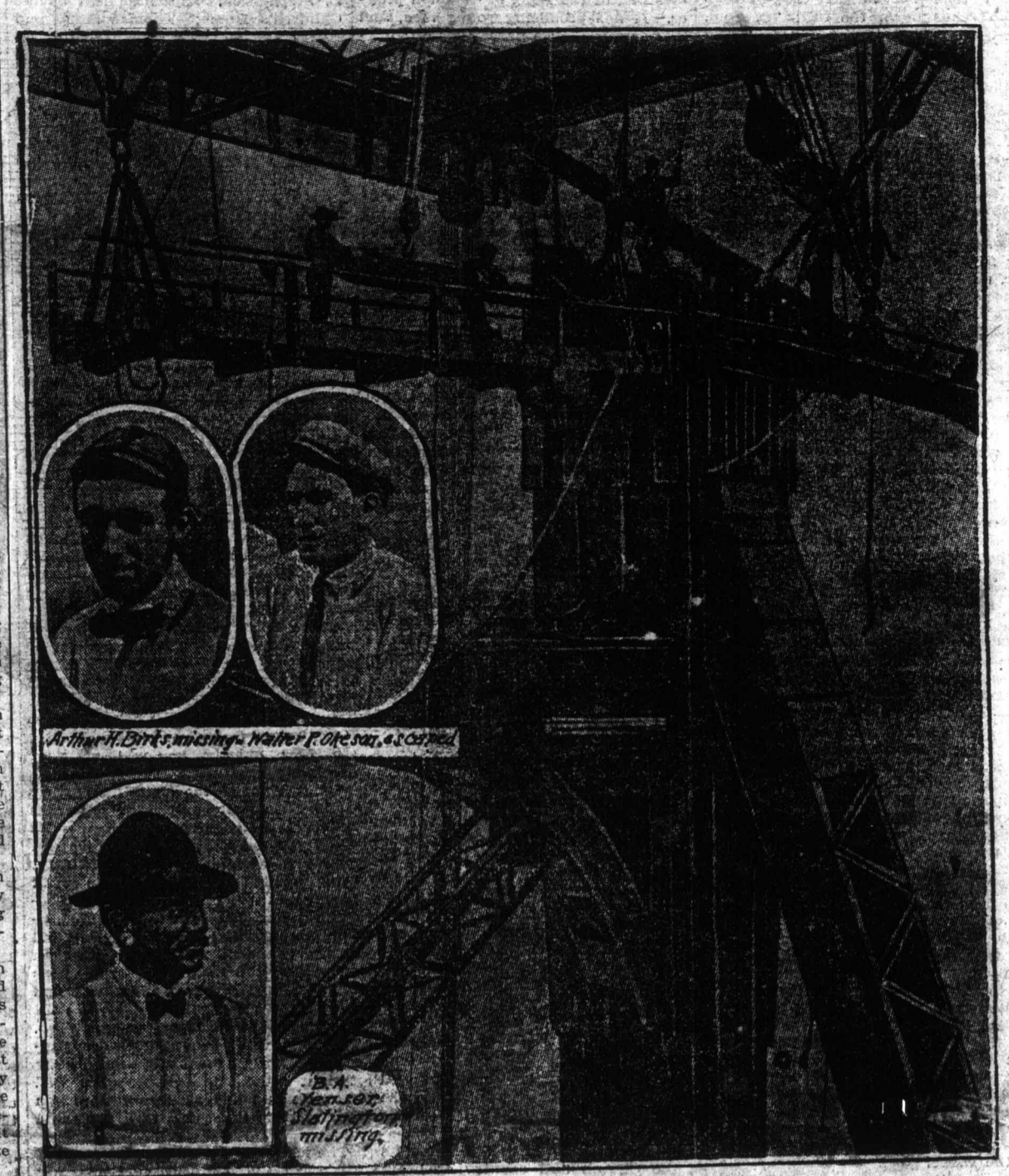
CAPT. D. S. McINNES TO SUCCEED COL IRVING

New Chief of Maritime Staff Appointed With Temporary Rank of Major.

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—The following occurred in militia orders: Maritime provinces command—To be chief staff officer, with the temporary rank of major: Capt. D. S. MacInnes, D. S. O., Royal Engineers, from deputy assistant quartermaster general, vice Lieut. Col. and brevet Col. J. D. Irving, who is retired, retaining the rank of colonel.

Maritime Provinces, 17th infantry brigade—To be brigade major: Lieut. Col. William Leitch from the 93rd Cumberland regiment. To be chief of staff, 62nd regiment St. John Fusiliers—To be provisional lieutenant: Harry Brown Clarke, vice J. A. Clarke, retired.

QUEBEC BRIDGE INQUEST SHOWS WEAKNESS IN THE STEEL WORK



BUILDING QUEBEC BRIDGE; THREE OF THE WORKMEN

QUEBEC, Sept. 4.—Coroner Jolicoeur continued the inquest this morning at 10.30 o'clock on the bodies of the unfortunate victims of the Quebec bridge disaster. Only eleven men answered the roll call, Juror Villeneuve being absent through illness, but as the law only exacts six jurors the inquest was proceeded with.

Ed Hoare, chief engineer for the Quebec Bridge Co., was the first witness. Asked to whether he considered the deflection in chord No. 9 was what led to the disaster, he replied that he was not in a position to say at present. He took some time to investigate, there being many points to consider. He was perfectly satisfied that all the precautions within the power of everybody concerned were taken by the construction. In a reply to a question from the foreman of the jury as to how long the chord No. 9 had been in position, witness said that the steel had not been placed this year.

MOORS AND FRENCH IN DESPERATE FIGHT

25 French Casualties—Moors, Battling Against Machine Guns, Cut to Pieces.

CASABLANCA, Sept. 4.—Eight Frenchmen were killed and seventeen wounded in an engagement yesterday outside the camp.

The dead include Major Prevost of the first battalion of the Foreign Legion, and Lieut. Bentzas, of the second battalion of Algerian Sharpshooters. The Moors concentrated the largest force they had yet mustered in this vicinity and retreated to the attack again and again after encountering the deadly fire of the French artillery and machine guns. The enemy's losses are described as enormous. The fighting was started by an attack made by the Moors on a French scouting party, opened at 5 a. m., and lasted 7 hours. Major Prevost conducted a scouting expedition, which was the actual cause of the battle, the object being to locate the enemy, and prepare the way for an extensive offensive movement later. The major advanced about eight miles in a southerly direction, meeting only with scattered bands of Moors, which were easily dispersed. He then gave the order to return, and it was when nearing the camp that his forces were assailed by hordes of Moors. Prevost formed his men in hollow squares with the irregular Algerian cavalry in front. General Prude quickly reformed the regulars into a desperate conflict, from which the Moors retreated. The Moors were then driven back and a deadly fire which it was impossible to withstand.

AMHERST BRUTE BEATS WIFE, PERHAPS FATALLY

Mrs. M. J. Lowe Taken to Hospital in Critical Condition—Husband Arrested

AMHERST, Sept. 4.—Morton J. Lowe of Amherst was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with beating his wife in a very brutal manner.

The case is a shocking one. Mrs. Lowe being now a patient at the Highland View Hospital as a result of the injuries she received and is in a very critical condition. It seems that Lowe, who formerly conducted a livery stable in the town, but who lost his business through drink, came home drunk Tuesday night and demanded money from his wife. On being refused he either struck or kicked her in the abdomen. Mrs. Lowe spent the next day in bed, but yesterday afternoon was obliged to summon assistance, as she had several fainting spells. The physician who was called found her in such a serious condition that he ordered her to the hospital at once, where her condition is regarded as most serious.

ONTARIO FARMERS FINED FOR WATERING MILK

ST. THOMAS, Ont. 4.—George Duval and W. L. Walker, farmers living near this city, were fined for putting water in milk taken for cheese factories. The former was fined \$30 and the latter \$100.

TWO WOMEN ASPHYXIATED

Country Visitors Blew the Gas

Mother and Daughter, Visiting Toronto Exhibition Met Tragic End

TORONTO, Sept. 4.—Two exhibit visitors, Mrs. John Shannon and daughter, Mrs. Alex. McEwing, their lives through suffocation by gas in their room last night at the goods Hotel.

INTERESTING NUPTIAL EVENT AT AMHERST

T. Barlow Morris, Prominent Business Man, Married to Miss Mabel Black—Coming to New Brunswick

AMHERST, Sept. 4.—One of the most interesting weddings that has taken place in Amherst for some time was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 3.30 at the residence of Rupert Block, Esq., 108 Victoria street, when his daughter, Mabel, was married to T. Barlow Morris, manager of the Blacking and Mercantile Co. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilfrid Gault, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Chapman, in the presence of about 80 guests. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Black, while Percy Black, manager of the Wallace Preston Co., was best man. The bride's gown was of embroidered Brussels net over navy tulle, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Her going away gown was of green broadcloth with hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris left on the Atlantic express for a wedding trip through New Brunswick.

Among the guests present from outside points were Dr. F. W. Wright of New Glasgow, M. E. Huestis of Halifax and C. W. Morris, Wallace.

The bride received a large array of costly presents.

AMARCHISTS WRECK PRUSSIAN EXPRESS

Thought Members of Russian Imperial Family Were on Board—No Fatalities.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The Prussian railway administration has offered a reward for the description of persons who wrecked the St. Petersburg-Berlin express between Strassburg and Rohlfede, near Berlin shortly before midnight, resulting in eleven persons injured. Presumably it was the work of an anarchist or Russian revolutionist, who hoped to kill a member of the Russian Imperial family, who is said to have been on board the train. Several cars were derailed and several telescoped, and they afterwards caught fire. An examination of the scene of the wreck at daylight showed that the bolts had been removed from the fish plates of a fifty foot rail, resulting in the latter becoming deranged after the locomotive had passed over it. The persons injured were mostly inhabitants of Berlin, postal clerks, commercial travellers and two army officers.

It does not appear that any Russian of high rank was a passenger on the train, but the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolavitch, with a staff of six officers, is expected to arrive here tomorrow on his way to the German army maneuvers, when he will be the guest of Emperor William. The officials of the Prussian railways are unusually alert at present owing to the frequent accidents which have recently occurred.

MONCTON COUNCIL SETS EXAMPLE TO ST. JOHN

City Engineer Given Free Hand—Civic Address to be Tendered General Booth

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 4.—A by-law adopted by the city council tonight goes into effect tomorrow which gives the city engineer complete control of civic work, including the hiring and discharging of laborers and the overseeing and direction of all work on city streets, roadways and public places. This had formerly been under the supervision of the board of works of the city council.

General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, who visits Moncton September 28th, will be tendered a civic reception. He will be met by Mayor White and the aldermen, presented with a civic address of welcome, and escorted to the Opera House, where he is to speak.

The increasing number of automobiles in the city led the police committee to the idea of limiting the enforcement of the speed limit law. At a meeting this afternoon a resolution was passed by which the chief of police will be instructed to see that this law, as well as the by-law which declares that horses left on the streets must be fastened, is enforced.

CASTORIA

Beware of the Kidney Pills Always Bought of Astor's

WIFE OF MURDERED RICH MAN ARRESTED

Supposed at First that Burglar Killed Him, But Police Have Another Idea

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Developments in the investigation into the death of John J. Phillips, coal operator, broker, banker and clubman, who was shot and mortally wounded, supposedly by a burglar early Monday morning, came thick and fast today and took a sensational turn late this afternoon, when Mrs. Phillips was taken into custody by Chief of Police Stemberger of the aristocratic suburb, East Cleveland.

Mrs. Phillips has been in a highly nervous state since the tragedy.

The police are reticent in the case and whether they really believe Mrs. Phillips culpable in the murder or merely think that she can give facts concerning the tragedy which would solve the mystery surrounding it, does not appear.

Dr. C. L. Richardson testified he had been summoned at 4 a. m. more than three hours after Phillips was shot.

While the funeral arrangements were in progress in the Phillips home today, the police ransacked the house in search for the revolver or other evidence in connection with the case, but so far as known, no revolver was found.

BATHER DROWNED

GALT, Ont. Sept. 4.—While bathing today, Charles Wiley was seized with an epileptic fit and was drowned. The water where the accident occurred was only six inches deep.

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MARRIAGES.

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MARRIAGES.—At the Methodist Church, Springfield, on August 2, by Rev. Henry Penna, Edward Marvyn of Springfield to Emma Josephine Marvin of Middland, Kings Co.

MARRIAGES.—On Aug. 26th, at the home of the bride, by the Rev. Thomas Hicks, Fred M. Betts of Allston to Edna E. Fullerton of Brookfield, N. B.

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