

## Canadian Officer Held as Suspect In Murder Case

Lieut. Coderie of Sherbrooke, Que., Held as Suspect in the Foul Murder of Sergt. Ozanne of the Ninth Mounted Rifles—The Case a Baffling One

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Coderie, of Sherbrooke, Que., the wife of Lieut. Coderie, who is under arrest in connection with the murder of Sergt. Ozanne of the Ninth Mounted Rifles, arrived in London today and heard for the first time of her husband's arrest. The news was severe shock to the young wife of the officer, who had planned to meet her on her arrival in England. She left at once for Whitehall to see her husband.

The firm of Hon. Charles Russell, legal advisers for the Quebec government in London, have been instructed by Mr. Pelletier, agent-general of the province of Quebec, to undertake the defence of Lieut. Coderie to Whitehall to see the lieutenant and make an investigation of the case.

The killing of sergeant Ozanne was done in a most brutal manner, the body being slashed in such a way as to indicate that the slayer was in a mad state of frenzy. The deed must have been committed by a powerful man, and doubt is expressed if a man of Lieut. Coderie's stature could unaided have mastered the sergeant in a struggle. The lieutenant is a short, wiry man, but not of great strength. He told the police after his arrest that they had rested suspicion on the wrong man, but he did not volunteer any information which would aid the police in solving the mystery.

### Strange Feature of the Case.

An astonishing feature of the case is the fact that Lieut.-Col. Archambault and Major Hughes of the 41st battalion arrived at the officers mess Wednesday night, after the murder was committed, and slept all night in the house without being aware that anything was wrong. It appears that after the crime was discovered, in a stable close to the house occupied by the officers, one of the orderlies started out to find Col. Archambault and report the tragedy, but passed him in the darkness. The orderly did not return until next morning, and not until then was the commanding officer of the 41st notified of the murder. After a hurried investigation they took Lieut. Coderie into custody, pending the inquest, and also took with them two orderlies of the 41st Duchesne and Keller, who are detained as witnesses.

Ozanne was divisional canteen sergeant, and it is said at the camp that he was in possession of a considerable sum of Canadian money, which he gave to Lieut. Coderie to be exchanged into sterling, while the latter was in London on Tuesday, the day before the crime, and it was evidently for the purpose of settling the transaction that the sergeant came to the officers' house at Grayshot village on Wednesday afternoon.

**No Sign of Guilt.**  
Wednesday evening Lieut. Coderie messaged as usual with his brother officers, and he betrayed no sign of agitation. His demeanour was not that of a man who had been involved in a struggle, his brother officers say.

Lieut. Coderie's father resides in Sherbrooke. Lieut. Coderie came to England with the first Canadian contingent, but was returned to Canada with the surplus officers. Then he returned with the 41st.

The 41st battalion are now in camp at Aldershot, twenty miles from the scene of the tragedy. The funeral of Sergt. Ozanne took place today at Guildford, Surrey, with military honors, the firing party being supplied by the Ninth Mounted

## LATEST WAR MESSAGES

### CAN'T LAST FOR EVER

SOPIA, Dec. 21.—The "ECHO de Bulgaria" announces that Bulgar troops have halted on the Greek frontier for the present in order to avoid embarrassing the Greek Government. While the Allies' troops are gradually massing around Salonika, it declares that it may become necessary for the German and Bulgar armies to invade Greece in pursuit.

The paper says that King Constantine recognizes that the Central Powers may be forced by military expediency to attempt to expel the Allies and cautions the Allies that they cannot expect the Bulgars respect for Greek neutrality will last for ever.

### CHANGES ON RUSSIAN ARMY STAFF

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Petrograd news agency despatch says that an Imperial Ukaz releases General Rusky from command of the Russian armies on the northern front, but continues him as member of the Council of the Empire and of the Supreme Military Council.

### TO CLOSE WHOLE FRONTIER

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—The newspaper Maasbode, says it learns from Oldenzaal, Holland, that owing to the increasing numbers of war prisoners escaping over the German-Dutch frontier, the German Government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

Rifles, non-coms. and men of the Ninth.

## THE NICKEL THEATRE.

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LONDON, Dec. 21.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs said he was aware of the anxiety that had been caused by the continued large export of food to the Continent. This anxiety is shared by the Government, he said, and every effort is being made and will continue to be made to restrain the export within the limit which can be reasonably thought to represent legitimate neutral demands.

### GERMAN LOSSES

LONDON, Dec. 21.—According to the Nieuw Rotterdam Courant's correspondent, the Prussian lists of losses Nos. 390 to 399, contain 42,825 names, making a total of 2,287,083 says the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram.

He continues, there are besides, 234 Saxonian, 315 Wartenbergian and 240 Bavarian lists, 50 from the navy and some lists of German officers and non-commissioned officers in the Turkish army.

### THE QUESTION OF EXPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Order in Council issued to-night indicates a further tightening of restrictions regarding exports. No further exports of pig iron, scrap iron, steel scrap or hematite will be permitted and rigid restrictions are laid down for the exportation of vegetable fibres and yarns made from them.

### SERBIAN REFUGEES REACHING ROME

ROME, Dec. 21.—Large numbers of Serbian refugees of all classes, including former Cabinet Member, Deputies, writers and artists are arriving here from the ports of Bari, Brindisi, Messina and Catania. King Peter is expected to arrive here during the night.

### FORD ON THE JOB

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford has received information that he would be prohibited from holding meetings at Copenhagen. It was learned to-day, he will go there, however, to select delegates to accompany his peace party to the Hague.

### HAD IT ROUGH.

The barqin Alembic, Capt. Coward, was in New York two months and was fitted with new Bollinger engines imported specially from Sweden. They are of the latest and most improved type and the vessel can now easily do 7 knots against 5 with the old German engines. She has on board a general cargo, including a lot of kerosene and other oil. She had some bad weather on the run with a hurricane of N.W. wind, during which she was 20 hours hoisted. Sunday night it was also very stormy and she had to lay to for 6 hours.

### WEDDING RING FASCINE FACES GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail says there is a wedding ring "fascine" in Great Britain, although gold is abundant. The paper cites three main causes for this shortage—the great number of war weddings, the unprecedented investment in gem rings by workers since the rise in wages and the absorption of the jewelers' workmen by aircraft and munitions factories. The manager of a leading wholesale firm in London says his concern has orders valued at £25,000 (\$125,000) which cannot be filled.



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