

TWO OTHER MEN AT SCENE OF MURDER

Aselstine Showed Them in to See Smith at Crescent Oil Plant.

INQUEST OPENS TODAY

Only Medical Evidence Likely Concerning Death of Dr. MacRobbie at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Thursday, Aug. 23.—That the inquest tonight into the death of Dr. Douglas G. MacRobbie, who was found in a dying condition with a terrible wound in the back of the head on the premises of the Crescent Oil Company Sunday night, would be only a preliminary nature was the statement made to The World last night by Crown Attorney Washington.

"I do not think that it will be possible to get through the coroner's inquest," said Dr. Langs, who conducted the post-mortem, "very closely."

The fact that it has been stated repeatedly that the stomach of the man would be analyzed, Mr. Washington said that he did not think the question would be taken up.

"It has nothing to do with the case," Dr. MacRobbie met his death, he concluded.

This statement evidently means that the wound on the back of the head, which was found to be an extensive fracture, was the cause of death.

Doctors' Evidence Only. Dr. Langs and Dr. Parry, who held the autopsy, and Dr. Parry, specialist, will likely be the only witnesses called. The evidence of the former men will deal with their findings at the post-mortem, while the latter will give his opinion as to whether or not the reddish marks found on the floor, walls and on a wooden stool which was near the body were blood stains.

There is not the slightest doubt that the testimony of Dr. Langs and Dr. Parry will state that the result of an extensive fracture of the skull, whether the fragments in it were the result of a fall or a blow is problematical.

Detective Sawyer told The World last night that up to the present time he was satisfied with the statement made by Herbert Aselstine, the bartender, who stated that he had found the doctor in a dying condition about 10.30 Sunday night.

"Aselstine was in a terribly excited frame of mind Sunday night, and could hardly be blamed for his early statement. Up to the present time he has given a satisfactory explanation of his going Sunday night, with the exception of his idea of the time," said the detective.

Commenting upon the fact that C. V. Scott, a tenant residing on Caroline street, had stated that he was in Aselstine's company on Sunday night, the detective said that he had helped the latter fix a tire on a motor car Detective Sawyer said, "Scott tells a very straightforward story, but was not with Aselstine continually from 11 o'clock until midnight. I think that he made a mistake in the time. He must have left before midnight."

Two Strangers Intruded. Another important fact that came to light yesterday, was the exception in clearing up the mystery regarding the time Dr. MacRobbie sustained his injury.

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Contest With Ontario Municipalities Closes Before Senate Committee.

PUT UP BIG BATTLE

Toronto Representatives—Defend Civic Interests—Both Sides Claim Victory.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Aug. 22.—A battle royal which has been waging for two days before the railway committee of the senate, between the Ontario municipalities and the Hydro-Electric Commission on the one hand, and the electric ring on the other, came to a close tonight. The clause providing for the amendment of the government's bill to amend and consolidate the railway act, this section cuts out the Hydro-Electric Commission from the Toronto Niagara Power Company's right to distribute electricity in any municipality without the consent of that municipality first having been obtained.

The primary object of the bill is the inclusion of the Hydro-Electric Commission in the town of North Toronto, which is against the declaration that the power company has the right to distribute electricity to consumers in any municipality without obtaining the consent of said municipality. This clause at which the section was aimed was then amended to read: "The Hydro-Electric Commission shall have the right to distribute electricity for heat, light and power purposes."

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Harry Smith, Joseph McAuliffe and Walter Scott, who are being held as material witnesses, are still in the cells, but being refused.

C. W. Bell, counsel for Harry Smith and the other witnesses, who had no statement for the press last night, said, "No."

ROYALTY SEES BASEBALL

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Aug. 22.—At Taplow the Canadian Hospital Dept. Sunningdale, Canadian Forestry Dept. at Sunningdale, 11 to 9, Princess Mary, Prince Albert, Princess Christian, and Princess Marie Louise were present.

PERSONAL

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"Italian theatre: Yesterday was one of the hottest days as regards fighting in the history of the Italian army. East of Canale the village of Vrh had to be abandoned to the enemy. All efforts of the Italians to continue their thrust beyond the heights south of the village were unsuccessful. South of Decia several enemy attacks with considerable forces failed."

"In the region of Falt, Hrb and Castagnizza and against Mesasza and San Giovanni the result of the day's fighting corresponded with the splendid behavior of troop and leaders, and also minor defensive retirements were undertaken, undoubtedly successful, remained on our side. Since daybreak the common sense of the Italian troops and again attacked our Carso positions."

"Increased fighting activity has developed at many points with Baron Von Conrad's army."

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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The Germans, who fully appreciate these remaining bits of high and dry ground, also they minimize their importance in their official communications, fought bitterly. They constantly fed their firing line with fresh supplies backwards and forwards. It was not until nearly daylight that they let up in their attempt to drive the British back. The British, however, have still some distance to fight their way before they gain control of all the dominating strategic positions in this country.

The Canadians have not only maintained their captured positions against furious counter-attacks, but have added more outposts to their list of reduced positions at Lens. Their vice has closed a little further both northwest and southwest of the ruins of the town, and the fighting has calmed down to a sort of stalemate. The road ahead still bristles with obstacles, but the Germans still remain under the dog. They have taken 184 prisoners in this latest fighting, but that number is neither an index to the casualties inflicted on the enemy nor an index to the tremendous scale of the combat. The tackling of Lens is like the tackling of a beehive. In the past week of intense fighting the Canadians have taken 1378 prisoners, 34 machine guns, and 21 trench-mortars.

The assault of the British against remaining German strong points in Flanders eased the counter-pressure against the Canadians, for the Germans in Lens had to wait in order to learn the fortunes of the northern battle, for if the enemy line cracked there, he would have no chance to clear out of in a fierce engagement, for the Canadians would be right on his back, if he attempted to turn about and withdraw.

Sir Stanley Maude has further improved the British position in Mesopotamia by occupying the Town of Sheraban, near the Persian frontier. The enemy put up a poor fight and hastily withdrew to the Persian hills. It is now getting on towards cooler weather in Mesopotamia and the British army may resume their advance almost at any time, unless Von Falkenhayn begins his much advertised counter-offensive first.

In their big offensive the Italians continue in desperate fighting to gain further ground, especially north of Gorizia, altho the advance has been general from Plava to the Adriatic Sea. The struggle on the Carso Plateau has split up into fierce local combats. The allies captured three thousand more Austrians, while the Austrians claim they captured 5600 Italians. The impetuous troops of General Cadorna may have advanced too far in places and have got cut off. The total prisoners already taken by the allies now exceed 13,000. Thirty guns have fallen into Italian hands.

The enemy has launched an attack against the Russians on the Riga front and General Korniloff has despatched the brilliant offensive general, have fallen back to their support west of the Hamrin Hills. He has launched further heavy assaults, including a retirement of one or two miles, there is nothing in the news to suggest that the enemy's disorganization in the Russian army will react to his advantage. He is also most probably expects a Russian offensive along the Baltic coast at a later date and is striving to forestall it.

The French before Verdun yesterday succeeded in consolidating their positions after driving off all hostile counter-attacks in the morning. Their prisoners now exceed 6000. They are conducting a heavy aerial campaign. Their aviators destroyed six German machines and drove down five others. Evidence accumulates that the enemy has considerably reinforced his force of airplanes and that his machines are being fought more skillfully.

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ELECTION UNLIKELY UNTIL NEXT MARCH

All Signs at Ottawa Point to a Prolonged Delay.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Ont., August 22.—It has become apparent that the opposition in parliament has set out to obstruct the passage of the soldiers' vote bill. Already a number of amendments have not been formed except by the application of the clause, the technical objection taken is upon the clause which allows a soldier to name the constituency in which he will vote.

This makes it impossible for the house to dissolve within the next three weeks, which has been expected to be the outside limit of the session. The Dominion franchise bill has yet to be introduced, and it may be provocative of much debate. It is understood that the present intention of the government is to extend the franchise to women but how far the extension will go is still not finally decided by the government. It is expected, however, that no exceptions will be made of the women of those provinces which have already granted them the provincial franchise.

All of this points to no election this year. Parliament may go on until it is automatically dissolved on October 7, the limit of its life and it will take all of two months to prepare the lists for those provinces which have none. An election, however, would not be at all probable, and if it occurred before the month of March next year.

Members are chafing over the prolongation of the session, but there is little prospect that they will get away from Ottawa before October.

BLOOR STREET VIADUCT NEARING COMPLETION

The work of finishing up the Bloor street viaduct is proceeding apace. A reporter for The World visited the scene yesterday and saw a party of men busily engaged in putting in the final touches of the handsome viaduct that runs along on either side. Several men are working on the concrete sub-floors of the structure, and it should be ready for use by this afternoon, and the viaduct is facing with cedar blocks in a very short space of time. A large pile of these blocks has been assembled at the eastern end of the viaduct, and it is stated to be the intention of the city to go ahead with the laying of these in place as soon as the other work has been completed. This will mean that the sidewalks and roadways of the viaduct will then be ready for use by the sidewalks and roadways.

So far there is no sign of work being started on the short link of roadway that is to connect the east end of the viaduct with the west end of the Danforth viaduct. This short stretch is at present but a mud wagon track and it will not be possible to use the bridge as it should be used until sidewalks and roadways are laid. The resident of the vicinity have been in daily expectation of the appearance on the scene of gangs of laborers armed with picks and shovels for the prosecution of this work, but so far nothing has happened. A gang of men and a crane are busy grading the eastern slope south of the bridge, and it would be ready for shovels and leveling off the approaches to it. This tidying-up job will probably consume another week or so.

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