

# CRIPPEN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE ON GIRL ACCESSORY AFTER FACT VAST CROWD ATTENDS CASE

British Authorities Decide That Ethel Leneve Had No Foreknowledge of the Slaying of Belle Elmore—Prosecution Announces That Signs of Poison and Operation Were Found on the Mutilated Portions of the Murdered Woman's Body.

[Associated Press Cable.]

London, Sept. 6.—The trial of Dr. Hawley Crippen, charged with the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, the actress, opened here today. Ethel Clara Leneve, the doctor's typist, who accompanied him in his flight to Canada after the disappearance of his wife and who has been held on the same charge, was also brought to the bar today, but the crown stated that it had been decided to confine the allegations against the girl to being an accessory after the fact. This relieves Miss Leneve of any foreknowledge of the crime and is in line with the belief of her family and friends that she did not share Crippen's confidence up to the time that his wife dropped out of sight and was said by him to have died in California.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

The excitement in the Crippen case, which was intense during the search for the doctor, has by no means worn out, as was shown by the crowd which gathered in the vicinity of the Bow street police court when the trial was opened today.

Travers Humphrey appears for the public prosecutors, while Solicitor Arthur Newton represented Crippen. Mr. Humphrey made a long opening address, in which he reviewed the case from the time that suspicion was aroused against the husband by the unsatisfactory explanation which he offered from the disappearance of his actress wife to his return to London and the arraignment of the doctor and Miss Leneve, charged with murder.

## SIGNS OF POISON.

In the course of his remarks the prosecutor definitely stated that the physicians who made the post-mortem examination of the mutilated parts of the body of the actress, who was killed by the murder of her husband, had discovered the presence of large quantities of hyoscin, a colorless liquid poison, and also detected evidences that an operation had been performed.

It had been known that the authorities had been working on the theory that Belle Elmore, or properly speaking, Cora Crippen, had been in the hands of one having at least a knowledge of surgery and medicine, and that she had been poisoned. The official announcement of these alleged discoveries, however, have not been made before.

At the time of the arraignment of the two persons, Mr. Humphrey said, that the Government's evidence against the typist pointed only to her as being an accessory after the fact. Both Crippen and his wife were born in the United States, he at Coldwater, Mich., and she at Brooklyn. Her maiden name was Cora Belle Makonski. They were married in New Jersey, and subsequently came here, where Crippen was a patent medicine agent and engaged in the distal business. The doctor also spoke of the wife's anger, and it is alleged, that he became infuriated with the girl.

Crippen and Miss Leneve fled to Canada on the steamer Montrose and were arrested as the vessel was approaching Quebec.

The prosecutor went over the whole story for the benefit of Sir Albert DeRutten, senior magistrate of the Bow street court, who was not present at the last hearing. Speaking of the relations between Crippen and his wife, Mr. Humphrey said that the affection apparently was on the surface, according to Crippen's own statement, as the result of Belle's outburst of temper. The prosecutor spoke of Mrs. Crippen as Belle, the name used by Crippen when referring to his wife. The two, the prosecutor continued, had occupied separate rooms for four years. For at least three years Miss Leneve had been Crippen's mistress, which might account for the wife's anger. In January, Miss Leneve was feeling her position in relation to Crippen acutely and expressed considerable jealousy of Mrs. Crippen.

In a written statement made to Inspector Dew when the investigation first opened, Crippen said that Belle was living in the protection of another man when he married her in Jersey City. The doctor also spoke of Mrs. Miller's alleged acquaintance with his wife while he was in America, and frequent threats which Belle had made to quit him and go with another man who occupied a better position in life.

## Story of the Quarrel.

Crippen's statement concluded with a story of the quarrel on the night of Jan. 31, after Paul Martinetti and Mrs. Martinetti, who had spent the evening with the Crippens, had left the house. During the quarrel the doctor said that his wife threatened to leave him on the following day. On returning from business on Feb. 1, Crippen said he found that his wife had gone. He took steps to prevent a scandal, and fabricated the story of her trip to California and her death there.

Counsel added that if it were possible to get Bruce Miller over here from Chicago, he would be in a position to attend the court, but that the prisoner's statements might be put to a test.

## The Post-Mortem.

Speaking of the post-mortem, the prosecutor said that Dr. Wilcox had found more than half a grain of hyoscin, one of the deadliest of poisons, and from the fact that such a quantity had been discovered after the physicians were able to say that several grains must have been administered at the time of death.

On Jan. 19, said Mr. Humphrey, Crippen purchased five grains of hydrobromide of hyoscin, a poison of such character that the person to whom it was administered would become unconscious almost instantly, though life might remain for several hours.

Counsel did not suggest the want of money as the motive for the crime, but did say that disappearance of Belle Elmore was a fortunate thing for Crippen from a monetary viewpoint. On June 2 the accused had pawned jewelry for which he received \$400, and on another day pawned other jewelry receiving \$575. All of the pawns had been buried for months, the physicians were able to say that several grains must have been administered at the time of death.

In conclusion, the prosecutor said that he questioned whether Miss Leneve could have credited the extraordinary story of Crippen's disappearance related to her by the husband of the dead woman.

At the conclusion of the prosecutor's address a few witnesses were called for the crown in cross-examination. Solicitor Newton confined himself to a few questions designed to show that Crippen was amiable and kind-hearted and seemed to be on the best terms with his wife. An application to admit the prisoners to bail was refused, and an adjournment was taken until Thursday.

## New Testimony.

New testimony, which will doubtless be elaborated later by the physicians who conducted the post-mortem was the statement of Mrs. Paul Martinetti to the effect that Mrs. Crippen had once shown her a scar on the lower part of the body which had the appearance of being from an old cut. The doctors who examined the body found in the Crippen home discovered a piece of flesh bearing a similar scar.



Don Jaime, the Carlist pretender, who, it was reported may wed Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan.

## CHATHAM MAN DROWNS NEAR PRAIRIE SIDING

Arthur Bury Falls From Motor Launch Into the Thames.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Sept. 6.—Arthur Bury, foreman of the blacksmithing department of the International Harvester Company's works, this city, was drowned last night about 8 o'clock near Prairie Siding. He and a party of six Chatham men were returning in a motor boat from the Log Cabin Inn, and in passing the engine going towards the stern of the boat he fell overboard backwards into the river. His body was not recovered. Bury was a single man, about 30 years of age. He had been living with his sister on Grand avenue.

## SPY CAUGHT SKETCHING BRITISH FORTRESSES

German Army Officer Arrested Near Portsmouth, England.

[Associated Press.]

Portsmouth, Sept. 6.—The German army officer, who was arrested yesterday while engaged in sketching the fortifications here, is still detained at Port Furbush. The man's name is supposed to be Elmer, and he is connected with the construction division of the German land forces. Documents found upon the alleged spy are said to include sketches of the forts along the hills. The papers have been dispatched to the war office.

## THE BRITISH BOWLERS PLAYING HERE TODAY

Report Having Fine Time On Canadian Trip and Good Contests.

The British bowlers arrived at noon today from Paris, and are playing this afternoon on the London Bowling Club green against four rinks from that club.

They were met at the depot by members of the local club and escorted to the Toteum Club House, where they are being entertained.

The reception committee consisted of Messrs. Jos. Weld, president of the London Bowling Club; Mr. A. E. Barbour, president of the Thistle Club; Mr. J. N. Wood, Ed. Weld, A. E. Somerville, Chas. Abbott, Ald. W. J. Stevenson, Jared Vining, A. Langford, A. M. Heman, W. Fulton, Jas. Gray, Jas. D. Taylor, Dr. A. Scott, Dr. Claude Brown, Geo. Nightingale, Wilfrid Mara and others.

Mr. Jas. S. McDonald, president of the W. O. B. A., met the visitors at the depot, and came to the city with them.

A ladies' committee, consisting of Mrs. Jos. Weld, Mrs. Jared Vining, Mrs. John Stevenson and Mrs. Ed. Weld, met the ladies of the party, and looked after their comfort.

The visiting team consists of Messrs. John Pillens, Thos. Jeffrey, A. J. Smith, John Kirkland, John S. Fleming, Peter Scott, John Cull, Lindsay Mathieson, William McColl, J. T. Morrison, Robert Pearce, W. C. Wilson, Jas. Walker, Ezra Pickard, Rev. Wyndham Earce, A. W. Stewart, Wallace McNell, Ivor B. Thomas.

The ladies in the party are Mrs. Jeffrey, Miss Morrison, Miss Scott, Miss McColl, Miss J. McColl and Miss Walker.

Some Here Before. Five of the visitors were here four years ago. The irrepressible John Pillens, Morrison, McColl and Pickard are well remembered in London, and their return created great enthusiasm.

Mr. Peter Bowden, of Ridgeway, who went to England three years ago with the Canadian tourists, was at the station, and will be the guest of the London Bowling Club today. He will play on one of the local rinks.

The visitors report a fine time since coming to Canada. They have been well entertained and have had good games.

"We have enjoyed ourselves very much," said Mr. McColl. "We are glad to come to London again and meet the boys."

Mayor Beattie gave the visitors a hearty welcome this afternoon at the greens.

## Belle Elmore's Body Held Much Poison

London, Sept. 6.—At the opening today of the trial of Dr. Hawley Crippen, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, the prosecution announced that large quantities of poison had been found in the woman's body, and that there was evidence that she had been subjected to an operation.

## BOY-CYCLIST UNDER AN AUTO NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Messenger On Wheel Dodges Out From Behind Wagon, Is Run Down by Automobile But Escapes With Fractured Rib and Some Bruises.

James Snowden, a messenger boy, residing on Thornton avenue, was seriously injured on King street, just east of Clarence, this morning through being run over by auto No. 7151, belonging to Mr. W. H. Wortman. Young Snowden was riding a bicycle behind a load of hay, and could not see the auto approaching. When he turned out he ran right in front of the machine, giving the driver no chance to stop. The wheel and boy both rolled under the car, and the boy looked as if he had been certainly killed. Snowden was quickly extricated and carried into a house nearby, and Dr. Kingsmill called. It was found upon examination that a rib had been fractured, and that Snowden had a number of bruises of a most painful nature. He also suffered considerably from shock. No serious results are anticipated. The auto is a very heavy machine, and all that saved Snowden from being crushed to death was the fact that the wheels, instead of going over his body, went over the bicycle while he lay between them. The bicycle was reduced to a mass of wreckage.

## COL. GARTSHORE MAY ACCEPT WATER COMMISSION VACANCY

Mayor and Commission in Favor of the Appointment and Strong Influence Being Brought Into Action to Have Him Take the Position.

The city council can tonight do itself and the city a great honor if they appoint Col. G. Gartshore to succeed the late Mr. A. T. McMahon as water commissioner for the city of London.

No man in the city is so well qualified for the duties of the office as Col. Gartshore. He will do us honor, and none would bring to bear upon the various problems to be solved in civic government such business acumen and keen judgment as Col. Gartshore.

The city of London has a business men in civic affairs. The most casual glance at civic conditions would convince any person that such men are needed, and badly needed.

In selecting Col. Gartshore, a man will be secured to satisfy the most exacting. There is but one duty facing the council in this—and that is to make the appointment.

Commissioners Want Him. The water commissioners are unanimous in making the choice. As a matter of fact they have interviewed Col. Gartshore, and he has consented to the position. He has consented to consider the matter, and will give an answer in 24 hours. If the council rise to the occasion, and name him, there is no doubt he will accept this manifest call to assist in giving good government to the city, and would consent.

Mayor Beattie is enthusiastically in favor of the choice. He has declared that Mr. Philip Pocock declares that Col. Gartshore is beyond question the proper man for the position, and should be appointed. Commissioner Wyatt is perhaps more enthusiastic than the

others, and states emphatically that he should be named.

"I approach," Col. Gartshore, and he has consented to consider the matter," said Mayor Beattie. "He will give his answer in 24 hours. There is absolutely no question of his fitness for the position. He will do us honor, and insure to the city good clean business administration of affairs, coming under his attention. I cannot speak too highly of the selection."

"The right man in the right place," declared Chairman Pocock.

"He is the type of man we want in our affairs today, and if the council should miss this opportunity of doing what is manifestly in the best interests of the city, they will be making the biggest mistake of the year. We want Col. Gartshore, and we want him badly."

"Have him appointed, by all means," was the opinion of Commissioner Wyatt. "I have done business with him for many years, and he is one of the best equipped, keenest business men in Canada. He is the kind of man we want."

This unanimous opinion of the water commissioners should bear weight. It is backed up by the very strongest public opinion, and the council should make the appointment.

Will the council do their duty? The citizens of London, of all shades of opinion, expect them to do so.

Col. Gartshore is the man for the position. For one in civic affairs the office is seeking the man.

## NEARLY DROWNED

Detroit Man Believed He Had Power to Walk on Water.

Detroit, Sept. 6.—Believing himself possessed of supernatural powers, and able to walk on water, Peter McDonald was nearly drowned in the river here yesterday.

McDonald, with an open Bible in his hand, walked into the water from the Belle bathing pavilion at a spot where the water is quite deep.

Unable to swim, he would undoubtedly have gone down but for the prompt assistance of a life guard near by, who, after pulling him out, had him sent to the hospital, where his sanity will be inquired into.

## THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fair; Warm; Some Showers.

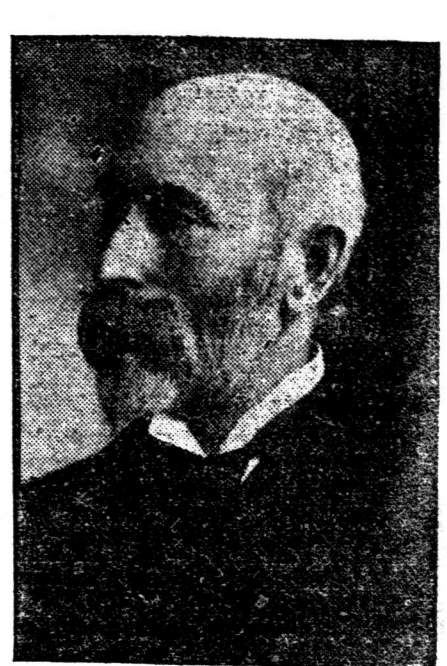
FORECASTS. Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; some local showers or thunderstorms, chiefly in the Georgian Bay district, but generally fair and warm today, and on Wednesday.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather. Victoria ..... 64 50 Cloudy Calgary ..... 58 42 Rain Winnipeg ..... 58 44 Cloudy Port Arthur ..... 62 62 Cloudy Parry Sound ..... 60 54 Cloudy Toronto ..... 68 60 Cloudy Ottawa ..... 60 52 Rain Montreal ..... 62 50 Rain Quebec ..... 70 54 Cloudy Father Point ..... 48 38 Fair

NOTES. The depression which has been hovering in the Missouri Valley since Saturday was passing northward to Lake Superior. In the western provinces, col. rainy weather has been general; rain has also fallen heavily in Ontario, exceptionally so in the vicinity of Toronto.

MONDAY'S WEATHER. Showery, cool weather was almost general yesterday in the Western Provinces, while in Ontario it was fair in the western portion, but heavy showers occurred on the Lake Ontario shore and to the northward. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 61-51; Victoria, 62-50; Vancouver, 51-66; Kamloops, 52-70; Edmonton, 48-58; Battleford, 48-50; Prince Albert, 52-59; Moose Jaw, 54-51; Winnipeg, 54-58; Port Arthur, 60-62; Parry Sound, 62-60; Toronto, 60-67; Ottawa, 56-60; Montreal, 62-66; Quebec, 62-70; St. John, 62-72; Halifax, 52-78.

TODAY'S PROBS. The East—Moderate to fresh northeasterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature. Maritime Provinces—Moderate northeasterly to easterly winds; mostly fair; but local showers or thunderstorms; not much change in temperature. The West—Showery and cool.



THE LATE ADAM McMAHEN.

## ADAM McMAHEN'S DEATH SEVERE LOSS TO LONDON

Public Bodies in Strong Eulogy of Late Merchant and Water Commissioner.

At a special meeting of the water commissioners, held at noon today, resolutions of condolence were passed on the death of Mr. A. T. McMahon, chairman of the board.

In moving the resolution, Mayor Beattie expressed his deep regret at the death of Mr. McMahon. He was a good citizen, a valued member of the board, and a most likable man.

"We regret his death exceedingly," declared his worship.

The resolution was as follows: "The water commissioners of the city of London learn with much sorrow and deep regret of the decease of Adam T. McMahon, chairman of the board of water commissioners for 1910.

"During his term of office his untiring and faithful labors won the fullest confidence of the board, and their highest appreciation of his careful work and sterling character.

"The board instructs its secretary to prepare a suitable letter of condolence to the late Adam T. McMahon's wife and family, expressing the sincere sorrow of the board in their irreparable bereavement."

Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion.

A Splendid Citizen. "I have been associated with Mr. McMahon for some years, and his loss is a personal one to me," he stated. "He was an honest, straightforward citizen, and one who always tried to do his best."

Chairman Pocock added his tribute to Mr. McMahon's worth, and expressed his great sympathy for the family.

"I went to school with Mr. McMahon when boys together in London Township," said Mr. Pocock. "Since that time, he has been a constant friend, acquainted, and I found him always to be an honest, straightforward man. He was a good citizen, and his loss is to be regretted."

The council of the board of trade met at noon also, and passed a similar resolution. It was moved by Colonel Gartshore, seconded by Mr. Philip Pocock, and carried by a standing vote. Both bodies will attend the funeral.

Mr. Harry Merritt, the city hall janitor, placed the flag at half-mast on the city hall this morning, out of respect to Mr. McMahon.

## A VIOLENT STORM IN ST. CATHERINES

Almost a Cyclone—Monster Hail Fell at Merrittion—The Peach Crop.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Catharines, Sept. 5.—The most violent electric storm in years hit this district Saturday afternoon. The lightning was exceedingly vicious, and the wind resembled a cyclone or tornado in its velocity. There was a tremendous downpour of rain. A peculiarity is reported in Merrittion. Upon a thin strip of territory in that village, monster hail stones fell, while there was no hail anywhere else. The strip was only twenty or so feet broad. Some of the hail stones were as large as a stick of candy and that shape. Fruit was blown down in considerable quantities all through the fruit belt.

A census of eighteen of the largest fruit growers in Lincoln, Welland and Wentworth Counties was taken on the question of the fruit crop. The consensus of opinion was that peaches will only be about 75 per cent of last year's yield.

"I still think the escaped lunatic Taggart is in this district," said High Constable Boyle yesterday. "There is every reason to think he and Moir travelled together, and when Taggart is caught I'm pretty certain that he will be found working for some remote farmer. I think if any farmer has a stranger working for him, it would be to his own interests and those of his family, to question him closely. Farm laborers are so scarce that Taggart would have had no trouble in getting a job the very first place he went to, and there are plenty of farmers even in this district who have never even heard of the escape, because they don't get a newspaper."

MENELIK BETTER. Asoo Abcha, Abyssinia, Sept. 6.—Although the condition of King Menelik, who suffered another stroke of palsy this week, was considered critical yesterday, it improved during the day, and the danger of an immediate fatal termination of his illness now seems removed.

NEW COPYRIGHT LAW. Buenos Ayres, Sept. 6.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed a copyright law, giving protection to literature and works of art.

MRS. PERLEY'S FUNERAL. Ottawa, Sept. 6.—The remains of Mrs. George Perley, wife of the Conkling member for Argenteuil, were interred here yesterday. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gorman, rector of Grace Church. Mr. R. L. Borden came from Halifax to attend, and Earl Grey sent a wreath.

OPERA IN MEXICO. Mexico City, Sept. 6.—Seventy-five opera artists recruited from the Metropolitan, Manhattan and Boston Grand Opera Companies, reached this city last night from Vera Cruz. They arrived last Sunday from New York on the steamer Esmeralda. The artists will give 21 performances here during the Mexican centenary independence celebration.

## MR. ADAM McMAHEN CALLED BY DEATH

Leading Merchant Succumbs to Long Illness.

LONG AND BUSY CAREER

Was Prominent in the Business and Municipal Affairs of City For Many Years

After an illness extending over some months, Mr. Adam T. McMahon, senior member of the firm of McMahon, Granger & Co., died at his residence, 609 Colborne street, shortly before midnight, last night. His death was not unexpected, his family being with him when he came. Mr. McMahon had been unwell for some months. Last fall, the illness caused him some uneasiness, and it began to tell on his fine physique. However, he seemed to improve during the winter, and it was not suspected that his condition was so serious.

Early in the spring, however, he began to complain, but though he suffered considerably, he stuck to his work, both at the warehouse and at the city hall. Just before he died, he was obliged to abandon the boat at the Soo. He was brought home in a very weak condition. A number of prominent physicians were called, but all diagnosed his case as hopeless.

The late Adam Thornton McMahon was born in London Township in 1849, of Irish parentage. He spent his early youth in the township, receiving his education in the public schools there. Later he qualified as a school teacher, and for a couple of years taught in Lucan. He came to London in 1875, entering the service of the firm of J. B. Laing & Co. A few years later, he started a private bank at Brussels, following up at the same time with the firm of J. B. Laing & Co. in Port Elgin. In 1888, he returned to London as inspector of the Ontario Loan Company.

In 1888, with Mr. James Granger, Mr. McMahon embarked in the wholesale drygoods business. He was connected with that business since that time, and succeeded by his energy in developing a large business. He was also a director of the Canadian Loan and Savings Company, and when the latter institution was merged with the Huron and Erie, became a director of that company, as well as of the Canada Trust Company.

Prominent in Politics. Mr. McMahon was one of the prominent men in the Conservative party of this city. During the years 1907 and 1908, he was president of the Conservative Association, and in several years, president of the Conservative Club. His name was mentioned on numerous occasions for nominations for Parliament, but he steadfastly refused to accept the honor.

For some years he was a member of the court of revision, being chairman on several occasions. Last January, he was elected as water commissioner, and when this body was reorganized, he was elected chairman. Mr. McMahon was president of the board of trade at his death. He had for some years taken a great interest in the board, and was appointed on many important committees in connection with that body. He was also prominently connected with the Irish Benevolent Society and took a deep interest in its affairs.

In religion he was a Presbyterian and has been a member of St. Andrew's Church for many years.

Deceased is survived by a widow, one son, T. Archibald McMahon, who is in the business also, and two daughters, Mrs. (Rev.) Beverly Ketchum, Hamilton, and Miss Eva McMahon at home. One daughter, Miss May, died about four years ago.

WIFE DOESN'T WANT HIM

Can't Go Back to Her Until He Quits Drinking.

John Wigglesworth, who has been obtaining a steady supply of wet goods, notwithstanding that he is on the London list, was taken before Magistrate Love this morning that owing to his drunken habits his wife does not wish to live with him. Wigglesworth said he would pay her \$4 a week, and signed an agreement to keep away.

Do you want to stop drinking?" asked the court.

"Yes," said Wigglesworth.

"When?" asked the magistrate.

"Now," said Wigglesworth.

"Only until you get outside, I guess," said the court. Anyway, you must keep away from your wife for awhile, and if we see that you are behaving better, maybe she will take you back."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Royal George, at Belle Isle, from Bristol.

Majestic, at Cape Race, from Southampton.

Lakonia, at Father Point, from Glasgow.

Minneapolis, at New York from London.

Furness, at New York from London.

Belgic, at New York from Copenhagen.

Uranium, at New York, from Rotterdam.

America, at New York, from Genoa.

Calcutta, at Glasgow, from New York.

Arabia, at Liverpool, from New York.

Mauretania, at Edinburgh, from New York.

Prinz Wilhelm, at Cherbourg, from New York.

Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, at New York, from Bremen.