

SENT FOR TRIAL ON ANOTHER TORONTO MURDER CHARGE: DOCTOR CALLED BROKE OUT OF JAIL ATTEND SIR JAMES

Krafchenko Threatened Guards With Revolver and Escaped From Window.

FRIENDS HAD AUTOREADY CONDITION UNCHANGED

Two Men in Room With Him Helpless—Got Away Very Quickly When in Car.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—John Krafchenko, one of the notorious and desperate characters of Western Canada, escaped from the Central police station cells at 2.20 this morning, after being committed yesterday to stand trial on the charge of murdering H. M. Arnold, bank manager, at Plum Coulee. Krafchenko was taken to what is known as "the old kitchen" on the second floor at the police station. Two men, said to be Constables Reid and Flower, were placed on guard, but in some way, Krafchenko had secured an automatic revolver, presumably from friends, and holding the revolver at the heads of the guards, he backed to the window. Krafchenko had also been provided with a rope by friends and he swung out of the window and dropped to a lane some twelve or fourteen feet below. Beyond these few facts the police are absolutely in the dark. Reid came from the Hamilton police force.

Krafchenko's friends, who provided him with the revolver and rope, also had an automobile waiting nearby and good time was made in getting as far away as possible in a few minutes.

The Alarm Given.
The escaping man was first seen on the outside by James Pommon, who quickly spread the alarm, but in the few minutes which had elapsed Krafchenko had completely disappeared.

At 4 o'clock, Deputy Chief Newton gave out a statement embodying facts given above as to manner of prisoner's escape, and adding: "The constable in charge had completed the rounds of the building but half an hour before, and had found everything in good order."

Asked regarding the two men in the room with Krafchenko, Deputy Chief Newton declined to give their names, but said they were both members of the city police force. The chief had, however, added that he expected an arrest would be made shortly on a charge of aiding and abetting Krafchenko to escape.

EVERY OUTLET WATCHED.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—Every bridge, road, railway station and yard, freight train and every possible outlet is guarded by police and every transient person is watched and scrutinized. (Continued on Page Twelve.)

MINERS ENTOMBED IN ALABAMA MINES

Believed That Nearly a Dozen Are Dead, Including Foreman.

[Canadian Press.]

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 10.—An explosion in the Rock Castle mines of the Davis Creek Coal Company this morning has entombed ten to twelve men, including W. W. Quarles, mine foreman. It is believed all are dead. Thirty to forty men working near the spot where the explosion occurred were rescued.

HARDWARE CORPORATION IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

Pierce, Butler and Pierce Declare Bankruptcy.

[Canadian Press.]
Sydney, Jan. 10.—Pierce Butler and Pierce Manufacturing company, a \$5,000,000 hardware corporation, one of the oldest in the state, was today placed in the hands of a receiver. Creditors filed a petition, asking to have the company adjudged bankrupt, and alleging its inability to pay its debts.

COUNTY JAIL OVERCROWDED; PRISONERS MUST DOUBLE UP

Cramped Quarters Worry Governor Who Has More Than "Full House"—New Front Entrance Opened to Improvement of Building.

The jail is full and the front door's wide open. There is no connection between the two circumstances, but both are causing comment at the local court house. The front door has been firmly closed for several months, while new doors were being installed, and it was only opened once during that time. That was when a stray tramp attempted to break into the jail one night, and managed to dislodge the props behind the door. The door fell with a crash that frightened the weary one out of a year's growth, not to mention the shock to the nerves of the jail inmates. But now the door has been officially opened, and the new entrance is a decided improvement to the appearance of the court house.

Six in Running For Wardenship of Middlesex

Four Liberals and Two Conservatives "Possibles," With Former in Best Position.

Who will be warden of the county of Middlesex when the county council meets again Jan. 27th? There are six answers being given to the question at the present time by those "in the know," and a plenty are given for the "dope" being right.

As the situation looks now the six aspirants for the honor will be Councillors L. L. McTaggart, J. W. Laidlaw, John McGugan, John Morgan, C. W. Hawkeshaw and Frank Boyd. The two last named will be the Conservative standard-bearers, but it is said that the political complexion of the council this year reduces their chances to a minimum. There is little to choose between the other four. Councillors McTaggart and Morgan are two of the oldest members of the council and have been intimately connected with the county's welfare for many years. Councillors Laidlaw and McGugan have also both served on the council board with distinction for years, and will doubtless have strong support in their candidature.

DEEPEN THAMES AND GET GRAVEL SUPPLY

Plan to Use Hydro on Old Barge For Dual Purpose To Be Considered.

There is a probability that the new board of control and the water commissioners will get together, on the suggestion to dredge the River Thames by hydro power, thus providing gravel for the good roads system to be inaugurated this year, and at the same time making the river deeper for pleasure boats.

Have Barge Available.
The water commissioners have a barge at Wondersland which is not now in use, and General Manager H. J. Glanville states that it could be easily equipped with the necessary machinery to transform it into a dredge to be operated with hydro. Practically the only thing necessary is to have the board of control estimate how much gravel it will require for the year so that the water commissioners may see that they are justified in going to the expense of fitting up the barge for dredging purposes.

City To Do Own Work.
It is pointed out that there is plenty of gravel available in the river, and that with it provided, the city could do its own "pavement" work. Instead of letting contractors do the work, it could be done at certain hours of the day when it would not increase the city's peak load, the power cost would be low.

CONTRIBUTION UNCHANGED.
At the consultation this morning, the three doctors first of all, it is stated, went into Sir James' trouble from the beginning. Dr. McPhedran supplied a number of important facts about his early stages. After the exchange of notes the regular examination of the patient took place, and the conclusion was reached on the morning building was decided on. The building read as follows:—

"Sir James Whitney's condition remains the same. (Signed) 'HERMANN BIGGS, M.D., 'R. K. PYNNE, M.D., 'ALEXANDER McPHERDAN, M.D.'"

New York, Jan. 10.—There were no new developments reported Dr. Pynne when asked at 2 o'clock how Sir James Whitney had passed the morning. Dr. Pynne's announcement was made after, and Dr. McPhedran had visited the patient.

NEAR DROWNING ON RIVER AT WINGHAM

Wingham, Jan. 10.—On Thursday evening the Mattland river nearly claimed a victim. Miss Bessie Angus, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus, of Pleasant Valley, she had been skating and had sat down on the ice near a stump to fix her skate. She evidently sat on an airhole and the ice broke, and she fell into the water to the depth of her waist. Her clothing caught on to a piece of the stump and Mr. Bryson, hearing her cries for help, went to her rescue. With great difficulty he got her out and took her to her home. She is none the worse for the cold plunge.

NO BOND ISSUE FOR NEW HAVEN

Boston, Jan. 9.—The Supreme Court today annulled the order of the Public Service Commission authorizing the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to issue \$67,000,000 bonds. The court said that the statute was not authorized by the statute to approve an issue of bonds by a railroad company containing an option on exchange for stock at par during a period of time beginning five years after date.

SYLVIA PANKHURST FREE.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 10.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, was today released from Holloway jail, where she had been a prisoner since Jan. 3. She was in a state of collapse as the result of a week's hunger strike.

Governor Not Pleased.

Governor Carter is not pleased with conditions in the jail. He has what is known in poker as a "full house." In fact, he has a better "hand" than that. There are 46 prisoners in the cells at the present time, and as a result, several have to "double up" when bedtime comes around.

Some Hope Yet.

The state of affairs recalls the remark of a gallery god who witnessed a performance of "Faust." When the time came for Mephistopheles to descend into the lower region via a trapdoor in the stage, the unfortunate actor stuck fast in the narrow opening and hung there. "Cheer up, Larry, there's hope for us yet. The place is choked full," shouted a voice from the gallery.

NEW RECORD CREATED FOR BEEF PRICES

Buyers Establish Unprecedented High Mark of Eight Cents on the Hoof.

PACKING-HOUSES ANXIOUS

Are Willing to Pay Almost Any Figure To Secure Good Beef.

MAY FORM "TRUST RING"

Would Limit Prices Because of Fear of Decreased Consumption.

A new record for live beef prices has been established in Western Ontario. American and Canadian buyers are paying eight cents a pound for beef on the hoof. Six cents a pound was the high price only recently, but such is the anxiety of large packing houses to get good beef that they established the new record. No one in the business in this locality remembers any such price for live beef for spring delivery. Never in the history of the meat business have calves been so scarce as they are at present.

The housewife does not relish such facts as these, for they indicate no let up to the prevailing high prices. However, prices are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians—they change. To housewife has one consolation: the prevailing mild weather has brought down the price of eggs. Large quantities are being received each day, and prices are on the down grade. It is reported that representatives of packing firms are getting together with a view to limiting prices paid to farmers. They are said to fear the falling off in purchases by the general public on account of the excessive prices.

NORDICA LAIN UP WITH PNEUMONIA

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 10.—Mme. Lillian Nordica is in a critical condition with pneumonia on Thursday night, Queensland, according to a cable message received today by her husband, George W. Young, a New York banker. The message was brief, merely saying that Mme. Nordica had developed pneumonia and was in a critical condition. It is reported that her illness is a measure to the strain Mme. Nordica underwent as a passenger on the steamer Tasman, which went ashore in the Gulf of Papua.

CHAUFFEURS PROTEST

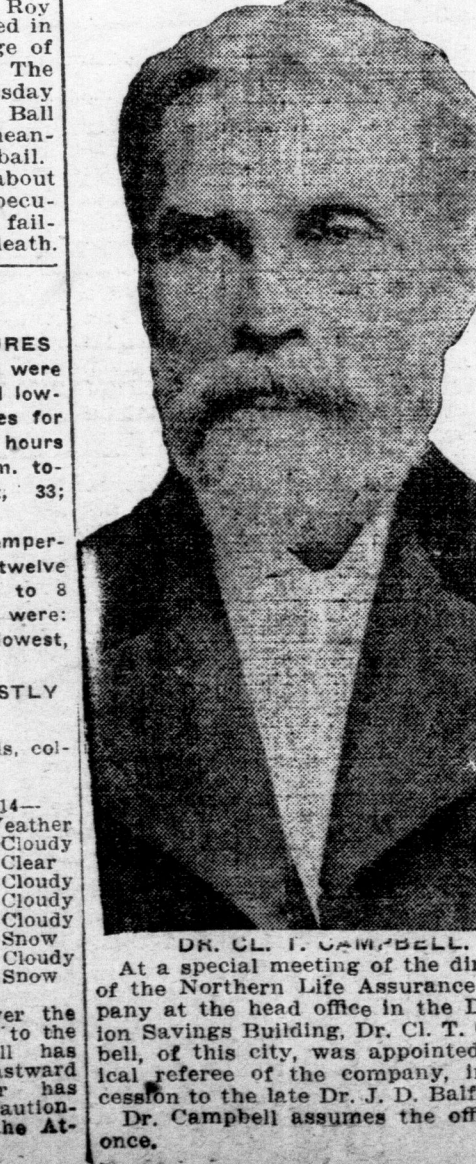
Do Not Take Kindly To Idea of Strict Examinations.

A number of London professional chauffeurs are not taking kindly to the idea of having to pass so strenuous examination in order that they may obtain a license for 1914.

The chief protest of the mechanical chauffeurs is on account of the opportunity presented to boys capable only of driving the car who will be placed in the same class with those who understand its mechanism as well.

The examinations for London professional chauffeurs will be held whenever any of the drivers wish to try them.

Newly-Appointed Medical Referee of Northern Life



DR. C. L. CAMPBELL.
At a special meeting of the directors of the Northern Life Assurance Company at the head office in the Dominion Savings Building, Dr. C. L. Campbell, of this city, was appointed medical referee of the company, in succession to the late Dr. J. D. Balfour. Dr. Campbell assumes the office at once.

Will Appeal to Government for Electrification

New Council Must Seek Authority From Federal House To Operate Road.

The proposed application to Parliament for the transferring of the control of the London and Port Stanley Railway to the new commission will come before the city council at the inaugural meeting on Monday for ratification. The application will then be made to the Government through the usual channels, and the city solicitor will probably go to Ottawa to press the city's desire.

In the electrification fight it was constantly maintained by the pros. that all the necessary governmental consent necessary had been obtained from the Ontario Legislature for the spending of probably a million dollars on the railway, but the making of application to the Dominion Government for ratification of the deal seems to put an entirely different complexion on matters. The city's position in the event of consent being refused is obvious.

PASSERBY SHOT IN GANGSTERS' FIGHT

Frederick Strauss, the Victim, a Veteran of the Franco-Prussian War.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 10.—Frederick Strauss, 65 years old, a prominent German and a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, and for the last 25 years a clerk in the city court, was instantly killed last night by a shot, as he was approaching the scene of a street fight in which eighteen shots were exchanged by rival gangsters ranged on opposite sides of St. Mark's Place on the East Side. Strauss was on his way to a lodge meeting.

SBARRETTI MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS

Montreal Judge Asks Britain to Take Up The Matter With Italy.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 10.—Monsieur Sbarretti, formerly papal legate to Canada, will be called on once again to answer the questions of the rogatory commission in connection with the celebrated case of C. S. Edwards versus the Petit Seminaire de St. Marie Mannoire and Rev. J. H. Lemieux et al., according to a judgment handed down yesterday by Judge Charbonneau.

The judgment involves a proceeding unique in the annals of Canadian jurisprudence, and follows on the petition of the plaintiff, which asks that, as the former legate had refused to answer certain questions pertinent to the suit on the grounds that the Canadian courts had no jurisdiction, the Governor-General of Canada be asked to bring into operation the diplomatic influence of Great Britain with the Italian Government in order to have the questions answered by the ecclesiastical witnesses.

Judge Charbonneau ordered that supplementary rogatory letters be issued, asking one of the courts of Rome having jurisdiction in the matter, or any court that might be designated for the purpose by the minister of justice of the Kingdom of Italy, or any other competent authority, to be called on once again to answer demand and receive answers of the bishop to interrogatories already approved, for which there shall be a second expedition issued to be attached to the said rogatory letters. He also ordered that the rogatory letters be transmitted to the Dominion of Canada.

SHOULD FIRST SECURE SAFETY FROM JOKERS

Travellers Tell of a Funny One Perpetrated on Windsor's Street Car.

London commercial men who were in Windsor this week, brought a funny story to the city this morning.

It appears that Detroit is plastered everywhere with "Safety First" signs and of course, Windsor took up the idea, too.

The Windsor street car system had a "Safety First" sign on its car. While the system was in the barn, some wag came in and around the "Safety First" sign painted the following:

The service is rotten. The management's worse. Stop shouting this car about "Safety First." The climax of the joke was in the fact that the car ran around the streets for several days before the employees heard of it.

BRASS POLISHER CLAIMS LEGACY OF OVER \$30,000

Says Fiancee Left Him Entire Fortune When She Died in Buffalo.

HAS NOT SEEN THE WILL

Expects, However, To Have It Next Week—Has Had Requests Before.

George Rooney, a brass-polisher and horseshoer, 24 years old, of 236 Wellington street, claims to have received a bequest of \$33,000 from Miss Lillie Astor Quinn, to whom he was engaged, and who died in Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 1, 1912, of appendicitis.

The young man was seen today at his boarding-house, and gave several details concerning his alleged good fortune. He says that he came to this city on June 16, 1912, from Ennisville, County Fermanagh, Ireland. His fiancée then decided to come to Canada to see him, and incidentally to see something of the American continent. She was on a visit to Buffalo when she was taken ill and died there. Rooney says that he did not go to Buffalo at that time as he did not have the money. A few days after the death of Miss Quinn he was notified by a Buffalo attorney that he had been left the sum mentioned. Rooney stated that he had not yet received a copy of the will, but expects one this week.

Not First Legacy.
According to the young Irishman this is not the first legacy that he has received. Several years ago, he claims, he was engaged to a girl named Mary and sisters, received neat sums from an aunt in Los Angeles. He went to Paris. He returned to Ireland, he says, after his money was gone, and his father was so provoked that he made up his mind to come to Canada.

Do Not Believe Story.
Mr. Rooney stated that some of his acquaintances in town do not believe his story of the Buffalo legacy, but that doesn't bother him any. He expects the money in a short time now. It will not probably amount to over \$30,000, he thinks. The legacy was \$33,000, originally, he remarked, but the interest had brought the total to \$33,000. Miss Quinn had left him her entire fortune. She was but 21 years old when she died, but had received the money from an aunt when quite young.

JAPANESE OPPOSE RUSSIAN PROPOSALS

Do Not Agree That Foreign Troops Should Leave China.

[Canadian Press.]
Tokio, Jan. 10.—The Japanese Government today declared that it was opposed to the withdrawal of all foreign troops from China, as suggested by the Russian Government on December 12.

The proposal made by Russia was that the foreign troops of all nations should be withdrawn from the Province of Chihli. The reason was advanced that conditions in the northern part of China were no longer dangerous to foreigners.

LIEUTENANT GOT OFF.
Strasbourg, Jan. 10.—Lieut. Baron Von Forstner won his appeal before a second court martial against a sentence of 12 days imprisonment imposed upon him in December on a charge of sabering a lame shoemaker, and was given his liberty.

ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND SUDDEN CHANGE OF FRONT

Local Ministers Cannot Account for Dr. Seath's Decision to Withdraw Idea of Biblical Instruction in Public Schools of Ontario.

Local clergymen are utterly at a loss to understand the sudden change of front of Dr. Seath, superintendent of education for Ontario, on the matter of Bible instruction in the public schools. They see no reason for his peevishness, assumed or real, on account of the circulars, which, he claims, were intended to be confidential, being given publicity. Dr. Seath has announced that, because of the nature of the circulars being made public, he will not proceed with the matter, at least not for some time.

So far the Advertiser has been able to learn of only ministers of one of the many Protestant denominations represented in London having received copies of the circulars, and only two ministers of this denomination. The two clergy receiving the circular were, it is true, members of a committee appointed by their church on Bible instruction in the schools, and there are one or more denominations, notably the Baptist, who had not standing committees on the subject, yet, as one prominent clergyman said this morning, it seems strange that the clergymen of all denominations did not receive the circulars.

Would Not Discuss It.
A leading Anglican clergyman who received a copy of the circular was asked by The Advertiser for an expression of opinion Thursday night, but stated that the matter was confidential and he was, therefore, not free to discuss it publicly. However, clergymen of other denominations do not see why they were not also honored with those confidential communications.

Pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist Church.

PLENTY OF TIME FOR ICE HARVEST SAY THE DEALERS

No One Worrying Over the Mild Weather as Yet, or Possibility of No 1914 Crop.

LATE HARVEST LAST YEAR

Storage Cutting Did Not Start Until Six Weeks Later Than This.

Ice dealers have not put in their winter's crop yet, but they are not despairing. Last year it was six weeks later than this before any ice was cut in the city. There is some ice on the river, and it runs from 8 to 10 inches. It is being used only for daily requirements, as it is not thick enough for storage.

"We are waiting for Jack Frost," said a member of the firm of W. & E. Cushing. "The weather is an uncertain quantity," he continued, "but we believe that we will have plenty of below-zero weather in time to make our harvest. One week of real cold weather will give us all the ice we want. Already there is some ice on the river, but it is rather thin. However, as long as there is a foundation to build on, it doesn't take so long to grow to the required thickness on the cold weather comes."

Fine Ice Crops.

"Two years ago the weather was mild. No ice was cut until Dec. 29. We began to cut six days after the new year. We took off five crops from the one spot. That is, as soon as we had cut one field another was formed in its place. We were able to get ice from 10 to 11 inches thick. The thermometer stood all the way from 14 to 28 degrees below zero."

"At the present, while we have only 200 tons in our ice house, and although we need the ice, there is plenty of time to obtain what we need."

Enough For Present Use.
"It is early yet," remarked the manager of the Crystal Lake Ice company. "It was at least six weeks later than this last year before we began to cut ice. We consider the prospects good for getting in our crop. Already we have been cutting from time to time for present requirements. There has been no shortage so far, and we don't expect any. As far as I can say, prices will not advance. There is no fear at the present time of any shortage of the ice crop."

FULL OPERATION FOR STEEL PLANTS

Depression at Pittsburg Seems to Be Passing—5,000 Men Affected.

[Canadian Press.]
Pittsburg, Jan. 10.—Orders were posted in a number of independent steel mills placing the plants in full operation next Monday, due, it was said, to the appearance the past few days of specifications calling for approximately 100,000 tons of finished steel for immediate delivery. Operating officials expressed the opinion that the depression in the industry was passing. The orders affect some 5,000 men, who have been idle or working one-fourth time.

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Bound To Come Up.
Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders, of the First Methodist Church, did not receive a circular, and did not know of any Methodist ministers receiving one. "It is an idea that is in the minds of the people," he said, "and it is bound to come up again. The matter is not in the hands of Dr. Seath. Dr. Seath is only the servant of the people, and whatever public opinion demands, he is bound to concede, or get out of the way."

Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Presbyterian Church, had not received a circular, and on this account declined to discuss the question to any particular extent. He had only heard of it through the newspapers and had not had time to consider it thoroughly.

As Rev. H. H. Bingham points out, Continued on Page Twelve.