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DEFENCE TRIES TO UNSET MURDER TRIAL

COURT ASKED TO DISQUALIFY ONE MEMBER OF JURY

Prisoner's Counsel Calls George Camp To Testify ARGUMENT IS ON

Defendant's Wife Is In Court But Apparently Not Seen by Him

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 28.—Fred H. Peters, counsel for the defence, tried to upset the Williams murder trial this morning when he called George Camp, a member of the jury trying the case, examined him concerning his having driven Deputy Sheriff Saunders to Fosterville, and then moved that he be not allowed to return to the jury. To support this he cited authorities.

Argument was still going on when court adjourned for lunch.

Mr. Camp Called.

Mr. Peters called Mr. Camp as soon as court opened. He examined him as to the drive from Fredericton to Fosterville and return and what was said and done during that time.

Witness said he had not heard any conversations of the prisoner but he had heard him warn not to say anything by Deputy Sheriff Saunders.

His motion to have Mr. Camp excluded from the jury caused quite a sensation.

Judge Is Haired.

Mr. Justice LeBlanc remarked that he could not see where such a course would end if allowed. All counsel at any criminal trial had to do was to call a juror, swear him, ask him his name and address and what kind of tobacco he smoked, and then make a motion to have him excluded from the jury.

Mr. Peters said he had not challenged Mr. Camp until after the trial opened, or, if not then, why he had not done so just as soon as the evidence had begun at St. John.

His Honor could not see from the authorities quoted how he could be upheld.

Williams' Wife Present.

Mrs. Ada Thornhill, Williams' wife, was in court today. If the prisoner saw her he gave no sign. She arrived here last night from Houston in company with Cora A. Halam, a newspaper correspondent in Houston.

Court adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon.

Juryman's Evidence.

George Camp, the first witness for the defence, examined by Mr. Peters, said that he had driven Deputy Sheriff Saunders from Fredericton on Nov. 26 to arrest Williams. They had gone to John Foster's where prisoner was in the custody of the Pecks. He had heard no caution made to the prisoner by the Pecks. He had, however, heard Frances Saunders warn the prisoner that anything he might say would be used against him at the trial. He had not heard Williams say anything at the time. He had heard no conversation between the prisoner and Officer Saunders. He had heard voices but could not grasp the sense of the conversation.

To Mr. Hughes, he never saw the prisoner's behavior during the drive was much the same as his demeanor here. This completed the examination at Mr. Peters requested that the witness should not be allowed to return to the jury.

Three Sussex Corner Buildings Are Burned In Early Morning Fire

COLD WAVE AGAIN TAKES BIG LIFE TOLL

Woman Dies In Fire Net

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Faced with the problem of taking a 500-pound woman down narrow stairways from the fourth floor of an apartment house to transfer her to a hospital, Dr. Mellotti Curzio was obliged to call in a sergeant and ten policemen and a fire net.

Whole East of Continent In Grip of Zero Weather

TEN BELOW HERE

ST. JOHN CASES ARE HEARD IN DIVORCE COURT

Whitworth vs. Whitworth Action

Special to Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Jan. 28.—In the Divorce Court this morning the St. John case, Alice Maude Whitworth vs. Albert Ernest Whitworth, was tried.

Whitworth vs. Whitworth, William R. Scott appeared as proctor. The plaintiff wife resides in St. John, and the defendant in London, England, having been deported there last December after arriving at St. John by steamer Montclare in company with a woman with whom he had made the voyage as maid also was called.

The plaintiff gave evidence.

Walter H. Golding, of St. John, in whose home the plaintiff had been employed as maid also was called.

In London vs. London, Fred C. Squires appeared as proctor. The plaintiff in this alleges that the defendant has been guilty of improper conduct with George Corkery of Woodstock, C. H. Dearbourne, a commercial traveler, and Kenneth Miller of Woodstock.

The case was unfinished when court recessed.

St. John Cases Finished.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 27.—Evidence in two St. John cases before Mr. Justice Crockett in the Divorce Court was completed yesterday afternoon, judgment being deferred.

In the case of Alice Bacon vs. Wellington Bacon, Wilmet Scribner told of misconduct on the part of the defendant with a woman named Maude Francis near Millidgeville. G. Earl Logan appeared as proctor.

In the case of Harold T. Draper vs. Gertrude Draper, G. Earl Logan appeared as proctor. Dr. Davidson, proctor, Abraham Estabrooks, St. John, told of slaying him of plaintiff and seeing defendant in a room with unknown man. Witness said he never saw the woman since then. Plaintiff also told of his married life.

PRIMATE SCORES SUNDAY DANCING

Archbishop Matheson Tells of Stories Regarding Winnipeg Sabbath Teas.

COSTLY FIRES ADD TO GRAVITY OF SITUATION

Dogs Race On Life Errand

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 28.—Moving on a 400-mile snow-covered path the fastest and most faithful dog teams in this district were on the road to Nenana, Alaska, today in a race against the advances of an epidemic of diptheria raging at Nome. The teams carried 300,000 units of antitoxin. Thrombomax register from 30 to 54 below zero.

KINGS COUNCILLORS PLAN LONGER TERM

TO ASK AUTHORITY FOR FOUR YEAR TERM.

Patriotic Fund Balance Goes to Red Cross—Assessment Ordered.

Special to Times-Star. HAMPTON, Jan. 28.—By a vote of 22 to 8, the Kings Municipal Council this morning went on record as favoring an extension of the councillors' term from two to four years. The proposal, advanced by Warden Gilchrist, carried with some slight opposition. Warden Gilchrist argued for the change from the standpoint of economy. He claimed that a councillor would give more efficient service to the parish he represents if allowed to serve four years: Councillor McAuley strongly opposed the move.

Opposition Voiced.

Councillor Smith also opposed the warden's suggestion. Finally Councillor Gilchrist moved, seconded by Councillor James that a special bill be drafted and presented to the legislature, changing the term of office in Kings county from 2 to 4 years.

The roll call vote on the motion followed:

For—Drummond, L. J. Murray, Carr, R. Brown, Lingey, Kennedy, Jamieson, Stewelling, Baxter, Saunders, Doney, Gillen, Hayes, A. Brown, E. Jones, Creighton, Floyd, Armstrong, Henderson, McFarland Alexander, Sherwood, Agniet-Sproul, Smith, Lamb, Snider, McAuley, Pearson, Vall, D. Jones. Warden Gilchrist was appointed to go to Fredericton and urge the passage of the proposed bill, his appointment being moved by Councillor Smith.

Red Cross Donation.

The council decided to donate the \$755.81 balance on hand to the credit of the patriotic fund, \$12,200; maintenance of patients in hospitals, \$4,000. The report of the meadows committee showed receipts of \$9375 during last year with expenditures totalling \$3404. (See also page 4.)

WOMAN FOUND FROZEN

Miss Alice Jones, of 7 was found frozen to death in her little cottage in Jackson Ave., Seaford, L. I. Her body was found in a rocking chair near a stove in which the fire had long since gone out. She lived alone.

Mrs. Mary J. Wrisley, an aged woman, was suffocated by smoke during a fire early today at Northampton, Mass., which gutted a business block, with the temperature 12 degrees below zero. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

James Kelly, 70, of Winsted, Conn., dropped dead of heart failure early today. Doctor said the attack had been brought on by the intense cold. Druggists' temperatures prevailed throughout Connecticut following a (Continued on page 2, fourth column)

ANNEXATION OF CANADA TO U. S. DISCUSSED

Financier Writes On Subject in Beaverbrook's Paper

SOUTHERN DRIFT

California Correspondent To London Times Writes Of Canadian Exodus

By H. BAILEY, British United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—In spite of the emphatic protests made both in Canada and here against the ridiculous talk of Canada's accession from the Motherland, Britain's interest in her future relationship with Canada and Canadian problems, both inside and outside the Government, has assumed a new interest during the last few weeks.

The Sunday Express, Lord Beaverbrook's paper, printed an article by Murray Williams of the Montreal Stock Exchange, who discusses "the possibility of annexation with the United States" and attributes this possibility to the high taxation in the Dominion and the increased cost of living as compared with low living in the United States; adding "both Liberal and Conservatives in Canada are steeped in the mire of petty politics that it is doubtful if either is strong enough to remedy the conditions."

Betray Anxiety.

Following this article a Canadian official is trying to find some way to the Times "On the drift of Canadian opinion."

Of course all this is only a surface reflection of anxiety existing underneath. Everywhere it is admitted that the bond of sentiment is greater than ever before but there are fears, based largely on financial grounds, which are now engaging attention. Government officials are trying to find some way in which they can co-operate with Canadians in a fight against such influences as make the tie with the Motherland weaker and it is likely that a definite programme will be outlined shortly.

TOKIO HAS DROUGHT

Authorities Fear Supply of Drinking Water May be Insufficient.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Owing to a five months' drought the authorities in Tokio are greatly agitated lest the supply of drinking water may have to be reduced, according to a story Tuesday in the London Daily Mail.

The water supply for several months has been insufficient to accommodate the needs of the fire departments.

GUELPH ENDORSES POLICY OF FULLER USE OF CANADIAN PORTS IN INTERESTS OF DOMINION

Members of Chamber of Commerce Assure Embassy of Cordial Support of Campaign to Employ Atlantic Outlets

By J. D. McKENNA

Special Representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Ontario in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

GUELPH, Ont., Jan. 27.—This splendid little city, the centre of Ontario's finest farming section and home of many splendid industries, gave me one of the greatest receptions yet received in Ontario.

President Desires Belding To Deliver Message To All Canadian Clubs on Way Home

By A. M. BELDING

Special Representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Western Canada in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 27.—Finding myself pursued in the rotunda of the Fort Garry Hotel this morning, I turned to meet an old friend, President Walter C. Murray, of Saskatchewan University. He was keenly interested in my mission, and gave up an hour or more to get in touch with me. I desired to meet.

Having been himself a country lad, he asked about agriculture in New Brunswick and expressed the view that farming operations must be centralized, not only to avoid doing the wrong thing in production, as, for example in potatoes some years, but to ensure better marketing. He was inclined to think the Provincial Government must give more attention to this matter.

Dr. Murray is looking particularly well and was here in connection with a commission dealing with an agricultural problem.

The newspapers, the Manitoba Free Press and Winnipeg Tribune, gave me a most cordial reception and will tomorrow devote considerable space to the Maritime situation. President Adamson, of the Rotary Club, wants me to address the club on my return, and the Press Club, through a member

Miracle None Were Killed

When this Pascale (N. J.) trolley left the trestle over the West Shore R. R. tracks in Jersey City, N. J., it seemed that a miracle was all that saved the 22 passengers from death. As it was, all were hurled in a tangled heap in the front of the car. Most of them were unconscious when dragged out, but recovered quickly after being taken to the hospital, only two being found to have been seriously injured.



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GERMANY ASKS FOR NEW SECURITY PACT

Paris Hears That Move Will be Made Within Next Few Days.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The French government has received from Berlin reliable information tending to indicate that the German Government will within a day or two make a move to end both France and Belgium on the question of a security pact among the three powers.

(This tends to confirm unofficial intimations from Berlin recently that Germany was preparing for such a step.)

TWO NEW COMPANIES IN ST. JOHN FORMED

Both Incorporated to Engage in Garage and Motor Business Here.

Special to Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Jan. 28.—King & Parlee, Limited, has been incorporated with capital stock of \$5,000 and head office at St. John. Those incorporated are J. A. King, G. W. Parlee and C. F. Inches, all of the City of St. John. The company is authorized to engage in garage and motor parts business.

H. E. Brown & Son, Limited, has been incorporated with capital stock of \$2,000 and head office at St. John. Those incorporated are Herbert E. Brown, Mrs. Edith Martha Brown, Stanley G. Brown and Mrs. Cora Rosella Brown, all of St. John. The company is authorized to carry on a general garage business and to deal in motor accessories.

K. F. Stock Increase.

The capital stock of Moncton Knights of Pythias, Limited, has been increased from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

NEW CONGREGATION

Branch of United Church is Formed at Pictou Presbytery Session.

PICOTU, N. S., Jan. 28.—Sanction was given for the formation of a new congregation which will be a branch of the United Church in Canada, at a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, yesterday. The resignation of Rev. C. C. Walls, of Salt Springs, Rev. McKirker, of St. Andrews, Pictou and Rev. W. B. Rosborough of the First Presbyterian church of Pictou, were accepted.

WILL ATTACK O. T. A.

22 Ontario Conservative Members Plan Systematic Wet Campaign.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 28.—Decision to carry out a systematic campaign against the Ontario Temperance Act in political circles was reached yesterday at a meeting of 22 Conservative members of the Ontario Legislature. Arrangements were made to place representatives before Premier Ferguson for his consideration in drafting the Speech from the Throne.

THREE VALUED HORSES DIE AS BARN CONSUMED

Damage Between \$10,000 and \$12,000 Caused by Blaze

STARTED IN BARN

Post Office Is Destroyed But Mail Matter and Supplies Saved

Special to Times-Star. SUSSEX, N. B., Jan. 28.—Fire broke out about 3:30 o'clock this morning at Sussex Corner, about two miles from here, burned three buildings to the ground, took the lives of three valuable lumber horses, burned out one family, general store and the post office, and caused a loss estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000, with some \$3,500 insurance.

THE PLACES BURNED.

King McFarlane's two-story house and his barn, in which three horses were lost.

Percy Wood's general store and the McFarlane building.

Miss Abbie Smith's store-and-half house, in which she lived and where the post office was kept.

Mrs. George Dray's blacksmith shop; not badly damaged.

Horses Gave Alarm.

The fire apparently started in a barn owned by Mr. McFarlane, who is a well-known lumber operator. The noise made by the terrified horses in the barn woke Mrs. Everett Moore, who lives across the way, and the alarm was given. The neighborhood assembled and went to work to save what they could and to prevent spread of the flames. A call for help was sent to the Sussex Fire Department, and Chief J. J. Daly and 20 of his men drove up in aleighs and gave valuable aid.

Had Good Headway.

The fire had a firm grip on the barn when Mrs. Moore saw it, and efforts to save anything there proved fruitless. The horses, three fine animals, had to be left to their fate. Sleighs, carriages and other equipment also were consumed.

Spreads to House.

The blaze next attacked the residence of Mr. McFarlane. He and his family lived upstairs and the ground floor was occupied by Percy Wood as a general store. This building, like the barn, was razed. The family saved about half of their belongings, but a piano and other valuable household goods were destroyed.

Mr. McFarlane's daughter was ill at home, and was carried out to safety and to the shelter of a neighbor's house.

Post Office Next.

Nearly was a story-and-a-half building owned by Miss Abbie Smith. She lived upstairs and conducted the post office on the ground floor. The most of her household goods and all the supplies in the post office were saved. Miss Smith owned this building. It had had \$500 insurance.

Several times the fire took a grip on the blacksmith shop of Mrs. George Dyall, which is close at hand, but volunteers managed to save it. Mr. McFarlane said that he estimated the total loss in the fire at \$10,000 to \$12,000, and the combined insurance at about \$3,500.

Asks Divorce Because Her Husband Was Too Emotional

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 28.—She grabbed a knife and threatened to cut my heart out, he was so emotional," Miss Helen Carliff Scher, who played the role of one of the "apples" in the movie, "Forbidden Fruit," explained in a petition for divorce from her artist-husband, Solomon A. Scher, formerly

of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

"He played the violin," said Helen, "and after he got through some soulful bit, he grabbed a knife and threatened to cut my heart out."

Mrs. Scher charged cruelty. She said Scher was jealous of her beauty.