

### NIGHT-WATCHMAN IS FOUND SLAIN

#### Is Mystery to Police—Battered Body Found Near Valley Inn Mill.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 29.—Hamilton's latest murder mystery seems no nearer solution today than it did yesterday. The inquest to be held by Chief Coroner Dr. Ronnie tomorrow night at Central Police Station is expected to reveal the exact nature of the injuries which caused the death of the murdered man, when the report of the post-mortem examination is submitted.

Detectives Sayer and Bleakley have energetically searched for a clue for the murderer, but nothing definite has been found. There were finger prints on the hands of the man who was found with the body, but the original prints were obliterated by the handling of the implement by several people who visited the scene of the tragedy.

The body of the victim, George Williams, nightwatchman for the Concrete Pipe & Products, Limited, was found at 7:45 a.m. Saturday by another employe of the firm, Fred Martin, who notified the police, they in turn calling Chief Coroner Ronnie.

Scene of the Tragedy. The body lay just inside the door of the plant, face upwards. It was covered with blood and hair-frozen, evidently having been there for some hours. Two yards to the left lay his broken lantern, his key, an open jack-knife, a pipe, a small plug of tobacco and a tin of tobacco. By the side of a large wooden barrel, running along the base of a partition, were an old red quilt, a cushion and a pair of slippers. Williams, it is explained, lived in a small room above the office, located about fifty yards from the plant in which the products were turned out. At night it was his duty to fire the boiler in the plant, and he was accustomed to take his quilt and cushion over to the boiler in order to rest between the periods of firing. It was evident that he was on his way to the boiler when he met his death.

Advance Robbery as Motive. It is now being disclosed a thick deposit of his pocket money, which was also covered with blood. Another large sum was on a barrel which stood by the boiler. The police have been unable to discover any motive other than robbery, as the watchman was of a singularly quiet and inoffensive disposition. It is supposed that he was first struck as he was standing by or sitting on the beam. His dropped to his knees, as the murderer delivered his final blow with the pick.

There were no signs of the pockets being rifled. The finding of the articles strewn at the doorway lends color to the theory that Williams was sitting down to talk to the unknown stranger at the doorway.

Had Been Paid. Williams had been given his semi-monthly cheque for \$30 on Wednesday last, it being drawn at the Imperial Bank. It appears that he cashed his cheque. The money has not been found.

The Concrete Pipe and Products, Limited, was established in Hamilton last summer, the proprietors being J. L. Weller, the well-known St. Catharines engineer and his son, W. H. Weller. The plant is located just opposite the "Y" junction on the other side of the road. Besides the nightwatchman, two employes live on the plant, named Tom Martin and M. Tufford, and the first named discovered the body yesterday morning. The plant had been closed down for two days owing to a shortage of coal, but it was necessary to keep the boilers going in order to steam the cement blocks.

Williams had been an employe of the Weller family in St. Catharines for fourteen or fifteen years. He was an Englishman, 32 years of age. When Mr. Weller moved here last October a post-

tion was found for him as night watchman at the plant.

Previous Incident. One night shortly after taking over his new duties, Williams was accosted by two or three young men, who kept him talking while some more of their number went thru the office and got away with a trunk, which was found rifled a short distance away. They did not attack him. However, the night watchman became extremely cautious after this adventure and never afterwards took his money around with him, he informed his employer. He was accustomed to hide it in all manner of places. On one occasion he mentioned putting it under a barrel, where it was found in his body.

### OFFER TEST LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS

#### Names of Forty-Six Have Been Selected to Try Out Germany's Good Faith.

Paris, Feb. 29.—The war criminals commission has decided to send to Germany the names of 46 men for trial before the German courts. This, it is announced, will be a test of good faith upon which the allies have agreed.

The list, with a covering note of considerable length, has been drawn up and will be submitted to the supreme council. It is expected it will be forwarded to Berlin within the week.

The British selected the names of seven accused mostly for submarine atrocities; France selected 12, Belgium 15, and Italy, Poland and Rumania four each.

NEW NAME AT EACH HOTEL. George Robinson of Hamilton was arrested in the Walker House West of London on a warrant charging him with fraud. Robinson is alleged to have registered at three down town hotels under aliases of Steele, Tippe and Baird. At the King Edward Hotel Robinson is said to have obtained ward and lodging to the extent of \$20, then left. The Walker House and Caris-Rite amount to \$25.

20 Cents a Pound. (Special.)—The taking off of restrictions on the price of sugar resulted in speedy increases here. On Friday the wholesalers advanced their rates two dollars a bag.

### ANNOUNCE RISE IN SUGAR PRICES

#### Action by Wholesalers—Boost by Retailers Soon Follows.

Wholesale grocers announce that the price of sugar has been advanced to meet the increases charged by the refiners. The price to the retailers was advanced Saturday to \$16.71 in Toronto and \$16.50 per cwt. in Montreal, and it is predicted that retailers will be putting the price to the public up to 19 or 20 cents a pound very shortly.

Hugh Blain, president of the Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association, made the following statement: "There is no doubt whatever but that the orders issued by the board of commerce have kept down the price of sugar to the consumer, and it is equally clear that there must now be an advance in the price in the near future. The difference in exchange alone on raw sugar at the present figure is from 1-1/2 cents to 2 cents per pound.

"Sugar is one of the articles we must largely import, and the buyer must pay the rate of exchange." New Quotations. The wholesale quotations for the retail trade on Canadian refined sugar, Toronto delivery, 100-lb. bags, are now as follows: Atlantic granulated, \$16.71; Atlantic No. 1 yellow, \$16.51; Atlantic No. 2 yellow, \$16.21; Redpath granulated, \$15.71; Redpath No. 1 yellow, \$15.51; Redpath No. 2 yellow, \$15.21; Redpath No. 3 yellow, \$15.01; Redpath No. 4 yellow, \$14.91; St. Lawrence granulated, \$16.71; St. Lawrence No. 1 yellow, \$16.51; St. Lawrence No. 2 yellow, \$16.21; Acadia granulated, \$16.71; Acadia No. 1 yellow, \$16.51; Acadia No. 2 yellow, \$16.21; Acadia No. 3 yellow, \$16.01.

London, Feb. 29.—A wireless despatch from Warsaw, under date of Saturday, says that the recent revolt of Lithuanian troops at Kovno occurred on February 27, when several units who had agitators for deferred pay were ordered to assemble and confer with the government representatives. The men refused to obey orders on the advice of Bolshevik agitators from Shavil, 77 miles north-west of Kovno, and directed machine gun fire against the government building throughout the day and night. The despatch says. At the same time artillery bombarded the railway station and various parts of the town.

The despatch does not give the number of casualties but says that in semi-official circles in Lithuania it is believed the revolt was the result of bad relations between the officers and men. It is expected, the despatch states, that the insubordination will extend and new outbreaks are anticipated.

### SOVIET TO DEMAND GENERAL'S RETURN

#### Will Ask Japan for Surrender of Former Governor of Vladivostok District.

Vladivostok, Feb. 29.—Demand will be made upon Japan for the return of General Rozanoff, former governor-general of the maritime province, to face trial on charges of alleged crimes committed when he was executive of the province of which Vladivostok is the capital, according to announcement by the official news agency of the revolutionary, Zemstvo government here.

The announcement follows: "The provisional government will present to M. Matsudaira, Japanese diplomatic representative on the international mission in Vladivostok, a memorandum regarding the return of General Rozanoff, believed to have been taken to Japan on a Japanese transport, also for the return of the steamers Orel and Yakut.

"The former steamer is the property of the Russian Volunteer Fleet Association, and the Yakut is needed for navigation along the Siberian coast. There is property of the government aboard these vessels.

"General Rozanoff will be charged with criminal action; therefore this demand cannot be cancelled.

"The government has also notified the Russian ambassador at Tokio to examine persons who escaped from Vladivostok, with a view of demanding from Japan the delivery of those guilty of crimes."

### PART OF HIGHWAY WILL BE CONCRETE

#### F. C. Biggs Announces Form of Construction, Brantford to Cainesville.

Brantford, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Provincial highway matters are to be fore here. On Saturday formal confirmation that the highway from Brantford to Cainesville will be of concrete was given in notification from Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works for Ontario, that tenders were being called for the laying of concrete on this strip, and asking the city of Brantford to submit a tender. The city engineer's department will accordingly put in a tender, Mayor MacBride commenting that this would enable the city to hold its organization together, which otherwise would be impossible, owing to the fact that this year the city is unable to find the finances to carry on its program of permanent construction.

MacBride is Dubious. On Tuesday the chamber of commerce will send five members to Toronto to join with the Provincial Highway Association in interviewing the government, asking that the governmental attitude favoring macadam in place of permanent construction be changed. Mayor MacBride is dubious over the proposal to wait on the government, declaring the policy had been adopted only after Hon. F. C. Biggs had secured the best expert opinions as to road materials and construction.

Burford is endeavoring to have the Drury government change the route for the highway from Brantford to Woodstock, sending it via Burford, in place of Paris, the latter being the route adopted by the Hearst government. The Burford men claim that their route is the shorter, and less hilly, and consequently construction charges would be much less. Paris retorts that as the road in question is a boundary road, to have it a provincial highway is the only way to get a good road, while the Burford road, being in the heart of the county, would in any event be constructed as a county road.

### DIAMONDS

#### Former Canadian Killed By Bandits in Mexico

Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 29.—Deputy sheriffs from Santa Cruz County and a posse from Tucson, with bloodhounds, crossed the international line into Mexico last night in pursuit of bandits who killed Alexander Fraser and shot his brother, J. A. Fraser, in a raid yesterday on their store at Montana Camp. Fraser was born in Canada.

General M. M. Diegues, new military commander of the state of Sonora, assured the American consul at Nogales, Sonora, of his co-operation in hunting the bandits.

The body of Alexander Fraser was brought here last night. He was 58 years old and one of the best-known mining engineers in the southwest and in Mexico.

John A. Fraser is tonight dying of his wounds.

Strike Among Natives In Africa Collapsing. Johannesburg, South Africa, Feb. 29.—The strikes among the natives, which have been in progress for some time, seemingly is collapsing. Thousands of the workmen are returning to their jobs. There has been no disorder.

TAFT VISIT DELAYED. Brantford, Ont., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—The banquet of the Kiwanis Club on Monday, at which ex-President W. H. Taft was to speak, has been called off since he is unable to make connections from Washington. The visit will take place later in the week.

CONFER WITH CATTLE MEN. Brantford, Ont., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—The finance committee of the city council will confer on Tuesday with officials of the Holstein Breeders' Association, which desires a section of the Waterous property owned by the city for the erection of offices for the provincial organization.

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