

CROWN BRINGS MYSTERY PAIR TO THE TRIAL

Strangers Who Figure in the St. Pierre Case Will be Heard Today.

MOTHER OF PRISONER IN WITNESS BOX

Prisoner in Jail Declares He Saw Two Men at Scene of Tragedy That Night.

Special to The Standard.

Edmundston, N. B., March 15.—The seventh day of the trial of William St. Pierre, charged with the murder of Missie Stevens here on the night of October 11th, saw the introduction of testimony bearing a brand of the sensational stamp, the further trial of the movements of the accused on the night of the tragedy, the further injection into the case of the two automobilists to whose movements the defence is attaching much importance as well as surrounding them in mystery, and frequent clashes of counsel.

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BERLIN APPEALS TO THE LEAGUE

Alleges Allies Violate Peace Treaty in Invading Land and Levying Duties.

Berlin, March 15.—In a protest to the League of Nations on the infliction of penalties, the German government claims that the only provisions in the treaty affecting this question are paragraphs 18 of appendix 3 to part 4 and the concluding sections of article 439 and article 450. These, it is declared, do not admit of any fresh occupations of German soil beyond the territory west of the Rhine and the bridgeheads.

Do You Want a Party Convention?

The Standard will be glad to receive from friends of the party throughout the province, either by mail or wire, their opinions as to the holding of a party convention and who should issue the call for the same, in view of the fact that the executive has been practically dormant for some years now.

Austrians Ask For Cash To Buy Food

Urge Allies to Loan 50,000,000 Pounds for Investment in Foods at Once.

London, March 15.—At a conference held in Downing Street yesterday which was attended, in addition to experts, by the British, French and Italian ministers at Vienna and the French ambassador in London, Austrian representatives asked for a loan of £50,000,000 with which to import food.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Crown will produce at Edmundston today the two mysterious strangers mentioned by the defence in the St. Pierre case.

Witnesses in the preliminary hearing of Esquil Berry, of Forest Hill, N. B., charged with murdering his wife, swear there were marks on victim's throat like thumb prints.

UNITED STATES

Two vessels in collision off New York, one with many passengers on board. Other ships racing to the rescue now.

Madison, Wis., doctor has had blows off by mysterious package sent through the mails.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Austria applies to the Allies for loan of \$3,000,000 sterling with which to buy food.

Rev. J. A. Irwin, the Presbyterian minister, arrested and imprisoned for part in Irish troubles, is released from jail on ground of ill-health.

EUROPE

Germany appeals to the League of Nations against the invasion and taxation plans of the Entente.

BIG CONTEST OFFERS SOON COME TO END

Saturday Night at Midnight Sees the Close of the Ford Touring Car Offer.

300,000 EXTRA VOTES FOR \$35

Contestants Who Fail to Take Advantage of the Offer Will be Thousands Short.

Half of the last extra club vote offer of the Standard's big prize contest will be over at midnight tonight.

300,000 EXTRA votes are being given for each and every \$25 worth of subscriptions secured by midnight Saturday of this week.

Contestants who fail to take advantage of the extra vote offer of this week, will find themselves just 300,000 votes short for every \$25 worth of subscriptions they secure after Saturday night of this week.

In view of the fact that it will take VOTES to win the big automobiles and other free prizes, it would pay every contestant who expects to be one of the big prize-winners to secure every available subscription while the extra vote ballots can still be had.

Ford Offer Ends.

The Ford Touring Car offer ends Saturday night at midnight also.

Which contestant will win the 5-passenger Ford for turning in the greatest amount of subscription money during a three-week period which ends at midnight Saturday? See full details of these two big offers in yesterday's Standard.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Wm. Fernum in "The Adventurer."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Kathleen MacDonald in "Passion's Playground."

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY—High class vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Film's largest and most progressive Moving Picture Company.

REV. MR. IRWIN OUT OF PRISON

Presbyterian Sinn Feiner Released Because His Health Was Failing.

Dublin, March 15.—The Rev. J. A. Irwin, a Presbyterian minister, who on February 25 was sentenced to one year in prison after conviction by a court martial of having a revolver and ammunition in his possession was liberated from Belfast jail today.

General Sir Nevill Macready, military commander of Ireland remitted the remainder of Mr. Irwin's sentence on account of ill-health.

Threw Overboard A Cargo of Oranges

Four Thousand Crates Tossed Into Sea When "Kazembe" Took Fire at Sea.

Boston, March 15.—Fire aboard the Bucknall line freighter Kazembe, which arrived today from Alexandria, and Messina, gave her crew a lively time for a week. Flames overcame some of the crew, and it was found necessary to jettison 4,000 crates of oranges and lemons and 500 bales of Egyptian cotton.

Chief officer Baker and second officer King, who had been lowered into the burning hold to get at the flames with hose lines, were lifted out unconscious, and Chief Officer Baker may lose an eye from spark injury. It was only when the crew obtained gas masks at the Azores that the flames could be extinguished.

FIVE BURN TO DEATH

Pueblo, Colo., March 15.—Five persons were burned to death when a rear pullman car on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad caught fire early today between Pueblo and Walsenburg. The origin of the fire was undetermined.

CONVENTION AT ONCE IS PARTY WISH

All Parts of the Province Declare Themselves in Favor of Early Call.

MUCH TO BE DONE BEFORE ELECTION

Suggested It Be Held at Fredericton During the Session of Legislature.

Should the Conservative party in New Brunswick have a convention? This question has been put to a number of party workers in the city and province and the answer is an emphatic "Yes," a convention should be held.

The trouble seems to be about who shall call it. For many years now the party organization has been practically non-existent, as far as work has been concerned, but members of the executive and party workers generally realize the necessity for getting ready for the campaign.

J. M. Flewelling, M. L. A.

J. M. Flewelling, M. L. A., St. Stephen, a member of the provincial executive, expressed himself as being in favor of calling a convention at once. He suggested that the meeting be held in Fredericton, while the Provincial House was in session, as he believed in that way a larger representation could be secured.

Mr. Flewelling was outspoken in his opinion that it was time an organization was started for the campaign which had to come before many months were past.

E. R. Richard.

E. R. Richard, of Sackville, secretary of the provincial executive, said in his opinion the convention should have been called before this and the party lined up for the fight.

Without organization nothing could be accomplished, and the sooner the organization was completed the better for the party.

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Russo-Polish Treaty

Riga, Latvia, March 15.—Official announcement was made today by the Russo-Polish peace conference, that the peace treaty between the two countries will be signed Friday evening at a public meeting of the conference.

Many At Funeral Of Rev. Dr. Campbell

ering representative of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Montreal Presbytery, members of his former congregation and many friends of the late Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, assembled in the First Presbyterian church today to pay a last tribute to one of the oldest and best known ministers of that church. Rev. Dr. E. Scott delivered the funeral address and spoke in eloquent terms of the long service and excellent work of Dr. Campbell during the years when he acted as clerk of the General Assembly.

BRITAIN TO PROBE CATTLE EMBARGO

Lloyd George Announces An Impartial Committee to Study Big Question.

London, March 15.—The embargo against the exportation of Canadian cattle to Great Britain will be the subject of an enquiry by an impartial committee. Premier Lloyd George intimated to a deputation of agricultural members of parliament tonight.

NO BLOOD FOUND ON SKIRT WORN BY MRS. G. PERRY

Detective Fails to Take Any Sensational Action on Visit to Yarmouth.

LONG INTERVIEW WITH ROSS LAD

Given Searching Examination on Various Aspects of Tragic Death.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 15.—Dark mystery still enshrouds the murder of Captain George H. Perry. There was some expectation in Yarmouth that the return of Detective Kennedy would result in some sensational developments today, but there were none. It is now known that there were no blood-stains on the skirt of Mrs. Perry, which was sent to Halifax for analysis.

The mark on the skirt was given a searching examination on various aspects of the case. The detective and Chief Babine also visited the Perry homestead, but they declined to night to say anything regarding their visit.

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Four Detectives In Trouble Over Rewards

Recovered Bonds Worth Million Dollars and Accepted a Reward for Work.

New York, Mar. 15.—Four police department detectives who in the last two years, recovered nearly a million dollars' worth of securities stolen from the financial district, today were indicted on a charge of taking unlawful fees. The indictments were returned in connection with former Governor Whitman's investigation of alleged corruption in the city administration. The four detectives were Alvin Greer, Thomas Meringold, Frank Gillilan and Isaac Mindheim.

Accepted a Reward

While the indictments were not made public, it is understood the defendants were charged with accepting \$500 each, as reward from a brokerage firm for recovering stolen securities, without obtaining the necessary order from the police commissioner sanctioning the acceptance of gratuities.

Despatch Rider Killed

Dublin, March 15.—There was an attack today on two military motor-cyclists in the Dolphin's barn district of Dublin. One of the riders was shot dead and the other was shot in the lung, receiving injuries which, it is believed, will prove fatal. In an attack on military despatch riders crossing Rialto bridge, Dublin, a soldier was wounded.

MOB LYNCHED NEGRO

Texarkana, Tex., March 15.—Browne Tuttle, negro, charged with assault on an aged white woman near here, was taken from the Hope City jail tonight by a mob of about 200 persons and lynched.

THUMB MARKS ON THROAT OF MRS. E. BERRY

Witness Swears That Bruises on Neck Looked Like That to Her.

DOCTOR DESCRIBES SCRATCH AS THUMB NAIL

Hearing in the Case of Esquil Berry is Adjourned Until Friday.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, March 15.—Evidence of seeing what looked like finger marks on the throat of Mrs. Minnie Berry, whose mysterious death at Forest Hill led to the arrest of her husband, Esquil Berry, charged with murder, was given this afternoon by Mrs. Blanche Prosser, who is the wife of Gen. E. Prosser, who laid the information against the accused.

Mrs. Prosser was the first of the neighbors to see the body of the dead woman on Sunday morning, Dec. 17th on the morning the accused alleged he found his wife's lifeless body in the pool three hundred or four hundred yards from the Berry home.

Saw The Marks.

Mrs. Prosser corroborated evidence of other witnesses as to marks about Mrs. Berry's head and went further to describe marks she saw on Esquil's throat. This witness and the dead woman were quite friendly and visited in her frequent. Mrs. Prosser says Mrs. Berry often came to her with her troubles, complaining that her husband was jealous of her and was cranky and cross with her.

Constable Winford Stevens of Forest Hill, gave evidence in reference to the post mortem conducted by Dr. King of Petitcodiac, in which he (Stevens) assisted. He described a scratch on the lower part of the woman's jaw from which blood oozed in having the appearance of being made by a thumb nail.

Looked Like Nail Mark.

This mark he declared, was identified as a thumb nail by the doctor in making a note of marks about the face.

Wylie Wood, postmaster of Forest Glen-told of measuring the depth of water in the water hole and finding it twenty-two inches at the deepest part. The investigation was adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Blanche Prosser, wife of George Prosser the informant, told of the accused coming to their home on Sunday, Dec. 12 last. She accompanied him to the woods and said "No one knows the life I've lived with that woman but myself." He said she had been cranky all the week.

One Had to Go.

He said he went to bed about 10 o'clock Saturday night and had had to leave or "I will." About half-past ten he said, he heard his wife go out. Five minutes later he got up and went out as far as the road and saw her tracks going down the road. He thought she had gone to a neighbor's Geo. Geldard's. He then went back to the house and went to bed.

When witnesses arrived at the Berry home she saw the body of Mrs. Berry lying on three chairs. She noticed that the deceased's right ear was badly swollen and very bright. Under her clothing was wet. The sweater on the body was somewhat wet. Witnesses said the body was limp, and noticed very little water under it on the floor.

Gave Wife Brooch

Accused got his wife's brooch and asked witness to put it on her when they laid the body out. Witness advised Berry to keep the brooch for his daughter, Olive, but he replied that he wanted his wife to have it.

Witnesses said she had visited the Berry's home on Thursday afternoon, prior to the tragedy. Mrs. Berry appeared to be having a lot of trouble, judging by her talk. She said that her husband was very cross with her ever since he came home. She did not know how she was going to live, he was so cross and cranky, she said he was jealous of her. There was not a man came near the house but her husband was accusing her of something.

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Three Acquitted

New York, March 15.—Supreme Court Justice McATAY, today directed acquittal of John T. Heitrick, William J. Dorman and William H. Chapman on trial with two other defendants indicted in connection with the "Building Trust" investigation on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law.

Cut Daylight Saving

Boston, March 15.—The Senate today voted to curtail the daylight saving period in this state from seven months to five. This action follows defeat of a bill to repeal the daylight savings law. The House had not yet acted.

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He waxed eloquent over this grievance, and with an energy worthy of a great national feast, denounced the Government and contrasted its promptness very unfavorably with that of the Government of which he had been a member. The House broke and thought the "great offensive" had been launched.

Whips Got Busy

Government whips rallied their supporters and another test of strength was believed to be at hand. The prime minister showed that Hon. Mr. King's figures were his own undoing; that the Government of which he had been a member had never produced an auditor-general's report with the promptness of the present Government, and that it was not the intention of the Government to ask the approval of the House on any item of public expenditure in the auditor-general's report already in the possession of parliament.

Hon. W. S. Fielding spoke of the difficulty confronting the Government in obtaining prompt service in the matter of reports. He thought reports should, if possible, be available.

A Calm Survey

His calm survey of the subject was in such marked contrast to the fiery eloquence of his leader that parliament could not but think he was taking a fair view of the matter which he faced for the leadership. After this gentle rebuff, Hon. Mr. King subsided; another offensive had been turned into a sham attack, and parliament went into supply on the estimates of the agriculture department.

Not Fighting Force

What a fiasco of an Opposition! It is impossible to take it seriously. Efficient leadership may overcome the faults of a mediocre army; an efficient army may survive mediocre leadership; but incompetency in command and disunion and mediocrity in the ranks are fatal. To those that witnessed the fighting Opposition under Sir Wilfrid Laurier from 1891 to 1896 and under Sir Robert Borden from 1908 to 1911, the present group to the left of the speaker is a parody on an Opposition. Fighting for the auditor-general's report and the Opposition has never really investigated an item of public expenditure in the public accounts committee. Today's fiasco has completed the discomfiture of the Opposition and the failure of Hon. Mr. King's leadership.

No New Work For C. P. R. This Year

Winnipeg, March 15.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has decided that no new project involving expenditure on capital account will be undertaken in Western Canada until business conditions are more settled, said D. C. Coleman, vice-president, in charge of Western lines, today. Mr. Coleman has just returned from the east, where he has been conferring with head office officials.

STOCK EXPORTS DECLINE

Ottawa, March 15.—Exports of live stock from the Dominion during February show a total value of \$203,857, as compared with \$1,106,239 during the same month of 1920.

LIBERALS WILL OPPOSE VOTING OF FULL SUPPLY

Charge Government With Liberally Holding Up Auditor-General's Report.

PREMIER DENIES ANY SUCH PLAN

Claims Even Great Delay Occurred During the Laurier Regime.

Ottawa, Mar. 15.—The department of agriculture was under fire in the House today. It was the first occasion this session of the House being in supply. Nor was the supply motion carried without some lively preliminary exchange of views.

Last session the leader of the Opposition declared that in future he would be unwilling to see interim supply bills pass. Today, he opposed the voting of supply on the ground that the full report of the auditor-general (which contains details of the year's expenditures) was not before the House.

Charges a Plot

The delay, Mr. King heatedly declared, "is a deliberate device by the Government to prevent parliament from having the information to which it is entitled." And Mr. King charged that cabinet ministers were away last summer in Spain, England, Belgium, anywhere except in Ottawa attending to business.

The prime minister sharply retorted that there was nothing in the situation to warrant either the "heat or tone" of Mr. King's remarks. Nothing had been done by the Government to defer presentation of the auditor-general's report.

As Bad Under Laurier

It was merely a question of the physical labor of presentation and three volumes of the report had been tabled. Under the Laurier administration the present delay had been greatly exceeded. On the other hand, Hon. W. S. Fielding, (who was minister of finance in the Laurier administration) claimed that when the Liberals were in power, such delay as the present was unknown.

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