

GANGSTERS' PRESENCE TERRIFIED BUSINESS

Fear of Ruffians' Revenge Shuts His Mouth. RETRACTS EVIDENCE

And is Subsequently Arrested on Perjury Charge -- Nets of Law Closing Around Slayers of Herman Rosenthal.

New York, N. Y., July 24.—Fear of revenge at the hands of the east side gangsters today temporarily blocked the efforts of District Attorney Whitman to draw closer the lines about the men who assassinated Herman Rosenthal, eight days ago. Apparently awed by the presence of gangsters in the corner's court, John Reiser, known to the sporting fraternity as John the Barber, retracted at the coroner's examination, a statement which he made a few minutes earlier to Mr. Whitman. Reiser was later arrested on a charge of perjury.

The coroner's hearing was in the nature of an examination of Bridge Weber and Sam Paul, charged with complicity in the murder. Having failed to get the desired statements from the witness, District Attorney Whitman secured an adjournment of Weber's and Paul's examination for 48 hours. Reiser was the first witness called. He declared that he had seen Weber in Broadway near the scene of the murder. "Was he running?" asked Mr. Whitman. "Witness alarmed."

NEWLY INVENTED WIRELESS SYSTEM TO WORK WONDERS

Claimed Old Method Will Be Superseded -- Messages May Be Transmitted Across Atlantic at High Speed.

London, July 24.—Wireless messages will be sent across the Atlantic and to other parts of the world by a new system according to experts within four months, not only much faster than by the present system, but also with such precision that it will be possible to send pictures by this means.

The new system has been taken up by one of the big European telegraph companies, and will be given a thorough test by a syndicate organized under the auspices of the telegraph company.

ALBERT BOY IS CHARGED WITH THEFT

Special to The Standard. Albert, July 24.—In the police court at Albert today, Claude B. Robertson and Freeman Collins were charged with burglary and entering the store of Clifford Atkinson, Collins is a boy about 17 years of age, while young Robertson is only about 12 years old. Robertson was caught in the store and keys that had been stolen were found in his possession by which he gained admittance to the store. He admitted his guilt and also implicated Collins, stating that Collins had induced him to go into the store and take goods, mostly candy, jack-knives, cigarettes, etc. Robertson's statement was unsupported by any other evidence and the magistrate declined to send Collins up on his testimony, but Robertson was sent up for trial and lodged in jail.

Robertson and those acting for him are making arrangements for a speedy trial and Judge Jonah will probably hear the case the first of next week. The boy's parents are hopeful that he may be sent to the Boys' Industrial Home at St. John. The preliminary examination of John W. Colpitts, who is charged with perjury alleged to have been committed on election day at Coverdale, Albert county, was concluded before Justice Calhoun at Hopewell Cape this afternoon. James C. Shozria, acting for the prisoner declared not to call any witnesses for the defense and the magistrate decided that the evidence was sufficient to commit Colpitts for trial, which was accordingly done without bail and he is in jail.

Mr. Sherrin stated that he would make application for bail before a Supreme Court Judge.

PRAY FOR DEATH OF WAREPORT

Strikers Denounce Head of London Port Authorities -- Further Effort for National Strike to be Made.

London, July 24.—Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union, who arrived in this country last Monday from Australia, already is organizing with a view to making another attempt to call a national strike of transport workers in support of the London dock men who have been out on strike for ten weeks.

In an appeal issued today to the workers of the London dock men, Mr. Wilson announces that he intends to visit all the ports in the United Kingdom and urge that the men be ready for action in the event of the London dispute not being settled favorably to the men.

Fifty thousand strikers paraded through the city of London this afternoon. At a meeting held subsequently on Tower Hill a dramatic incident occurred. Ben Tillett, one of the strike leaders, after an address in denunciation of Lord Davenport, chairman of the port of London Board and a leader among the employers, asked the men to join him in prayer. Ben Tillett and the immense concourse with bared heads prayed: "Oh God, strike Lord Davenport dead."

In some quarters it is reported that a general strike of transport workers will be declared July 27. There was a sharp conflict this afternoon between the police and a number of strikers who were attempting to molest non-union workers. Many heads were cracked.

MAY BECOME PEER

London, July 24.—The Daily Telegraph hears that Augustine Birrell is likely to be raised to the peerage and succeed as chief secretary for Ireland by the Right Hon. H. L. Samuel, the postmaster general.

PRESTINA SURRENDERS.

Constantinople, July 24.—Rumors which have been current for two days that the Albanians have captured Prestina, a town in the Vilayet of Kosovo, are officially confirmed. The town fell Sunday, the garrison surrendering.

MINTO COAL MINES LIMITED TO TAKE OVER GRAND LAKE PROPERTY.

Purchase of O'Leary Mine Confirmed -- Mines Now Controlled Contain at Least Two Million Tons of Coal.

Fredericton, July 24.—The Minto Coal Company, which has been organized to take over the coal interests which have been acquired in Queens and Sunbury counties in the Grand Lake district during the past few months by Sir Thomas Tait. The new company will have an authorized capitalization of \$400,000 and will afterwards carry on the extensive coal mining and development which Sir Thomas mapped out and for which he has been carrying on preliminary work since last summer and in connection with which the Fredericton & Grand Lake Coal & Railway Company was formed.

Those named in the to and incorporation for incorporation: Sir Thomas Tait, Montreal; John Henderson, of Parish of Northfield, Sunbury Co.; A. R. Slipp and R. E. Hanson, solicitors, of Fredericton; and Victor E. Mitchell, of Montreal. The organization of the new company means that the Fredericton & Grand Lake Coal & Railway Company will for the present at least be interested in the management of the railway business only, the Gibson & Minto railway now being under construction between Gibson, across the river from Fredericton and Minto.

O'Leary Mine Purchased. Sir Thomas Tait this morning confirmed the report that he had recently concluded the purchase of the O'Leary mine at Minto, one of the best coal properties in the Grand Lake district. The price, it is said, was well on to \$20,000, although Sir Thomas declined to give any information on that point.

Previously Sir Thomas had acquired the Oakley and Tweedie mines and also had purchased the Gibson mine, while he had purchased besides the Collins property and acquired the licenses to work coal in large quantities over the Gibson and Minto Railway by the end of the present year.

WEST LOSING LIVE STOCK

Conference at Winnipeg Will Endeavor to Check Decline of Industry -- Exports Have Dropped Off.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 24.—A conference of exceptional importance to Western Canada has been called to be held in Winnipeg on July 29. The conference has been summoned to discuss the whole problem of the Western live stock industry in Western Canada, and to discuss ways and means of encouraging it.

During recent years the quantity of live stock raised in the west has been steadily declining. Many year ago Alberta was an extensive shipper of cattle to England. Today exportations have dropped practically to nil. The cutting up of the ranges into homesteads has some influence, but it is not entirely responsible. Western Canada is not only no longer exporting cattle, but it is actually now raising sufficient for its own needs. During the last couple of years large quantities of beef, pork and mutton have been imported into the west, and mutton has even been brought from as far as New Zealand.

Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture is taking an active interest in the efforts to revive the industry and H. R. Arkell, acting live stock commissioner leaves tomorrow for Winnipeg to take part in the conference, lend any assistance he can and offer the services of the Dominion government in any plans which may be devised.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED. Ottawa, July 24.—There is no confirmation in parliamentary circles of the report sent out from Ottawa that there will be an extra session in September to tackle the naval question. Early November is generally looked upon as the date.

ROYAL PARTY LEAVE.

Quebec, July 24.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught with Princess Patricia and party left at five a. m. today on board the government steamer Earl Grey en route for the Maritime Provinces.

BETTER TRADE RELATIONS WITH NEWFOUNDLAND POSSIBLE

Visit of Commissioner of Commerce to Neighboring Colony Closely Follows Sir Ralph Williams' Trip to Dominion.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 24.—Richard Grigg, Commissioner of Commerce, has gone to Newfoundland on behalf of the department of trade and commerce, for an official visit to the Canadian trade agency at St. John's. While in Newfoundland he will look into the commercial conditions of the island taking note of opportunities, if any, for improved trade between Newfoundland and Canadian ports. This visit follows closely upon the recent visit to Canada of Sir Ralph Williams, governor of Newfoundland, and both may be regarded as marking a revival of interest in each other on the part of Canada and the neighboring colony. Mr. Grigg will confer with W. E. Nicholson, Canadian trade agent in Newfoundland, as well as with leading exporters and importers of St. John's.

It does not appear that there is any further significance to be attached at present to these visits or that they will result in any concrete project of a closer political relationship. Newfoundland figures in the proposed trade agreement between Canada and the British Indies, the concessions granted in the Canadian and West Indian markets being extended to Newfoundland for a period of three years without any reciprocal advantage being obtained in the Newfoundland market. The commissioner of commerce will doubtless obtain some information during his present visit as to the disposition Newfoundland has of becoming a contributing partner in the proposed scheme of reciprocity with the Empire.

FAMILIES FLEE IN FACE OF FLOODS; FACILITIES FAIL

Inundation of Pittsburg Districts Drives Many from Homes and Interrupts Transportation.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 24.—For the second time since last Sunday the Pittsburg district was flooded today by one of the heaviest rains in years. In less than six hours the precipitation was close to three inches. In the horizons adjoining the city, all small streams are out of their banks. The raging torrents have crippled transportation facilities while inestimable damage has been done in small towns. Tonight Turtle Creek near here was rising 14 inches an hour. Families living in the low lands fled to the hills. The water was so high that it was impossible to get household goods to safety, while merchants have moved perishable goods to second and third floors. At Haysborough the rising waters from a four mile run, drove many families to the upper portion of their homes. Later a call for help was sent to this city and police were sent to the rescue. The tanks with a number of western Pennsylvania towns has been interrupted.

PETROLEUM FIRM LOSES PLANT, SHIP IS ALSO BURNED

Tank Steamer Trindadian Takes Fire and Entire Interior is Destroyed -- Loading Oil for Europe.

Marcus Hook, Pa., July 24.—Fire, which spread to the British tank steamer Trindadian early today when the plant of the Union Petroleum Company was almost completely destroyed, burned all day despite the efforts of tugs to extinguish the flames. The tanker was about half loaded with oil for a European port. The interior of the vessel forward of the engine, which are located aft, was completely burned. During the day the fire fighters confined their efforts to prevent the oil from spreading into the Delaware River. The ship has a heavy list.

The Trindadian which was formerly the Swedish tank steamer Augusta was purchased by the Barbor Asphalt Company last spring.

EMPEROR SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Condition of Japan's Ruler was More Encouraging Yesterday. Temperature Lower But Pulse Somewhat Accelerated is Latest Bulletin -- Subjects Crowd Outside Palace Walls

Tokyo, July 24.—The official bulletin issued at 6 o'clock this morning on the condition of the emperor was more reassuring than that issued at 11 o'clock the previous night. This morning's bulletin gave the temperature of the emperor as 98.7, pulse 104, respiration 32. Last night's bulletin read, temperature 100.4, pulse over 100, irregular, patient increasingly fatigued. The physicians remained at the bedside throughout the night as conditions were considered unfavorable. A minister of the household said this morning, however, that the emperor had slept fairly well. The acceleration of the pulse is regarded as serious but not critical.

The 11 o'clock bulletin created alarm and the princes were summoned to the palace at 2 o'clock in the morning. The newspapers delayed issue until after 6 o'clock when assurance were given of a pronounced improvement. The attending physicians do not explain the cause of the accelerated pulse, but are hopeful because the temperature remains close to normal.

The crown prince visited the emperor yesterday, the meeting being described as affecting. His majesty, however, was smiling. He showed great weakness, but his mind was in no way clouded.

Great crowds of people gathered outside the palace walls. For the first time in history the general public has been admitted subject to approval to the palace grounds, in order to express condolences.

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FLOODS PLAY HAVOC ON PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAYS

Large Tracts Inundated, Many Lives Are Lost. COUNTRYSIDE SWEEPED

Unlontown, Pa., July 24.—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the mainway of Superior No. 2 mine at Evans Station, three miles north of Unlontown, this afternoon, following a cloudburst, 13 men are drowned and 37 escape after a most harrowing experience. The men were drowned about 4000 feet from the mouth of the mine, their only avenue of escape. All but one of the victims were married and had large families. The dead: Andy Valco, John Rocco, Miles Smith, J. R. Galley, Adam Smith, brother of Miles, single, William Mosbaur, Andy Pollock, Mike Pellish, Frank Layoff, John Kuffman, Andy Boltzki, Russell Gardner, Pierce Solomon.

Although this list is given out by officials it is reported that at least one more victim, an unknown foreigner, will be added. His name was given by other men in the mine when they escaped, refusing to accompany them to a place of safety.

Over 30 children are deprived of their bread winners by one of the worst catastrophes known to this region. The men who escaped were forced to half swim and half walk to the pit mouth through water ranging in depth from their waists to their necks. The majority were knocked down by the lumberers sent down the mine with great rollers to clear the current. Several were being carried back into the mine to certain death when rescued by companions who risked their lives. Officials of the Superior Company say that it will take at least sixty days to clear the mine of water and until then the bodies must remain in the water.

Another Flood. Dunbar, Pa., July 24.—A devastating flood rushing down the mountain side spread ruin throughout Dunbar today. A cloudburst transformed small streams into raging torrents. A number of buildings were completely wrecked and hundreds of others damaged. The town is almost entirely under water tonight and conditions are chaotic.

City Hall, police headquarters, Samuel Joseph's restaurant, O. E. Kelly's jewelry store, W. J. Bowers' grocery store, two warehouses and a number of dwellings were swept away completely. Not a house in the lowlands escaped injury. Over 200 are submerged. The main thoroughfare is blocked with debris. At points the wreckage is piled 20 feet high. The track foundations of the Pennsylvania Railroad were swept away and the tracks dropped into the creek. The station platform was carried away and the building partly wrecked. Mine and property of the Presport Company and the United Coal Company have sustained inestimable damage.

HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL DEFENDS NAVAL PROGRAMME -- BIG MARGIN OVER GERMAN PLANS PROVIDED FOR.

London, July 24.—In the debate on the supplementary estimates in the House of Commons today, Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to the criticism that he had made inadequate provision to meet the menace he had described, said: "We are spending £45,000,000 (\$225,000,000) this year and we are going to spend more next year. We are raising the personnel of the navy to 141,150 by 1913 and to 148,000 in 1914."

As regards construction Germany this year is laying down two new battleships and we four. Next year Germany is laying down one extra and we two. This year Germany is laying down two small cruisers, we are laying down eight. Germany in the course of the next 18 months is laying down 21 destroyers, we 43. There is no cause for panic or alarm."

TWO MINERS KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 24.—Two miners were killed and three others injured one probably fatally, by an explosion of gas today in the hillman slope of a colliery operated by the Delaware and Hudson Company, at Plymouth. The dead are, John McGuire, 45 years of age and Michael Morrison, 43.