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SEVEN KILLED IN FIGHT IN PRISON

Convicts Rush Guards with Loaded Pistols in Dash for Liberty

Judge who was Innocent By-stander was Shot and Killed

Arms Were Smuggled Into Prison by Someone Unknown

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MCALESTER, Okla., Jan. 20.—Quiet prevailed to-day at the state penitentiary where last night seven persons lost their lives during a battle between guards and three convicts who attempted to escape. Bodies of three prison employees shot down while at their posts of duty and the three convicts were at the penitentiary morgue; while in a city a few miles distant the body of Judge John R. Thomas of Muskogee, a visitor at the prison, killed by a convict's bullet, awaited final preparation for shipment to relatives.

In the prison hospital, suffering from bullet wounds, were Miss Mary Foster, telephone operator at the prison, John Martin, turnkey, and C. L. Wood, guard.

The bodies of H. H. Drover, head of the Berthillon department, Patrick Oates, assistant deputy warden, and F. E. Godfrey, a guard will be held for word from relatives as to their disposition, which was expected to come to-day.

Pistols smuggled into the prison, and reaching the hands of Charles Kooontz, China Reed and Tom Lane, the convicts who gave their lives in their dash for liberty, were the cause of the tragedy. To-day Warden W. R. Dick continued his searching investigation to discover the means by which the weapons came within the walls. Word came from Oklahoma city that a special commission might be appointed to make an investigation of the affair.

Armed with their pistols, Rod Lane and Kooontz, when labor was for the day in the tailor shop where they were employed, made their way through a basement store room and up a dark stairway to the entry room of the main building. There stood John Martin, the turnkey, but before he realized what the presence of the men meant a shot passed through his cheek, knocking him down. Quickly the men took his keys. With a shout to the other prisoners to join them the three rushed forward. Oates, the assistant warden, was in their path. Rod Lane shot him through the heart. Near the door of the Warden's office sat Judge Thomas, who was waiting to see Warden Dick on business.

"Boys, I'm an innocent bystander, just here on private business," the Judge called just as he sprang to his feet, but up his hands. In reply came a shot from the convicts, and he fell dead. Another shot wounded Wood, a guard. Miss Foster, the telephone operator, then came in for attention from the three. With an oath, they overturned the switchboard, tripping to disconnect the wires. By this time the greatest excitement was "swinging" through the prison. Convicts were shouting cheering words to the escaping men, and guards were shouting as they ran about to quell the outbreak.

Half cringing as the rifles of the guards cracked from various quarters the three convicts hesitated, but only for an instant. Later, however, by the hope of freedom the three went forward toward the gate, dragging Miss Foster with them. As they neared the doorway they lifted the telephone operator and carrying

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Constable Kerr Is Sworn In Deputy Sheriff

Whoever the party is who will hang James Taylor he will arrive in the city to-morrow evening. Arriving at such a time will leave him but one day in which to prepare for the hanging, as it will take place on Friday morning.

The condition of the condemned man is such that doubt has been expressed as to his ability to walk to the gallows. It is just possible that he will break down completely.

Owing to Sheriff Ross being on six months leave, because of illness, Hugh Constable Kerr was yesterday sworn in as Deputy Sheriff before Police Magistrate Livingston.

This morning a Dalhousie street man was called from the jail in order to get the gallows ready.

Strathcona Is Dying Say Doctors

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Jan. 20.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, high commissioner for Canada is dying. The physicians in attendance reported that he had become unconscious at half past four this afternoon.

REPORT UNFOUNDED. LONDON, Jan. 20.—A wholly unconfirmed report that the Emperor William had suffered a paralytic stroke caused a momentary scare on the London Stock Exchange. Consols dropped half a point, but soon recovered 2-8 of the fall.

INDIAN IS NOT LIABLE TO BE SUED

Jesse Cayuga, of the Six Nations, Has a Case at Osgoode Hall

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, Jan. 20.—That an Indian is not liable to an action for "tort," or a wrong that is answerable in damages, was the contention set up on behalf of Jesse Cayuga, a Six Nation Indian before Mr. Justice Middleton at Osgoode Hall this morning. Judgment was reserved.

Cayuga is co-defendant with another Indian, Simon Wilson of the Brantford Reserve, in an action for damages for alleged breach of contract for the sale of pressed hay by Wilson to Johnson Walker for \$35. Wilson alleges that Walker did not come for the hay in time and he sold it to Cayuga.

The motion this morning was for an order of prohibition preventing County Judge Douglas of Hamilton dealing with the matter.

Application in another matter with the same parties was made by Cayuga to the Government at Ottawa. He alleges that the Six Nations Indians bought it from the Missaugas long ago, and that the latter have no right now to remain there.

ALEXANDRA HAD SPLENDID YEAR

Increase in Church Membership—Workers at Church Very Grateful.

The annual meeting of Alexandra Presbyterian Church was held last night. There was a fair attendance of members and adherents. It was a meeting of happy workers looking back over a good year's work.

The report of session showed a total increase of 107 members, a net gain of 66, making the present membership 554. During the year five were removed by death.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the bank Dec. 31st of \$374.72. Total amount given to missions \$1087.50. Grand total given to all purposes \$10,602.94.

Reports from the W. H. M. S. and W. F. M. S. the S. School, the Young People's Society and the Brotherhood were all encouraging and showed advances all along the line. The Ladies Aid Society came in for special praise. This active organization raised during the year \$1060.40. Generous applause greeted this report.

The new church building fund report showed a heavy debt, but the congregation is in good heart and facing the future unafraid.

Toward the close of the meeting Mr. A. McFarland requested the pastor to leave the chair and retire to the vestry for a short time. In his absence Mr. T. McPhail took the chair. When Rev. Mr. McClintock returned it was announced to him, amid applause, that his salary had been increased \$100. Mr. McClintock replied in happy phrase.

This closed one of the most hopeful, happy and harmonious meetings of the church.

EMIGRATED FROM BRITAIN NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—A cable to the Sun from London says: According to an official statement just issued, 368,813 emigrants left Great Britain and Ireland during the year 1913. Of this number, 94,660 went to the United States and 190,903 to Canada. Of the 90,256 immigrants who came into the country in the same period, 25,159 were not British subjects. Most of them were Americans.

W. I. of Brantford. Arrangements are being made for a visit of Pittsburgh Masons to Brantford, January 25.

BUXTON TELLS WHOLE PLOT TO POLICE

Remarkable Manner in Which Krafchenko Got Liberty.

BANDIT VERY CLEVER

Winnipeg Lawyer is Deeply Involved in the Case.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WINNIPEG, Jan. 20.—John H. Buxton made a complete public confession yesterday before the Royal Commission giving every detail of the plot which led to the escape of John Krafchenko.

At the same time, Buxton revealed himself as the man who "squealed" relating with apparent gusto how he led the police to the lair of the hidden criminal Sunday night.

In a melodramatic story, Buxton made no attempt to spare his co-partners in the conspiracy and made a clean breast of everything done by Percy Hagel and John R. Reid. Krafchenko's night guard to bring about a jail delivery.

Buxton was followed on the stand by Frank Holt, a clean cut young fellow of good character for whom the greatest sympathy was shown. He was arrested in the afternoon and is held as a material witness. He was worked into the plot involuntarily through a turn of fate. He is an employee of the Security Mortgage warehouse and helped harbor Krafchenko in one of the upper stories, as he said, in fear of his life. "Three in the story he mentioned his 'girl friend' telling how he took her to Buxton Church on Sunday night and how in his predicament he had made a clean breast of the story to her receiving in return an insistent demand that he reveal the whole story to the police.

By far the most striking feature of the two stories was the fact that all who were implicated in the daring plot were acting apparently without any impelling impulse. To all of those who assisted Krafchenko he was an almost complete stranger.

Only one reason was no promise of reward. They seemed to be charged and hypnotized by the magnetic personality of the bandit. Buxton, when asked why he did it, said, he did not know, he said he thought he must have been crazy.

Only one excuse for the plot was the overwhelming desire to avoid legal defeat on the part of Percy Hagel.

Buxton said: "Hagel told me he never had a man hanged and he did not propose to let arrangements with Percy Hagel to take the case for Krafchenko. It was he who carried the revolver, rope and key to the prisoner. He seemed to be acting under a spell.

Reid was implicated at every turn. According to Buxton he was a frequent visitor to Hagel's office and the three conspirators met many times in downtown bars.

Percy Hagel is almost as deeply involved in Buxton's story can be given any credence.

The \$10,000 reward for the arrest will be claimed by Sam Simmons, pawnbroker, who furnished the information to the police that led to connecting Buxton with the escape.

Planning a Job. WINNIPEG, Jan. 20.—With the charge of murder hanging over his head and the police of a whole content seeking him, John Krafchenko's chief lament while in riding was that he would be unable to pull off a "job" on January 15. This was the statement made by John H. Buxton at the close of yesterday's royal commission hearing. Krafchenko, he said, had confided this to him in the Gurniss Bank site making reference to a pay-roll—a railway pay roll he thought—in which Krafchenko said there was \$60,000 or \$80,000 and if he pulled it off he would "make it right with the boys." He had intended to pull off this "job" on the 15th, but would have to leave it until the following month, Buxton said he did not know what railroad pay-roll was referred to.

COMMITTED SUICIDE NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Stephen T. Williams, known as the first business efficiency expert, and who reorganized more than four hundred of the largest business concerns in the country, committed suicide last night in his home here by shooting. Mr. Williams was 60 years old. It is understood that in recent years he had suffered heavy financial losses and had been ill.

Sir James Is Sinking Fast To-day

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, Jan. 20.—Sir James Whitney is growing hourly weaker and it is hardly expected he can survive another day. The Premier had a very bad turn at ten o'clock this morning when for a few minutes the doctors thought the end had come. The use of heart stimulants revived him however and for a time he was conscious.

"We are just keeping him alive with heart stimulants," said Dr. McPhedran, with an ominous shake of the head. Dr. McPhedran dropped out practically no hope of recovery.

LAURIER'S BLUE RUN RECEIVES QUIETUS

Has Assumed the Mantle Worn by Liberal Predecessor for Years

How Government Deals with High Cost of Living Problem

Improved Methods of Production and Promotion of Co-operation

[By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—A clean-cut declaration by the Prime Minister that the Canadian Government stand firmly by its policy of naval aid, a challenge to the Senate and a business-like explanation of what the Government is doing, and will do, in regard to the increased cost of living were the outstanding features of a splendid speech from Premier Borden in the debate on the address. The Dominion of Canada would proceed with the construction of the three ships promised a year ago, the Government being at the same time ready and willing to co-operate with the Admiralty in any movement for a reduction of armaments. If the Canadian Senate persisted in the abuse of a position such as existed in no other country, the Government would be prepared to meet and take issue with them. The high cost of living, Mr. Borden pointed out was part of a world-wide economic condition. It had been increasing since 1897 without any remedial action being taken or even attempted, by the Laurier Government. The problem should be dealt with in Canada by such means as would make the agricultural industry more attractive by providing better highways by improving the methods of production, and by promoting co-operation. In all these directions the Government stood ready to assist. The debate opened with a speech of unusual strength and fluency from Hon. H. F. McLeod, the new member from York N. B., a fighting speech which promised well for the future of the new member as a debater. Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed Mr. Lavalee, the seconder of the address, did the expected. He moved an amendment. But the strange thing about the amendment was that it did not call for the removal of food duties. Something had happened to the latest Laurier policy, and it had been thrown overboard. What the Opposition leader did was to move a very general expression of regret that the speech from the throne gave no promise of an effort to relieve the depression of business.

Lacual Leader Vague. Sir Wilfrid in his observations was just as vague as in his amendment. He did not demand the removal of food duties. He even said that the tariff was not entirely responsible. He said it was a weapon in the hands of trusts. As to the naval question Sir Wilfrid offered no amendment at all, nor had he much to say beyond expressing the belief that the non-introduction of the bill was a vindication of the Liberal attitude. The whole attitude of the Opposition was peculiar. To begin with there was a very meagre attendance of Liberal members, while the Conservative side of the House was there in force. All the spirit displayed during the day was shown on the Conservative side. The aspect of the opposition was far from reassuring. Nor was there any indication of unanimity among the Liberals. Sir Wilfrid Laurier roundly abused the Government for failing to call the House in November. Dr. Michael Clark, the second Opposition speaker, complimented the government for postponing the opening, and there you are.

ORANGEMEN ON FRATERNAL VISIT

Royal Arch Meeting of the New Commercial Lodge

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, Jan. 20.—The interest taken in the proposed workmen's compensation act was evidenced by the large gathering of manufacturers and labor men who crowded into the reception room of the parliament buildings where Hon. I. B. Lucas, as chairman accompanied by Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. Dr. Reaume, Hon. Hon. J. S. Hendrie, Hon. J. S. Duff and Hon. W. H. Hearst assembled to hear objections to the proposed bill.

The features of the morning session was the strenuous objection made by E. M. Trower to the draft bill and the voluminous document filed by P. E. W. Ellis of the C. M. A. containing twenty objections to the act with the reasons accompanying them. "These objections were of such a character that little of the present act will remain if the objections carry sufficient influence to weigh with the government.

Compensation should not be paid to workmen who are injured by willful and intentional acts of fellow workmen. There are many conflicting principles embodied in the bill, powers of the board are too extensive and indefinite. Long litigation would be necessary to establish the most elementary questions, special favored treatment is given certain employers, cost of administration would be excessive. Stenographers and clerks and managers, although not located near the works in a factory are included in the bills. The board may pronounce any disease an industrial disease and allow compensation.

Mr. Doherty, a Sarnia stove manufacturer, also attacked the bill on general principles. George Lynch-Saunton, K. C., of Hamilton, on behalf of the Hamilton manufacturers suggested the rates accepted by insurance companies be adopted. He also objected to the provision preventing any person sitting on the board who has any interest in stocks or bonds in an industrial concern. That clause was an outrage. There was no more reason to tax manufacturers specially for this board than there is for the railways to be assessed for the cost of the railway commission.

The Hamilton Orangemen left for home on the 10:45 p.m. car. The affair proved to be the most spectacular meeting of its kind ever held in Brantford.

AN EXTENSION AT THE LIBRARY

Audrew Carnegie Will Give \$13000 Toward New Addition.

Contracts were let yesterday at a special meeting of the public library board for an extension to the library which will represent an outlay of \$15,000. Of this amount \$13,000 will be given by Andrew Carnegie out of trust funds set aside for library work. The city will provide the remainder. The extension will be made in the rear of the building, thus making the stack room larger. The successful tenderers were Messrs Seard and Sons, Cowan & Co., and Doeringer & Co.

Transit Traders. Mulock, Milliken, Clark and Redman, solicitors for the Synthetic Gem Co., 238 Yonge St., Toronto, has written the city for information as to why their clients representative Linday Hughey has been forbidden to demonstrate synthetic and imitation gems. If the refusal is based upon a by-law the legal firm would like to peruse it. The representatives have started in business in the Sugar Bowl. The civic authorities allege that the imitation diamonds were being sold and therefore asked for the usual transient traders fee of \$100.

State Ball is Postponed by The T. R. H.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 20.—The following official bulletin has been issued from Government House: "In view of the grave news concerning Lord Strathcona, their royal highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught feel that they can best interpret public sentiment by postponing the date of the state ball from January 21 to January 29 as a tribute of respect to the distinguished personality of the high commissioner."

Hydro Electric towers are completed between Windsor and Chatham, and most of the way between Chatham and St. Thomas. Superintendent Goodall expects the current turned on about April 1.

James Paisley, seaman on the G.T. R. liner, Prince Rupert, lost his life in Vancouver harbor in a gallant attempt to rescue a lunatic, Chas. Anderson, who had jumped overboard.