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FAIR, SAME TEMPERATURE;
RAIN WEDNESDAY.

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NEW WITNESS TELLS OF MELBOURNE MURDER Imperial Conference Takes Up Problems of Defence

SAW SID MURRELL, REVOLVER IN HAND, SCUFFLING WITH CAMPBELL IN ALLEY AND SHOT FOLLOWED WHEN HE DUCKED

John Little Gives Important
Evidence in Melbourne
Murder Trial.

SURPRISE WITNESS

George Stevenson is Called—
Counsel For Defence
Makes Objection.

SIX WITNESSES UP

One Man Collapses Before the
Defence Can Cross-
Examine Him.

New evidence, never introduced at
any previous hearing, was sprung at
the trial of Sidney E. (Curly) Mur-
rell and Henry Jack (Slim) Williams,
who are fighting for their lives at
the fall assizes at the court house
this afternoon.

George Stevenson was the surprise
witness. He told of the bandit gang
camping on his farm near Melbourne
on the day of the robbery. The gang
told young Stevenson they were
waiting for whiskey from the local,
George Stevenson, son, was also
called as a witness.

Crowds were storming the court-
room doors when Stevenson was giv-
ing evidence. Finally the major-
ity of the witnesses were called in.
They filled every available seat. The
others in the hall were ejected from
the court house.

The trial is proceeding quietly, both
prosecution and defence going about
their business without fuss. Several of
the witnesses whose names were called
were absent. Ruthven McIntyre, who
collapsing this morning, was called
but did not appear in court.

Several of the Murrell family were
seated in court when the jury took
its place at 1:45. The family oc-
cupied two long benches. There was
the father, mother, two brothers, two
sisters, and two brothers-in-law.

Five minutes after court resumed
the prisoners were brought in by
Governor Dawson. The adjustment
of leg-irons and other shackles fol-
lowed.

The jury marched in double file
to the court house. A great crowd
had to be cleared from the door-
ways to allow the jury to enter.

Before the courthouse was opened,
Murrell's friends and relatives were
grouped about the north entrance to
the buildings. They preceded the jury.

Sid Murrell looked a bit tired when
he entered the box. Williams' air
was one of indifference. Both pri-
soners leaned back over the back of
their seats. As a new witness was
placed in the box, the prisoners lean-
ed forward a bit, and listened with
apparent great interest to his evi-
dence.

Ruthven McIntyre, who was taken
ill at the morning session, was called
by the crown, but was not present
in the building.

Mr. Rigney then called George
Sponnonburg. He also was absent.
"You must impress on your wit-
nesses that they should be prompt,"
stated Judge Wright.

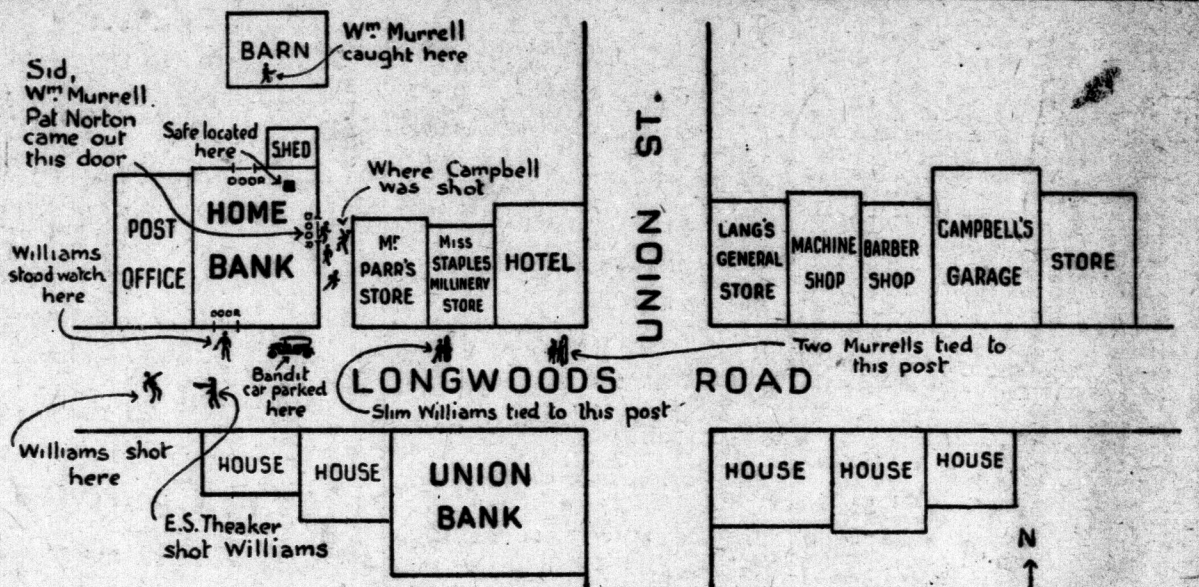
"Yes, my lord," replied Mr. Rigney,
who had better luck with his next
witness, George Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson said he lives west
of Melbourne.

A surprise witness.
"I never heard of this witness be-
fore," objected Mr. Donohue.
"The crown can call any witness
they choose," replied his honor.

Q—What did you hear the morning
of the Melbourne affair?
A—Heard a car and saw it going
into the woods west of our place.
one-quarter mile distant. It was be-
tween 6:30 and 7 a.m.

Q—What followed that?
A—I wondered what was taking



HOW THE MELBOURNE MURDER HAPPENED.
The above diagram shows the main
street of Melbourne, and the Home
Bank, where the murder took place,
for which Sidney Murrell and "Slim"
Williams are now on trial. A simi-
lar plan has been filed in court as
an exhibit in the case. The diagram
shows the alleyway in which Camp-
bell was shot to death; the spot
where the bandits' car stood with
motor running; where Williams was
shot by E. S. Theaker, and the barn
in which William Murrell was cap-
tured by Wilfred Danford, an Indian.
Campbell's garage is on the right of
the diagram, east from the bank on
the Longwoods road.

Dame Clara Butt's Party Travels In Pullman Used By Late President of U.S.

Car Which Carried Harding
Now Traveling Home of
English Singer.

PRAISES WILSON

Concert Celebrity States Policy
On World League Only
Sensible One.

A long, steel Pullman car glided
into the C. P. R. station just before
noon today. It was the luxurious
"Superb," the pride of the Pullman
Company, and carries the Clara Butt
concert party, comprising the illu-
strous Dame Clara herself and other
noted concert celebrities.

A few months ago the same car
pulled out of Washington and travel-
ing through the western states to
British Columbia. Then it carried
President Harding and his party.
Three weeks later it returned to
Washington and the body of the be-
loved president lay in state in the
front drawing-room, while colored
porters and silent secretaries tip-toed
with downcast eyes past the bier of
the first executive of the United
States.

President Harding delivered many
of his speeches from the front plat-
form of this now historic car. And
today it is in London housing a
famous artist, who, on her own ad-
mission, opposes the Harding pol-
icies and regards his predecessor as
one of the greatest men the world
has produced.

Ever since the "Superb" came into
the possession of Dame Clara Butt,
the great contralto has occupied the
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With the sixth witness of the day,
and the eleventh since the trial be-
gan, to be called, the fall assizes re-
sumed at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.
As the jury filed in, the prisoners,
Sid Murrell and Slim Williams, came
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**FOREST FIRES SWEEP
NORTHERN MINNESOTA**
Associated Press Despatch.
St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 16.—A heavy
southwest gale that sprang up yester-
day has carried scores of forest
fires out of rangers' control and
swept them forward during the af-
ternoon in parts of Northern Minne-
sota.

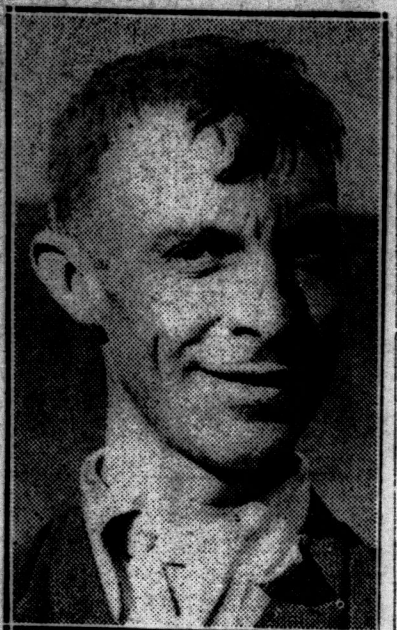
A bad situation exists along the
Minnesota, St. Paul and Sault Ste.
Marie tracks between Duluth and
Cass Lake, with six or eight uncon-
trolled fires.

A bad fire is also causing trouble
southwest of Boyerville.

**BELIEVE FLOOD DANGER
IS SLOWLY PASSING**
Associated Press Despatch.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 16.—
Water at the city reservoir, ten miles
west of here, had fallen six feet since
midnight, according to an announce-
ment made this morning. Although
there has been no drop yet in Okla-
homa City, this is believed to indi-
cate that the water will not go higher.

**ASK AMERICA TO ESTABLISH
RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA**
Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Oct. 16.—Three members
of the United States Congress who
contoured Russia this summer on their
initiative to study conditions at first-
hand, returned yesterday, they favored
steps being taken by the United
States to establish trade relations
with Russia.

The party was abroad since July
1. It penetrated to the heart of



SAW MURRELL FIGHT.
This is John Little, who provided
the most important of this morning's
evidence in the Murrell-Williams
trial. Little swore that he saw Sid
Murrell with gun in hand fighting
Campbell, and a minute later heard
a shot.

**CLAIMS SCHEMES
USED TO DEFEAT
BRITISH TARIFF**

Historian of Imperial Confer-
ence Tells of Methods Used
by U. S. Exporters.

EXPLAINS BALANCE

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright.

London, Oct. 16.—Bitter complaints
frequently made by British manufac-
turers that goods are put on the market
here as Canadian in order to benefit by
the tariff preference, are voiced by
Richard Jobb, historian of the imperial
conference, who states that one of the
practicable problems of the economic
conference will be taking up how to
prevent foreign countries from "steal-
ing" the preferences which the Britan-
ic countries arrange.

He alleges that American manufac-
turers are able to get a draw-back of
Canadian customs duty on goods in-
tended for re-export in such a way as
to have the effect practically of offsetting
the preference in Britain or New Zea-
land, or wherever it may be. He de-
scribes this as one part of the empire
administering its tariff in such a way
as to defeat the British preference
policy, and also by letting the foreigner
in through the back door at its own and
the empire's expense. He suggests that
this helps to explain why Canada has
a favorable trade balance with Britain
amounting to thirty-six and one-half
million pounds in 1922, and an unfavor-
able balance with the States amounting
to forty-four millions.

**NEWFOUNDLAND WILL
VOTE ON OCTOBER 25TH**
Canadian Press Despatch.
St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 16.—Yesterday
was set for nominations for three
by-elections arising out of depart-
mental changes due to the resigna-
tion of Sir Richard Squires from the
premiership early in the summer. G.
F. A. Grimes, minister of fisheries,
and Hon. Joseph Dowdy, minister of
agriculture, were returned unopposed
in the riding of Fogo and St. George's
respectively. In Harbour
Main district, Hon. M. E. Hawes,
minister of telegraphs, is being op-
posed by J. J. St. John, who was his
colleague during the general election
in May last, but who was defeated.
While Mr. Hawes was elected, Mr.
St. John is an Independent.
Polling day is set for Oct. 25.

**ONTARIO W. C. T. U. OPENS
SESSION IN BRANTFORD**
Canadian Press Despatch.
Brantford, Oct. 16.—With about 400
delegates in attendance, the 46th
annual convention of the Ontario W.
C. T. U. opened its session here this
morning. Mrs. T. Gully Bridge, asso-
ciate superintendent of the evangeli-
stic department, opened the gather-
ing with a consecration service,
speaking on "Prayer, the Channel of
Spiritual Blessing."

**FATHER BECOMES
Son's Son-In-Law**
Unique Matrimonial Puzzle
Interests People of Hohen-
berg, Germany.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cologne, Oct. 16.—The little village
of Hohenberg, near here, is now
more interested in domestic compli-
cations than it is in international
ones. The town is absorbed in work-
ing out the complexities of two
matrimonial adventures, beside which
the table of affinity appears ridicu-
lously simple.

The puzzle started two years ago
when a 68-year-old widower woman
married the village belle, a maiden
of 22, who thus became the step-
mother of her husband's 40-year-old
son. Emboldened by his father's ex-
ample, the son married the mother
of his step-mother, by which his
own father became his son-in-law.
Then the 22-year-old wife presented
her husband with a daughter, and the
elder bride did, the same thing, and
so the first baby's grandmother is
also her sister-in-law.

**FIVE WORKMEN LOSE LIVES
IN MICHIGAN BUSH FIRE**
Associated Press Despatch.
Marquette, Mich., Oct. 16.—Five
men were burned to death yesterday
in a forest fire near Birch, Mich., 20
miles from Marquette. The dead were
employees of the Lake Independence
Lumber Company of Birch and were
working on railroad construction.

Telephone lines between Marquette
and the copper country have been
severed, due to the fire, and little in-
formation was obtainable. Crews of
men to go to the fire were being or-
ganized here last night.

THEY HAVE THE LIVES OF TWO MEN IN THEIR HANDS.
The jury is carefully guarded until
the trial is over and constables have
been assigned for that purpose. The

BRUCE URGES STABILIZING PRICE SET ON BASIC FOODS

Several Difficulties Confront
Proposal Made Before the
Economic Conference.

ADOPTION DOUBTFUL

Would Form National Corpora-
tion To Purchase Com-
modities Needed.

By GEORGE HAMBLETON.
Canadian Press Cable.
London, Oct. 16.—Preliminary to a
general discussion on the British
preference proposals in the full eco-
nomic conference, the special com-
mittee has had under discussion the
fifth point formulated by Premier
Bruce of Australia, namely the stabil-
ization of the prices of such essen-
tial commodities as meat and wheat.

Under the Australian scheme, as sub-
mitted, a national purchasing cor-
poration would be established which
would buy only such foreign wheat
as would be necessary to make up
the difference between what the
British and dominion producer would
be able to supply and the needs of
the British market.

The committee has not yet reached
the stage for the passing of formal
resolutions, but the committee dis-
cussion has emphasized the difficul-
ties in the way of the adoption of
such a plan. One objection raised is
that to make it effective private
trading would have to be eliminated
and this is not thought feasible.

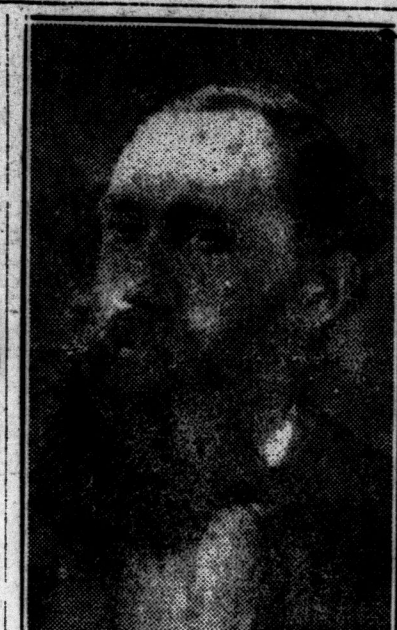
Among the overseas delegates there
is an impression that more is to be
heard yet from the British govern-
ment regarding customs tariffs.
The primary object of the govern-
ment, it is thought, will be to have
some form of protection for British
industries which are now suffering
from continental competition as a re-
sult of the depreciated currencies.

Any action taken, it is thought, likely
will be under provisions of the safe-
guarding of industries act.

FIRST WITNESS CALLED.
This is Erma Wright, formerly the
ledger keeper in the Home Bank at
Melbourne. She was the first wit-
ness called this morning, and told of
the entrance of the bandit gang.

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**EARL BEATTY
TO OUTLINE
BIG ISSUES
OF DEFENCE**

Admiral of Grand Fleet Will
Appear Before Imperial
Conference.

BATTLESHIP RULES

Sir Percy Scott Suggests Sub-
marine Protection For
Dominions.

By GEORGE HAMBLETON.
Canadian Press Cable.
London, Oct. 16.—Empire defence
is expected to occupy the main im-
perial conference for the remainder
of the week. In addition to respon-
sible British ministers being heard
from, it is probable that Earl Beatty,
admiral of the grand fleet, personally
will outline the naval problem to the
conference.

Piquancy is lent to the coming
discussions of the proposed Singa-
pore naval base by the statement of
Admiral Sir Percy Scott at the Royal
Colonial Institute last night, that
the Admiralty must know that the
proposed Singapore docks are not
required and that the Admiralty
"only wanted to squeeze the domin-
ions."

Sir Percy suggested that the do-
minions protect their own shores
with submarines and keep off all the
battleships in the world, but would
still require assistance from Great
Britain to protect their floating trade.

In opposition to this view is the
official opinion of the admiralty that
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the Admiralty must know that the
proposed Singapore docks are not
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The Telegraph continues that the do-
minions navies are capable of de-
velopment in their material and per-
sonnel factors and add that the times
seem to call for such action unless
the dominions sharing the privileges
of the empire are to forego the satis-
faction of sharing also its burdens.

**GIRL ATHLETES WILL
RECEIVE PRIZES TODAY**
Jessie Walker and Sadie Hill, two
of the girl athletes of the London
east collegiate, will be presented with
special prizes this afternoon in recog-
nition of their performances at the
recent meet held at Queen's Park.

Miss Walker and Miss Hill, who
ran in the junior and intermediate
classes, did not qualify for the cham-
pionship medals, but in view of the
excellence of their feats, Miss M.
Watson and Miss M. Taylor decided
to present them with some token.
The presentation will be made in the
auditorium at 3:30 this afternoon.

**GUIDO PAOLONE FREED
IN HAMILTON COURT**
Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Oct. 16.—Guido Paolone,
who was arrested in a house on Van
Wagoner's beach two weeks ago, when
Toronto and Hamilton police con-
ducted a search there for "Red Ryan
and his gang," faced a charge of neg-
lecting to notify the department of
public highways of the purchase of a
motor car.

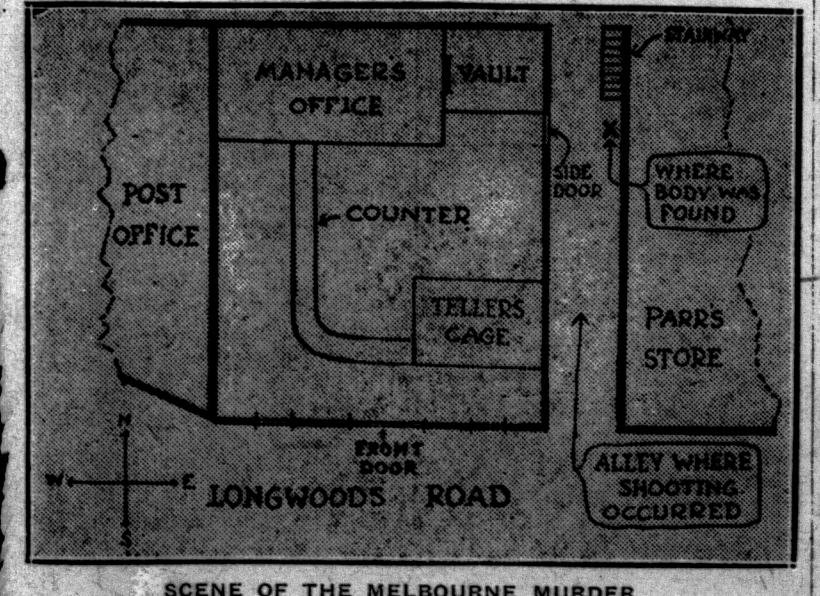
It was explained that when a boy
Paolone was placed in a local orphan-
age under the name of Plume, and
that his bank accounts and business
was done under this name, and the
charge was dropped. He was also
freed of a charge of vagrancy.

**TECHNICAL SCHOOL
REGISTRATION LARGE**
Registration for the night classes
at the technical school is far ahead
of that of last year, according to
Principal H. B. Beal, who this morn-
ing stated that many of the classes
were nearly filled. Registration will
continue all this week.

THE WEATHER
FORECASTS.
Today — Easterly winds; fair; not
much change in temperature.
Wednesday — Increasing easterly
winds; cloudy, with rain.
Temperatures.
Tth highest and lowest temperatures
during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.
today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	28	Cloudy
Calgary	62	28	Cloudy
Winnipeg	58	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	58	28	Cloudy
Perry Sound	58	28	Cloudy
Toronto	59	42	Cloudy
Kingston	60	28	Clear
Ottawa	64	34	Clear
Montreal	66	42	Clear
Quebec	53	30	Clear
St. John	54	36	Clear
Halifax	58	42	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 62; lowest, 32.
The official temperatures for the 23
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 48; lowest, 32.
Baromet'g Readings.
Sunday — 8 p.m. — 29.33.



SCENE OF THE MELBOURNE MURDER.
The above diagram shows the interior of the Melbourne branch of the
Home Bank as it appeared on the day of the robbery, Monday, April 10,
1921. Three bandits, Sid and William Murrell and "Pat" Norton, entered by
the front door, turned to right and ran back behind the counter and railing.
Pat and one of the Murrells rushed into the manager's office and beat him
with revolver butts until he finally, with death as an alternative, dragged
himself to the safe to unlock it. Previously, Agnes Campbell had locked the
safe near the side door and hurried out past one of the bandits to give the
alarm. Finally, when the Campbell brothers arrived, the bandits fled by
the side door. Pat made his getaway. William Murrell ran to a barn at
the rear of the bank and Sid Murrell scuffled in the alley with Russell