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SENTENCE IS SIX MONTHS IN PRISON

Picture-Slashing Suffragette Quickly Dealt With

SAYS ACT PREMEDITATED

She Has Been on Hunger Strike Since Her Arrest—Dr. Anna Shaw Deplores Militant Acts as Injuring Cause

(Canadian Press) London, March 12—May Richardson, a militant suffragette, who hatched a celebrated Voltaire picture known as the Rokeby Venus, in the National Gallery, was today sentenced to six months imprisonment for her crime. The case against Miss Richardson was disposed of in record time. She was arrested on March 10, taken to the Bow Street police court and committed for trial by the magistrate on the same day. The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against her, and today she was tried and convicted by a jury at the London sessions at the Old Bailey. The public prosecutor, in addressing the jury on behalf of the government, said that one might well doubt whether the prisoner was in her right senses. There was, however, no medical evidence to show that she was a person not responsible for her actions. Miss Richardson, who had been on "hunger strike" since her arrest, in reply to the charge, said it had been premeditated and she pleaded guilty. Thelma Abbey Wins. "Our next move, probably will be to take nine hundred out of those beautiful old windows in Westminster Abbey," this threat was uttered today by Zele Emerson, militant suffragette from Michigan, commander of Sylvia Parkhurst's East End "People's Army" while Miss Parkhurst is in jail. Miss Emerson talked of Miss Richardson's attempt to make ribbons of "Voltaire's Venus." "It is a shame that we are forced to such extreme measures," said Miss Emerson. "But since other and more peaceful measures have failed, why, there is no other source left. No one seems to see when we destroy ordinary property when it comes to cutting air streams in which the whole educated world has a common interest, and people sit up and begin to take notice." "I consider the destruction of Voltaire's Venus, one of the most effective blows ever struck for the cause in England."

BRITISH TRAINING SHIP AFIRE; PERFECT DISCIPLINE SAVES BOYS

(Canadian Press) London, Eng., March 12—The training ship Wellesley, one of the last of England's old time wooden warships, was burned last night in Shields harbor. Only a few of the 800 boys on board were injured. One of the lads made a dash through the smoke and rescued the captain's baby. Perfect discipline alone prevented a terrible disaster.

Two Liners in Today With 755 Passengers

Lake Manitoba and the Victorian; St. John People Return From Old Country

(Canadian Press) Two trans-Atlantic steamers, bringing together 755 passengers, arrived in port this morning and docked at Sand Point. The Royal mail steamer Victorian, from Liverpool, brought 400 and the Lake Manitoba, of the C. P. R. steamship line, had 255. The passengers are nearly all destined to points in Upper Canada and the west. The Lake Manitoba, Captain G. C. Evans, docked at No. 1 berth at 9 o'clock with 123 second cabin and 133 third class passengers and between 5,000 and 6,000 tons of general freight. She left Liverpool on Friday, February 27, journeying by the southern route. The Manitoba had a fair passage all the way, except for a rather choppy sea on last Monday, but nothing out of the ordinary transpired. No ice was sighted. The Victorian, of the Allan Line, in command of Captain E. Cook, who is making this passage in place of Captain John Williams, docked a little after noon. She came right up the bay this morning after passing Brier Island at 7:30 o'clock. On board the Victorian were thirty-six saloon, 120 second class, and 400 third class passengers, 1,003 bags and 300 packages of mail matter and a fair cargo of general freight. St. John Passengers. Among the passengers were Dr. J. Brown, of St. John, and Mrs. Case, wife of Dr. Mayes H. Case, of this city. Mr. Brown has been on a buying trip in Europe, while Mrs. Case has been visiting relatives in Yorkshire, England. While in the British Isles, Mrs. Case also saw a commoner in London and had a very pleasant trip. Also among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, of Westport, Transbaikal, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norman.

A True Bill

Grand Jury indicts Krafchenko for Murder of Manager Arnold

(Canadian Press) Morden, Man., March 12—A true bill was brought in this morning by the grand jury against Jack Krafchenko, on charge of murdering H. M. Arnold, manager of the Plum Coulee branch of the Bank of Montreal, and robbing that institution.

General Statement By Asquith Coming

Home Rule Pronouncement on Next Monday—Belief is That Bill Will go Through in Its Present Form

(Canadian Press) London, March 12—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that on Monday he would make a general statement in regard to the government's proposals on home rule for Ireland.

READY TO ADVANCE AGAINST TORREON

Villa May Give the Word At Any Time

MEXICO CITY CUT OFF

(Canadian Press) Chihuahua, Mex., March 12—Torreón, which is ready for the advance on Torreón, General Francisco Villa declared last night, after witnessing a review of the auxiliary corps. "I will soon order the advance. We have food for thirty days, ammunition for five days of fighting, unless the cartridges are wasted, and the water supply problem in the vicinity of Torreón, which has given us some concern, has been solved. The rebel leader said he would leave a garrison of about 600 men in this city. Conditions along the east coast of Mexico were summarized today by Rear Admiral Fletcher in the following report to the navy department: "The situation in Tampico is very serious. Federal troops in that vicinity are concentrated at Tampico and Donnanacalia; no news of the Constitutionalists, no alarm at Tampico, all quiet at Vera Cruz. Admiral Cudock is on the 'Hermion.' Cudock is a British Admiral. Mexico City, March 12—Communication with Torreón has been cut. The capital has no exact advices of developments there, though it is known that there has been light fighting to the north, and that a large force of rebels is said to be approaching Torreón from the west. A rebel attack on Tampico is expected at any time. An insignificant movement in one of the barracks here, was suppressed today. Three conspirators were arrested. Mexico City, Mex., March 12—Adolfo de La Lanza, minister of finance, in a formal statement today announced the government's definite abandonment of its idea of a stock exchange. No substitute scheme for the bank was announced, but he said the patriotism of Mexicans insured the success required by the government, being raised. Washington, D. C., March 12—Two more regiments of United States troops were moving to join the Mexican border patrol today. Two battalions of the 9th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Ky., and Fort Logan, Ill., were ordered to move to the border. The 17th Infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga., were loading baggage trains and assembling field equipment to move to Laredo and Eagle Pass, to become part of a military force in the State of Texas.

IMPROVE ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH PROPERTY IN THE RAILWAY TOWN

(Special to Times) Moncton, N. B., March 12—At a meeting last evening in the basement of St. Bernard's church an improvement society was formed, with plans to make important changes in the appearance of the church property. R. Kelly was elected president and Thomas Walsh secretary. A ladies' auxiliary was also formed. Removal of present parsonage and the erection of a handsome structure of stone or concrete in its place are contemplated.

ONE DIES OF EXHAUSTION

Two Turkish Aviators Fall Into Sea Near Palestine

Jaffa, Palestine, March 12—Two Turkish aviators, Nuri Bey and Ismail Bey, fell into the sea today while flying to the south of this port. Their aeroplane broke down. They managed to swim ashore, but Nuri Bey died of exhaustion.

MAY UPSET THE MAYORALTY ELECTION IN PROVINCE CAPITAL

Fredericton, N. B., March 12—The city council will meet on Friday evening to consider the application of ex-Ald. W. E. Farrell for a mayoralty recount. Mr. Farrell said he had legal advice that the election can be upset on technicalities. He said today that he would not be a candidate for St. Ann's ward, but would be supported by H. H. Black, secretary of the public works department.

THREE ESTATES IN PROBATE; NO WILLS

The probate court today took up the matter of the estate of Robert Bardeley, following child. He died intestate in 1909, leaving his wife, Elizabeth, and three children: John B. Bardeley, Walter, in the employ of the C. P. R.; Edward Wall, tailor, all of St. John, and Alfred of Winnipeg, accountant, besides a son and daughter who survived him, but who have died since without leaving children. On the petition of John B. Bardeley was appointed administrator. There is no real estate, but a household consisting of a household in Brussels street valued at \$600. John C. Barry is probator.

NEW ROUTE FOR I. C. R. SPAN TO COURTENAY BAY BEING STUDIED

Surveyors have been busy locating a new route for a portion of the new I. C. R. spur to Courtenay Bay which is under consideration by the department. The route, as at present laid out, crosses Russell street from Tisdale Place to the Loch Lomond road, crosses the road into the southern section of Tisdale Place and then crosses the Red Head road for the approach to Courtenay Bay. If this route is followed it is expected that a deep cutting or tunnel will be made and the railway will cross under the level of the highways instead of over them. This advantage is a more level grade, but this is offset by the increased cost.

TAFT UPHOLDS MONROE DOCTRINE

Amherst, Mass., March 12—President Taft lecturing in Amherst College, last night, strongly supported the retention of the Monroe Doctrine and said: "We have maintained it for 100 years without firing a shot and why should we abandon it now when it stands as an effective warning to bid Europe to keep its hands off the Americas?" He referred to President Cleveland and the Venezuelan situation, and said that his ultimatum to England was a good deal of a bluff for "if England had desired she could have sent her fleet into every port of this country as we had but one high powered gun to defend our coasts."

TWO GOOD RACES ON MOOSEPATH YESTERDAY

Two good races were held yesterday afternoon at the St. John Motoring Club meet at Moosepath. In the trotting class May Guard, owned by J. Chamberlain, won in straight heats with Ed. Sprague's John A. in second place. The match club race was won by Nan Peterson, owned by Chas. Crawford, from W. J. Alexander's Parkola. The finish of the latter race was close and exciting. Nan pulled through and won by only a head. The attendance was good.

HER BURDEN OF TROUBLE HEAVY; MOTHER GOES FREE

Montreal, March 12—Broken by trouble following the sentencing of her son to five years in the penitentiary, Mrs. William Skelton, aged sixty-four years, stood at the bar in the court of King's Bench charged with receiving the goods her son had stolen. Crown Prosecutor Walsh declined to address the jury, and Justice Lawrence told the jurors they themselves must appreciate the evidence. On being asked if all were agreed a chorus of voices repeated "not guilty." But Court Crier Elliott said, "noted that one of the jurors was not standing up as an elderly man, then rose and hesitatingly said 'guilty.' The jury was discharged. Crown Prosecutor Walsh afterwards remarked that he would not again prosecute the woman.

THE POLICE COURT

James Lockwood was arrested last night by Policeman Ross. He was charged with being drunk in the I. C. R. yard, and Ross said, when he saw him in court this morning that it was the only time he remembered seeing Lockwood when he was sober. The prisoner was remanded in order to try to find out where he procured liquor. Harry McDonald, an interdict, was arrested last night in Brussels street and faced a charge of drunkenness and using profane and obscene language. He was remanded until Saturday. The magistrate said that before that time he wanted to know when McDonald had procured liquor, if it took every one of the police force to find out. The prisoner was fined \$5 and two months in jail for each of the other offences.

SHOW INCREASE AGAIN

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,572,997, and for the corresponding week last year \$1,581,171, a gain of \$84,728. This is the first increase shown in some time.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

An interesting event is scheduled for tomorrow morning at West St. John, when a large Union Jack will be placed in position over No. 6 street by the Daughters of the Empire, Brunswick Chapter, of which Mrs. J. B. Travers of Lancaster is report. Miss Boulton, of the executive of the order from the head office in Toronto, will officiate. Mrs. Boulton will arrive in the city this evening and during her stay here will be the guest of Mrs. James Straton, Mecklenburg street, after which she will visit the chapter of the order in Moncton.

Douglas Avenue Site of New Church

A new church edifice will soon be added to the large number of which this city boasts. The Seventh Day Adventists, who have been meeting in a rented hall, have decided to secure a suitable home for their church and are proceeding with the plans. A lot in Douglas avenue has been purchased from H. J. Garson and preparations have been completed for the erection of the church building. The new structure will be of modest but modern design of sufficient size to house the congregation comfortably and at an estimated cost of about \$6,000. The laying of water and sewerage facilities to the end of the avenue has opened up the western end of the avenue for development and considerable building is expected to take place there this summer. The church will be the first building, but several residences are also planned for this section.

TAX REFORM MAN HERE

James R. Brown, the tax reform advocate, is at the Royal, and will remain in the city until the first of the week. He is to address the legislature of Nova Scotia next week, and has been asked advice most of the New Brunswick acts of trade and some other organizations here, as well as in Nova Scotia. Mr. Brown was a delegate to the recent annual Service Congress in Ottawa.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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RAILWAY EMPLOYEES IN NEW LABOR ORGANIZATION

North Bay, Ont., March 12—The Progressive Railway Association has been organized at North Bay by railwaymen for the purpose of influencing legislation—dominion, provincial, and municipal—in the interests of railway employes and labor in general. Similar associations will be formed in all large railway centres of the dominion.

SIR ROBERT PERKS ON THE WAY TO AMERICA

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