

MYSTERY PAIR EXPLAIN VISIT IN EDMUNDSTON

Strangers Were Men from Boston Whose Automobile Had Broken on Tour.

HEARD OF MURDER WHEN LEAVING TOWN

Verdict in the Minnie Stevens Tragedy May Come Some Time Today.

Special to The Standard. Edmundston, N. B., March 16.—The trial of William St. Pierre, charged with the murder of Minnie Stevens, of Middleton, N. S., the attractive little telegraph operator employed in the town who was murdered on the night of October 11, was brought to a close at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, in so far as the evidence is concerned. Tomorrow will be the summing up of the evidence by the Attorney-General for the Crown, and Arthur LeBlanc for the defence, after which Judge Chandler will charge the jury, and they will take the case under consideration for the finding of a verdict.

Eight Days Now.

Eight days have so far been consumed in the conduct of the case. Each day has its sensations and surprises for one side or the other. Probably the defence received no greater surprise at any time throughout the hearing of the case than was given them today. From the day court opened until its adjournment last night the defence has been hinting about the mystery surrounding the appearance in town on the evening of the tragedy of two automobilists. The defence has intimated there were clues that if they had been picked up by the Crown, might have connected these men with the killing of Minnie Stevens. They produced one witness, Mr. Sylvain, who testified to having heard the screams of a girl on the night of October 11th, looked across the river from Victoria street to the river bank opposite, at 9:30 o'clock at night, plainly at least three people rushing about and after the screams subsided saw an automobile racing up Emerson street from the direction where the screams were heard.

Peculiar Automobile.

The strange and peculiar car which attracted the attention of everybody in the town who saw it. It was described by witnesses for the defence as being low set, grey in color without running boards, mud guards or wind shields and having only two seats. Defence witnesses placed the strangers as having registered at the Royal Hotel where they were assigned to room No. 8.

Resident of Boston.

The first of the two men called to the stand said he was a resident of Boston, and was in this town on the night of October 11, 1920, accompanied by a friend. They drove here in their automobile coming in from the direction of Grand Falls, arriving here about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He described the car as painted grey, having no mud guards, running boards or wind shields, with black trunk on behind and several tires. They passed through the town without stopping. They reached a place out on the river Du Loup road when they saw a pump and here the witness said they stopped to fill their radiator with water.

Leak in Tank.

While here they noticed there was a leak in their gas supply pipe. This they mended and then decided to return to town and secure some gasoline, which they secured at J. W. Hall's. They again started for River Du Loup. They had only gone a short distance when something happened to the transmission. They found it would be necessary to take the car to a garage in order to remedy the trouble. They again returned here and placed their car in the garage at about six o'clock. The car was left at the garage and the two men went to the Royal Hotel where they registered and were assigned to room No. 8.

Went to See Town.

They had supper and about 7:30 they left the hotel and went out to view the town. The witness said, "we left the Royal Hotel and went down Canada street, crossed the concrete bridge and proceeded out by the Windsor Hotel, across some railway tracks to the Edmundston Hotel. 'Here we asked the way to the nearest railway station and were directed to the direction of the brilliant and dark Tunicocanata. This was but a short distance from the hotel, and we went on to the station and made some enquiries from the man in charge. Coming out we proceeded over the steel bridge seeing some bright lights which we thought marked the centre of the town. We proceeded up Church street and out a side street. Here we were coming to the pump mill, which was all lighted up. We immediately retraced our steps back over the bridge, past the Edmundston Hotel across the railway tracks, on up Victoria street, past the Windsor, across

Mayor Spent Night Like Out-of-Works

Boston's Chief Executive Learns Much of Conditions of the Unemployed.

Boston, Mar. 16.—It was a weary and tedious night of hours which came to City Hall this morning. Mayor Andrew J. Peters, seeking to learn at first hand unemployment conditions and how the city is meeting them, spent the night incognito at Wayfarers' Lodge, where the city shelters its homeless and feeds them in the morning. In a room with forty unfortunate, the Mayor attired for the occasion in his oldest clothing, slept fairly well until he was routed out at five o'clock to saw wood and earn his breakfast. He labored four hours and then got his dose of oatmeal, bread and coffee. The mayor was glad to get back to his regular job.

"NOTHING MORE PRESSING THAN NAVAL HOLIDAY"

So Declares First Lord of the Admiralty in Review of the Situation.

READY TO TALK AT ANY MINUTE

British and United States to Control Seas of the World He Says.

London, March 16.—Baron Lee of Farnham, first lord of the Admiralty, discussing naval matters at a meeting of naval architects here today, referred to the question of disarmament. He said the only question was who would initiate the discussion, but on this point the British Government would not stand on ceremony. The government, he declared, welcomed the hint thrown out by President Harding in his inaugural address and that it would meet with the cordial and helpful response here. "I can only say," Baron Lee added, "that if an invitation comes from Washington, we are prepared to just as soon as all other business in order to take part in a business that which here can be nothing more pressing than the affairs of this world."

Ready to Risk It.

"But," he added, "the question is whether we have the right of the decision with regard to our navy when consulting each other. In that respect I think this government has a clear record. In the present estimates we have set an example of reduction and taken risks and are prepared to go far in a mutual agreement. It is not enough to talk about blood being thicker than water. What we want is the plain horse sense characteristic of both countries. From my own knowledge of the United States, I have a profound belief in the business of talking and appealing to the squares deal. I hold strongly that we are not engaged in a game of bluff but that we ought to lay all our cards on the table."

Fought Battle With Dummies On Chart

War Game at Fredericton Gave Officers Fine Experience in War Tactics.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 16.—The war game, in which imaginary forces clashed in a theoretical battle, which was staged at the armoury, this evening under the auspices of No. 7 military district headquarters was attended by a large number of militia officers from various parts of the province. Brigadier-General Macdonnell, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. Spaulding, D.S.O., the general staff officers were in charge as the directing staff with Col. A. H. H. Powell and Major A. G. Lawson, M.C., as umpires, while the opposing sides were commanded by Lieut.-Col. C. J. McCreese, D.S.O. and Col. H. Montgomery Campbell, O.B.E.

The battle was fought with metal figures representing the armies upon the battle fields which were ordnance maps of England. The manipulation of the imaginary armies is the latest and one of the most instructive methods of military training adopted in Canada for "refreshing" officers with overseas experience in the recent war. The Cornwallis bridge and up Canada street, down Rice street and saw we were again approaching the pump mill. We turned and came back to Canada street as far as the Star theatre. We learned there to be no second show that night on account of a dance. We then went down Canada to Court, from there to St. Francis, on down to Vanwert's drug store.

CONTESTANTS WORK UNTIL LAST MINUTE

The Two Special Offers End in Standard's Contest Saturday Night at Midnight.

FORD OFFER ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT

Winner Will be Announced the Following Thursday—Last of Extra Club Votes.

All contestants enrolled in The Standard's big prize contest can work up to midnight Saturday of this week on the special Ford Touring Car offer, and the last extra club vote offer.

A Big Loss.

Each of every contestant who fails to make the most of the extra club vote offer which he in some this week will find himself just 300,000 votes short for each and every \$35 worth of subscriptions he collects after Saturday night of this week. There is no limit to the number of extra vote ballots that a contestant can secure—one of them, good for 300,000 votes, will be given with each \$35 worth of subscriptions collected by midnight.

Closing Rules.

For the closing rules of the big offer, ending Saturday night, see today's contest ad. Each and every contestant can work up to the last minute of the offer, which terminate at midnight Saturday, and then bring or send in their returns on Monday.

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

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

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

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars at the Famous Casino, Cinema, Film-land's largest and most progressive Moving Picture Company.

Fewer Working in The United States

But New England States Report Steady Increase in Work of the Factories.

Washington, March 16.—The number of persons employed in the United States continued to decrease during February, the Department of Labor's Employment Service announced tonight in its monthly survey of the unemployed. The decrease for last month, as compared with January, was estimated at one per cent.

New England reports showed improvement generally in business, and labor conditions, unemployment and part time employment being most prevalent in the textile, shoe, machinery, metal and building trade industries. The New England textile mills, however, were said to be recovering from the period of inactivity.

France Not Worried Over Russian Trade

No Negotiations With the Soviets Are Contemplated Until Rule is Assured.

Paris, March 16.—The Anglo-Russian trade agreement signed in London is regarded in French official circles as irrevocable, but a sort of future investment which will partly placate the British radical element and partly enable Great Britain to have the first opportunity for trade when Russia becomes stabilized. No such negotiations with the Russians are contemplated by France, the government being opposed to any such arrangement until Russia's old debts are recognized and propaganda eliminated.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Mysterious strangers, mentioned so frequently by the defense in the Edmundston murder trial, are pronounced. Attorney-General has ordered body of Mrs. Ezekiel Berry exhumed at Forest Hill, N. B. Legislature of New Brunswick will open this afternoon with elaborate ceremonies.

UNITED STATES

Military and navy forces are forbidden to parade in St. Patrick Day marches with Irish societies at Detroit and Boston. Crippled ship "Madawaska," in collision off Atlantic City, reaches New York safely.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Admiral Jellicoe urges a great fleet for the Far East before 1924. First Lord of the Admiralty declares Great Britain is ready to talk today at any moment. Widespread cutting of telegraph and telephone wires in Ireland augurs another crime outbreak.

EUROPE

Allies' guns are trained upon the German city of Belsen. Talaat Pasha was shot down by Armenians in revenge for death of his parents by Moslems.

FAMILY INJURED STARTING FIRE WITH GASOLINE

Kitchen Range Out, It Was Thought, So Gasoline Was Used to Start It.

CAN EXPLODE WITH TERRIBLE EFFECT

Three Fort Fairfield Residents in Hospital After Very Narrow Escape.

Special to The Standard. Fort Fairfield, March 16.—A very serious accident happened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McBride, Richards street. Mr. McBride had kindled the fire in the kitchen stove and a little later, thinking the fire had gone out, he poured what he supposed was kerosene in the stove, but as there were two cans in the kitchen one of kerosene and one of gasoline, he got the gasoline can. When the gasolene struck the smoldering fire, it exploded and burst the cans, the gasoline flying in all directions.

Mr. McBride's clothing caught fire and he was terribly burned about the face and body, his pants being completely burned from him. All the family were in the kitchen at the time and Frederick, aged 5 years, their oldest child and only son was the worst victim of all.

Child Caught Fire.

The little fellow was in his sleeping garment and the flames made quick work of that. His whole body and face was burned to a blister and all his hair burned from his head. He was taken to the Union hospital where his burns were dressed.

Besides the burns, he is suffering from a bad attack of whooping cough. The youngest child, Helen, aged 6 months, also received a number of burns but none were serious.

Mrs. McBride was burned quite badly on the arms in trying to help her husband. The two other children escaped without burns.

Exhume Body of Mrs. Ezekiel Berry

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 16.—The Attorney General has given instructions to exhume the body of Mrs. Ezekiel Berry, who it is alleged was killed by her husband at Forest Hill, Albert County, December 12th last.

Freight Ship Missing

London, Mar. 16.—The United States freight steamer Howitt, which left Sables, Jan. 20, for Boston and Portland today was posted as missing. The steamer which has a normal crew of 54, has a gross tonnage of 5,398.

RHINE ANGRY AT PENALTIES IMPOSED NOW

Declare Allies Are Frustrating Their Own Aims by the Invasion.

STILL TRUE TO GERMAN STATE

Wild Disorders in Rhenish Diet as Communists Exacerbate Germany.

Dusseldorf, March 16.—The Rhenish provincial diet closed its sixteenth session today with a solemn protest against the Allied penalties, asserting that instead of safeguarding the interests of the occupied territories they would utterly destroy them. The Diet members declared they refused to believe that the sense of justice of the other nations would permit such a wrong.

Wild Disorders.

A resolution was adopted unanimously by the Diet, declaring that no matter what happens the Rhinelanders will faithfully remain united with the German state and that neither force nor misery can separate them.

There was a great tumult at the session when two communists shouted "Down with Germany," as the president of the Diet called for cheers for Germany.

Breweries Profits Nearly One Million

Last Year's Business Much in Excess of That of Previous Twelve Months.

Montreal, March 16.—The annual financial statement of the National Breweries, Limited, submitted at today's meeting of shareholders disclosed trading profits for the year 1920 of \$978,000, or only \$48,741 less than the total profits reported in the previous fourteen months. After deductions for depreciation reserve, bond interest and preferred dividends, there remains a balance of \$59,994, applicable to the common stock outstanding, representing 38.57 per cent. The 1920 figures, however, show a severe impairment of the working capital, which was reduced by nearly \$1,700,000 to \$55,327.

Still No Clue in Capt. Perry Murder

Detectives Talk With Victim's Friend But Fail to Secure Clue.

Yarmouth, N. S., Mar. 16.—Detective Horace Kennedy and Chief of Police Babine put in a busy day in connection with their work to ferret out the murderer of Captain George Perry. They again visited the Perry home, and this afternoon went to the home of Louis Gaudet, at Brooklyn, about four miles from Yarmouth. Gaudet is a man whom the late captain frequently visited and it is believed had talked of his family affairs a number of times. His visit, however, proved a fruitless one as Gaudet was in town, where he was later met by the chief and sent to the Grand Hotel to meet the detective. Gaudet was unable to throw any light on the crime.

Eggs Down To 25 Cents Dozen

St. Louis, Mo., March 16.—Best eggs sold at 25 1/2 cents a dozen wholesale here today, the lowest for this grade here in several years, according to commission men. The quotation is 25 1/2 cents below the February 1 prices.

HONOR VETERAN MASON

Sydney, N. S., March 16.—For the forty-ninth successive year, Magistrate J. C. Townsend was tonight elected Tyler of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge here. He is the senior Mason of the island, having joined the order in 1865, and is the only surviving member of the lodge as then constituted.

Widespread Wire Cutting in Ireland

Three More Victims of the Sinn Fein Murder Gangs Yesterday.

Dublin, Mar. 16.—Telephone and telegraph wires were cut on an extensive scale during the last 24 hours, causing the suggestion to be made that some movement on a large scale was being arranged. Linemen were held up as they left the central offices and their equipment taken from them to prevent their making repairs. Thus far, however, there have been only the usual scattered shootings.

Three More Dead

A tailor of Keenagh, County Longford, was taken from his work today and shot dead. A card with the words: "Shot by the Irish Republican Army for spying," was attached to the body.

A constable was shot dead in North Kerry and a woman into whose house the body was taken, died of shock.

EASTERN FLEET OF 92 VESSELS JELICOE PLAN

Report Advises Huge Fleet to be in Service Before 1924.

DOMINIONS DEFER PLAN CONSIDERATION

German Reparation Bill Passes Committee Stage of the Commons.

London, Mar. 16.—Mr. Lloyd George confirmed in the House of Commons today in response to a question that Admiral Jellicoe, now Governor of New Zealand, in his report after his visit to Australia asked for a Far Eastern fleet of the latest type. This Admiral Jellicoe advised, should consist of eight battlehips, eight battle cruisers, ten light cruisers, forty destroyers and thirty submarines, to be provided by 1924. The prime minister added that the Dominions were deferring their considered views on the subject until the whole question of the naval policy for the empire comes up in June at the Imperial Conference.

Passed Third Stage

The German reparations bill, providing that the 10 per cent of the German goods, shall not be effective until March 31, passed the Committee stage in the House of Commons early this morning without vital change.

Discussing the bill in committee the Liberals tried to induce the government not to apply the levy against Germany unless other signatories of the Versailles Treaty adopted similar legislation.

Must take Action

Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on behalf of the government declined to agree to the Liberals' declaration that it was desirable for Great Britain to take action, even if she stood alone. The government had communicated the matter to the various Allied powers, including the United States, said Mr. Chamberlain, and no protests had been received in any form. Mr. Chamberlain declared himself unable to give any assurance that the powers would take a similar action. On division, the committee supported Mr. Chamberlain's view by a large majority.

John Cuthbertson Dies At Spokane

For Many Years He Was a Resident of Moncton Which He Left Eleven Years Ago.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 16.—Friends here today received word of the death of John Cuthbertson, a former Moncton man, which occurred at Spokane, following an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago. He was in the employ of the C. P. R. at Spokane and left Moncton eleven years ago. He was a son of William Cuthbertson of Moncton, and besides a widow, is survived by three brothers and five sisters. The brothers are: Charles, of Boston; George, of St. John; Frank, of Moncton. The sisters are: Mrs. Fred Bent, Sablebury; Mrs. Thos. McNeil, Mrs. Robt. Kerney, Lewisville; Mrs. Geo. Tritts, Miss Bertha Cuthbertson, Moncton. Mrs. Cuthbertson was formerly Miss Julia Barnard, of Richibucto.

Two Are Sentenced

Dorchester, N. B., March 16.—Judge Bennett has sentenced a lad named Rufus Seaman to two years in the Industrial Home at St. John for breaking into the store of Clarence King at Rockport a few weeks ago. In an interview today, the president-elect declared he expected to have sufficient support in the national congress to offset the threatened liberal concessions.

SHOT TAALAT FOR DEATH OF HIS PARENTS

Armenian Family Was Murdered Barbarously by Order of the Turk.

WAITED HIS TIME TO TAKE REVENGE

Assassinated Turk Has Been Leader in Persecution of Armenians.

Berlin, March 16.—In a statement made to the police today Solomon Teitelman, the Armenian, who yesterday assassinated Talaat Pasha, former Grand Vizier and minister of finance of Turkey, said he committed the crime as an act of vengeance against Talaat, because of Talaat's persecution of the Armenian people, and especially for the murder of Teitelman's parents, who, he asserted, were taken from their home by order of the former grand vizier and put to a horrible death.

The police have ascertained that Teitelman has been in Berlin for a long while, and that he undoubtedly came here for the purpose of assassinating Talaat.

Ship Firm Fails For About \$6,000,000

Gaston, Williams & Wigmore of New York Go into Receiver's Hands.

New York, March 16.—Former Governor Benjamin Odell and former Judge Van Vleet, receiver were appointed by Judge Julius M. Mayer of the Federal District Court late today as receivers for Gaston, Williams and Wigmore, exporters and importers of the city. The liabilities of the firm were given as approximately \$6,000,000. An appointment was made in an equity suit brought by the Sumner Company, machinery manufacturers of the state of Washington, with a claim of \$60,000. The assets of the defendant consist of stock in twenty-five subsidiary companies located all over the world. The largest of these is Gaston, Williams and Wigmore, Limited, steamship owners of Canada.

Big Gold Shipments Reaching New York

Aquitania and Albania Have Large Consignments to the American Financiers.

New York, March 16.—Heavy gold shipments from Europe to New York bankers were being unloaded today, while other consignments of bullion were inbound aboard the steamer Aquitania, due here Saturday.

The steamer Albania, arrived today from England with \$1,750,000 in gold for Kuhn, Loeb & Company, and \$500,000 consigned to the Equitable Trust Company. The National Bank of Commerce received \$700,000 in gold bars on the steamer Drottningholm, which arrived from Sweden last night. The Aquitania brings \$1,700,000 to the National City Bank, \$750,000 to Kuhn, Loeb & Company, and an unannounced sum to the Guaranty Trust Company. From Holland came \$250,000 in gold coin to Goldman Sachs & Company, and \$300,000 to the National City aboard the steamer Rydam.

Americans Cannot March With Irish

Boston, March 16.—Secretary of War Weeks today sustained the action of army and navy officers here in refusing to allow members of the regular forces or reserves to march in uniform tomorrow in the evacuation day parade. The refusal was based on the fact that similar active movements to obtain recognition for the Irish Republic and freedom for India were also to be in the column.

Defence Withdraws In Murder Trial

Ardmore, Okla., March 16.—The defence in the case of Glad Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma oil and railroad man and politician, surprised the state and the court late today by waiving its right of argument and asking immediate submission of the case to the jury, after H. H. Brown, special prosecutor had completed the opening argument for the prosecution.

Cuban President

Havana, March 16.—Dr. Alfredo Zayas Y. Alfaro, was elected to the presidency of Cuba in the partial elections held yesterday. In an interview today, the president-elect declared he expected to have sufficient support in the national congress to offset the threatened liberal concessions.

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.