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AUTO BANDITS FOUND GUILTY

Gang Which Spread Reign of Terror in France

FOUR ARE ACQUITTED

Eighteen For Sentence and of These Four Liable to Death—Twenty Two Murders Attributed to the Gang—One Ends Life in Cell

(Canadian Press)

Paris, Feb. 27.—All but four of the twenty-two prisoners who have been on trial as the alleged automobile bandits who terrorized Paris and its environs in 1911-12 were found guilty early today. The exceptions were Rodrigue, and three women, Matre-jean, Schoofs and LeClereh.

Four of the accused were found by the jury to be liable to the death penalty. These are the bandits Dieudonne, Callemine, Souly and Monier. After the announcement of the verdict, the judges announced that they would take some time in deliberation over the sentences.

The jury had considered the cases since three o'clock yesterday afternoon and the verdict was returned a little before seven o'clock this morning. A series of nearly 400 questions had been submitted to the jury.

Twenty Two Murders

The crimes of the auto-bandits began in November 1911, and in the succeeding months they murdered, it is alleged, chauffeurs, bank messengers, freight agents and policemen to the number of twenty-two. They tried to steal \$200,000 from the Bank of France.

Of the original band, four have been killed—Bonnet, Garnier, Vallet and Dubois—and Reinhardt has been put in an insane asylum. Bonnet, known as the "demon driver," died in a Paris suburb, after a battle with troops and the police.

The jury's verdict was written in length and was headed by the court as an indictment, that a large explanation followed before the verdict was finally interpreted. During the procedure counsel for Dieudonne, Monier and Souly, sprang up and declared that it was illegal for the jury to be asked to give a verdict before the evidence had been delivered and written, but the court decided against the counsel on this point of law.

Only one dramatic incident of the session then followed. The president of the court turned to the accused and asked if they had anything to say. Callemine sprang up and shouted: "Dieudonne is not the assassin of the bank messenger, Callemine, in Rue Oberkampf, it was I, and Garnier."

This admission caused a tremendous sensation in court in view of the fact that Callemine had repeatedly asserted that it was Dieudonne who shot him. The court refused to further deliberate.

Even the conclusion of their trial was accompanied by tragedy, for Carouy, an anarchist bandit, when he heard that he was condemned to imprisonment for life, committed suicide in his cell by taking poison, presumably passed to him as he left the court room.

The jurors were threatened time and again with assassination by accomplices of the twenty-two accused. Many of the 204 witnesses also were menaced.

The court itself was surrounded by a large force of republican guards. Judges and jurymen were placed under special supervision and provided with strong escorts.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE, ON BIRTHDAY, CHATS OF OLD DAYS AND PRESENT; SEES A BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR THIS GROWING CITY

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It begins to look as though a struggle is on between the rival street railway interests in St. John. The control of the extension to the suburbs. It is recognized that the company which has been chosen to extend the line to the suburbs, should be given the right to extend as far as it is desired, it will be necessary to have better connections with the existing lines.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE TUCK

Hon. William Terry Tuck, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, is receiving congratulations today on the 52nd anniversary of his birthday. Although he has been confined to the house since last October Judge Tuck is still able to sit up and move around the house and his mental faculties are unimpaired by the flight of time.

Mr. Tuck's legal matters were referred to the fact that when he first was on the bench the entire three weeks of the court term was required to dispose of the cases before the court while less than a week is now required. He thought this must be the result of the modern tendency to settle cases out of court and while he approved of the efficiency of this method he was inclined to regret the falling off of court practice with the opportunity it gave for the development of legal talent.

HUERTA TIGHTENS HIS GRIP

All But One or Two Parts of Mexico Seem to Be in Line, But Trouble Not All Over

(Canadian Press)

Mexico City, Feb. 27.—Confidence in the Huerta administration appears to be stronger daily, if faith is to be placed in the reports issued by the government authorities as to the rapid vanishing of the rebel spirit throughout the republic. Plots and conspiracies against the provisional president have been talked of in whispers in the capital, where, however, there is at least the outward appearance of harmony among the leaders of the newly inaugurated regime.

The complete surrender of the revolutionary movements, both north and south, appears to be imminent. The latest address to the government is General Orozco, who has sent a telegram to the federal capital declaring his allegiance with that of his followers.

Emiliano Zapata, on the other hand, himself remains obstinate, although many of his chief supporters have, with their men, come into line with the new order of things.

Venustiano Carranza, former governor of the state of Coahuila, according to reports received here from the region, has not succeeded in gathering general support for his attitude of non-acceptance of the changes at the federal capital.

A further admission to the government was registered yesterday when Rafael Tapia, a former chief of rural guards in the state of Tlaxcala, with from 400 to 500 of his men signified his desire to surrender. Tapia conferred with the federal minister of war yesterday and was told to return for another conference bringing with him Antonio Hidalgo, a candidate for the governorship of the state of Tlaxcala, who is in rebellion. Tapia promised to do this.

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Mr. Nelson said that it was the desire of those interested in the matter of street railway extension in Farnville and Lancaster to see those sections very well equipped as regards car service as the latter was greatly needed for their up-building. In addition to the routes already described another regarded with favor as tending to help a growing section in the Church of the Assumption in Carleton through Dufferin row.

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(Special to Times)

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The government is in trouble over the proposed West India steamship service. The White Star Company has turned down the government's offer and it is found that all the companies say that their steamers will be able to spare for this service.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—It is said that confirmation of the report that the Turkish government has expressed its willingness to surrender the territories of Adrianople and Ruse declines to support the demand made by Bulgaria for a war indemnity from Turkey.

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St. John, Feb. 27.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Industrial Home was held last evening in the Temple Building and was very favorably impressed with the observations there, being struck with the surroundings and the way in which the building was carried out. He was accompanied by Rev. G. A. Kahring, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, E. A. Dykeman, H. A. Porter and Thomas J. Kelso, who gave an address to the boys dealing with his experiences with lads in other places, narrating stories which appealed to the audience and commending the caretakers and board of governors on the neatness and cleanliness which were marked features of the home.

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TRAW DECLINES TO TESTIFY EXCEPT ON CONDITIONS

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Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Harry K. Traw, slayer of Stanford White, refused his testimony yesterday afternoon to testify before Governor Sulzer's committee of inquiry which is investigating an alleged conspiracy to obtain Traw's release from the Matteawan state hospital.

Traw declared that the only conditions under which he would answer questions were that he be allowed to testify "in the same place and under the same circumstances as other witnesses," and "without pretense of insanity." He said he had taken this position "on advice," but refused to say who had advised him.

Confessing that it was powerless in view of the fact that the witness was already incarcerated, the committee decided to adjourn the hearing.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The southwestern disturbance now centered in the Ohio Valley and gives indications of developing into a severe storm as it approaches the Atlantic coast. Snowfall has occurred throughout Southern Ontario. The weather continues very cold in the western provinces.

Snow or Sleet.

Maritime.—Winds increasing to gales from southeast with snow or sleet; Friday, stormy.

DEATH OF GEORGE B. MUNROE

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George B. Munroe of Newcastle Bridge, Queens County, N. B., died last night in the General Hospital where he had been for the last three weeks. He had been for some time at his home with typhoid fever and complications set in, necessitating his coming to St. John for treatment. He was operated upon on February 17, and hopes for a speedy recovery were entertained, but on Sunday he took a turn for the worse. Mr. Munroe was a prominent farmer at Newcastle Bridge, and was a man of many friends, who will regret to hear of his death. He was forty-three years of age and is survived by his wife and two children. His mother and four sisters also survive. The sisters are Mrs. Palmer of Scotchton, Mrs. H. Butcher of Chipman, Mrs. Alice Corey of Deerfield, Mass., widow of Rev. W. C. Corey, and Miss Augusta at home. Mrs. Munroe is a sister of Walter McBay of the North End. Mr. Munroe's body will be taken to Newcastle Bridge on the early train tomorrow morning and interment will be on Saturday afternoon.

WOULDN'T YOU ENJOY A MOTORBOAT OR LAUNCH?

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Haven't you often longed for a motor boat or a launch in which to take a jolly party of friends for a real outing? If you have done without a boat because you felt the price was high, you needn't wait another day. Turn to our Want Ads and see if the boat you want is advertised today. If not, write a Want Ad of your own—its cost but a trifle—and insert it in this paper. You will almost surely find exactly the boat you need.

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London, Feb. 27.—Harry Lewis, American welter weight boxer, was awarded \$300 damages today against a motor car company on account of injuries sustained in a taxi-car accident which he argued through his counsel, had impaired his vitality and ability to fight.

FIRE THIS MORNING

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The North End fire department was called out this morning a little after eight o'clock to attend to a fire in the store occupied by the White Creamery Co. in Main street next to Watson's drug store. The fire, it was said, was caused by a defective fuse. It was checked before much damage was done.

ALBERTA MAN HAD DUG UP A TREASURE

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New York, Feb. 27.—Fossil bones which J. L. Wagner, a farmer in the Canadian northwest, discovered in the Red River canyon near Calgary, four years ago, and which he casually reported on a later visit to the American Museum of Natural History here, are now on exhibition for the first time at the museum, as an almost complete skeleton of a created dinosaur, a reptile thirty feet long and fifteen feet high. It is placarded as probably 3,000,000 years old and existed when the Canadian northwest had a sub-tropical climate. This particular species of the reptile has hitherto been unknown, and it has been scientifically named the saurolophus coloratus.

BUILDER EXPELLED

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Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 27.—A conviction of builders, just held here, by unanimous vote expelled J. C. Leiser, a prominent contractor of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge from the Builders' Exchange of Alberta. His offence was having, contrary to the rules of the exchange, signed an agreement with bricklayers' ninety cents an hour in order to get work done on time when the maximum rate set by the exchange was sixty-seven cents an hour.

MINISTERS PROTEST AGAINST PERFORMING MARRIAGE ON STAGE

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Brandon, Man., Feb. 27.—Having learned that marriage ceremonies will be performed on the stage of a local theatre today by Rev. Mr. Milliken, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, the board of Victoria Avenue Methodist church passed a strong resolution protesting against the holding under such auspices and expressing the hope that no Christian minister would "so demean his sacred calling as to officiate at such a ceremony."

ONE WOMAN LET OUT AFTER HUNGER STRIKE IS ORDERED TO BE ARRESTED AGAIN—MORE ATTEMPTS AT ARSEN ARE FRUSTRATED

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