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MRS. PLANT GRANTED DIVORCE IN BOSTON

Millionaire's Visit To New Brunswick With Girl

CHARLOTTE COUNTY EVIDENCE

J. C. McGirr of St. George Gives Testimony and Calais Man is Also Called in Case of Society Leader Against Wealthy Husband

(Special to Times)

Boston, Mass., Oct. 29.—The news that Mrs. Caroline G. Plant, society leader, had secured a divorce from Thomas G. Plant, a millionaire shoe manufacturer, took almost secondary interest today to the question of what financial settlement was expected in the case. Mrs. Plant did not ask alimony, yet she had originally attached her husband's property for \$1,500,000. The testimony given is remarkable. According to the evidence, Mr. Plant first met the girl in the case when she was employed as waitress in his private dining room at the factory. She was uncouth and untutored, yet she had exerted a strange fascination over the millionaire. The evidence showed that he took steps to have her educated and planned to marry her as soon as he could secure a divorce. The name of the girl was given as Katherine Hadley, or Halsey, a native of England. Mrs. Plant told the court that in 1909 Plant and a young woman stayed at "Plant Camp" Bonney River, N. B. and in St. Stephen.

GIRL IS FOUND MURDERED IN A ROOMING HOUSE

Miss Springer of Baltimore Was To Have Been Married Tomorrow

WEAPON IS FOUND

Skull Crushed With Bludgeon. Limbs Bound and Body Wrapped in Blanket—Robbery Believed Motive and Police Seek Vaudeville Trio

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Miss Sophia G. Springer, twenty-nine years old, daughter of Mrs. O. H. Springer, a widow, of Baltimore, was found murdered, her arms and legs bound with a rope, her skull crushed by a bludgeon, her body wrapped in a blanket, in an Indiana Avenue rooming house early today by William B. Wharthen, who accompanied her here from the eastern city three weeks ago and to whom, according to his story, he was to have been married tomorrow. The body of Miss Springer was found on the bed in the room occupied by them. They had been in the house during the evening but no trace of them has been found since the discovery of the body. According to Wharthen, Miss Springer was an acquaintance of Mrs. Conway, who was known to her as Miss Riell and who was through the latter's invitation that he and his sweetheart went to room at the same place. The four moved into the rooms where the murder was committed only yesterday. They had previously lived a few blocks farther north on the same street. Wharthen told the police he had paid the bills himself and Miss Springer as well as those of the other three. Wharthen, who was held by the police, declared that before leaving the house last night, he handed his fiancée \$48 in the down town. It was found in the room and returned to the house and then found others in the house by repeated pounding on the door leading to the Conway room. After finding that Miss Springer was not in her own apartment. A key was finally furnished by Mrs. Julia Mether, keeper of the house, and the door was opened. Further investigation showed that the money he had given articles of jewelry, revealing robbery as a probable motive for the murder.

ADRIANOPE SOON IN HANDS OF THE ALLIES

Turkish Stronghold Surrounded By Enemy

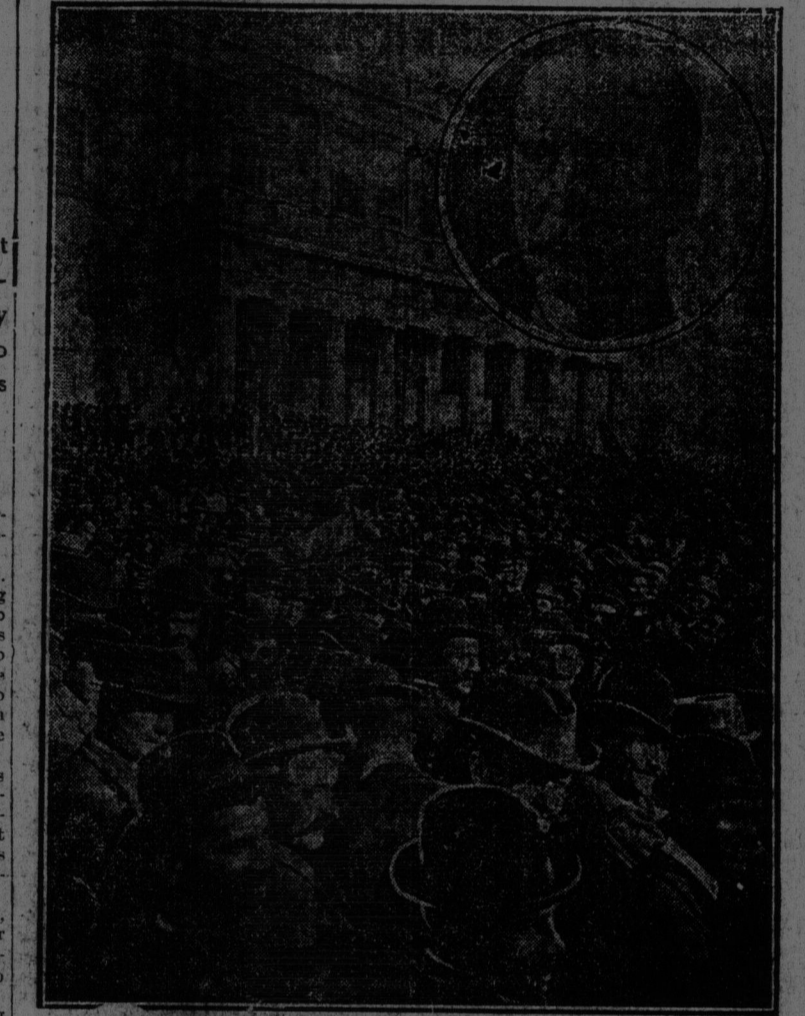
GREEKS SCORE SUCCESS

Have Strong Fortress of Turks at Mercy and Will Cut Off Ottoman Army—Servia, Recently Captured By Greeks, Said to Be Again Occupied By Sultan's Troops

(Canadian Press)

London, Oct. 29.—The Daily Mail correspondent sends the following from Lohorik: "On Saturday night, we encamped here. We see the troops arriving and departing in long processions, but are forbidden to know anything whatever of the progress of the fighting. We are forbidden to leave camp and are held at the absolute disposal of the military authorities, who brought us here from Sander. Adnan Pasha and the general staff are said to be here, but we have not seen them." "A despatch from Sofia to the Mail says that the Bulgarian detachment, after destroying the railway for some little distance around Kaba, withdrew to that village. Adrianople is surrounded and its fall almost immediately is considered certain. Asim Bey, Governor of Kirk Killiseh, who is said to have been responsible for the capture of Saloniki or Constantinople, according to a Constantinople despatch to the Mail. Athens, Greece, Oct. 29.—The strong Turkish fortress of Verria has been placed absolutely at the mercy of the invading Greek army, which has captured the Turkish town of Verria. The capture of the town of Verria itself is only a question of hours. The movement in real estate here is only in its preliminary stages," said Mr. Homfray in conversation with a Times reporter this morning. "Cities in the west have become great and prosperous within a quarter of an hour, and there is no reason why St. John should not have the same experience. Vancouver has nothing to compare with St. John, but what has been done here. Year ago I bought property in Vancouver at a dollar an acre, which is now selling at thousands of dollars a foot. Once the city begins to awaken and to move forward values will begin to increase here as at something like the same rate. I cannot understand how they have stood still so long, but those who take advantage of the present situation are bound to reap a rich harvest."

THE KING OF GREECE AND HIS PEOPLE



Demonstration of patriots before the palace in Athens, Greece.

PREDICTS GREAT PROGRESS HERE; BUYS PROPERTY AND SHOWS FAITH

When a man who has spent most of his life in buying and selling real estate, who has watched villages become cities and has seen cities spring up from nothing, picks St. John as the scene of his operations and makes his opinion with large investments, it is a fairly good indication of what is ahead of this city. "The movement in real estate here is only in its preliminary stages," said Mr. Homfray in conversation with a Times reporter this morning. "Cities in the west have become great and prosperous within a quarter of an hour, and there is no reason why St. John should not have the same experience. Vancouver has nothing to compare with St. John, but what has been done here. Year ago I bought property in Vancouver at a dollar an acre, which is now selling at thousands of dollars a foot. Once the city begins to awaken and to move forward values will begin to increase here as at something like the same rate. I cannot understand how they have stood still so long, but those who take advantage of the present situation are bound to reap a rich harvest."

TELEGRAM FROM CZAR: THE POWERS' POSITION

London, Oct. 29.—A special cable from London this morning says: "In the present nervous tension regarding the general European situation, extreme importance attaches to a telegram which the Czar of Russia sent to King Peter of Serbia, congratulating him that the Serbian army had been successful in Macedonia without the need of invoking assistance from the Entente powers. At the time this despatch is filed no information has come as to the effect which this telegram, only made public at a late hour, has created in Vienna, but it may reasonably be assumed that it will be regarded as a most unpleasant and alarming demonstration. One has only to remember that but for German threats, further investigation against Austria, when the latter executed her Bosnia-Herzegovina coup, Serbia's territorial ambitions, now almost openly avowed, are the chief danger points in the relations of the great powers. Austria will not tolerate a change in the status quo. Russia, by the Czar's telegram congratulating the Serians, practically approves the communique of the Vienna dispatch to the Daily Mail clearly states the Austrian position. The overwhelming success of the Bulgarian and Serbian armies is not regarded as sufficient warrant for modifying the determination of Austria to maintain the status quo. Should it become evident, however, that the status quo can no longer be held, either in the city or outside property suitable for sub-division and hold it for a few years. For one thing, the retail demand for lots may not reach its height for two or three years when the work on the terminal facilities is nearer completion and the population begins to increase on a larger scale. In the meantime those who buy and hold will be able to show a very handsome profit on their transactions. The only persons whom Mr. Homfray has found who are not enthusiastic about the future prospects of St. John, he said, are some of our own citizens who find it hard to believe that anything good could happen here. Everywhere else he has been

BECKER NOT LIKELY TO ADDRESS COURT

OLYMPIC MAN BEATEN IN MONTREAL

Bailey Wins Round-the-Mountain Race, Fabre One of Defeated

LATE NEWS OF SPORT

One Round Hogan Meets a Master—The Upper Canadian Football Games of Yesterday and Standing of the Teams

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Oct. 29.—V. Bailey of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, yesterday won the Herald round-the-Mountain race from a good field of long distance men, including Ed. Fabre, a famous National A. A. runner, who finished first in this event last year and competed in the Marathon at the recent Olympiad in Stockholm. Bailey covered the distance, approximately ten miles, in 57 minutes, 50 seconds. The record for the course is 56 minutes, 54 seconds, made by Jim Robson. Philadelphia, Oct. 29.—Young Jack O'Brien had the better of One-Round Hogan in a fast six round fight before the American Athletic Club here last night. Hogan did a lot of forcing, but O'Brien's left hand leads and his right hand crosses under the "Punch" fighter at bay.

Under Strain Said Things He Now Regrets

SENTENCE TOMORROW

District-Attorney to Keep Room. Schepps, Vallon and Webber in Jail Till Becker Matter Ends—May Be Two or Three Years

(Canadian Press)

New York, Oct. 29.—District Attorney Becker, who had shown signs of a hysterical collapse during the last two days, had regained his nerve today and was the collected, quiet calm man that he was before he heard himself pronounced guilty of murder in the first degree. His statement yesterday had disappeared and he had so far recovered his grip that he was ashamed of impetuous statements which he had allowed himself to make a few hours before. "I am sorry," he said, "that I was impelled by impetuosity to issue statements in contradiction to the orders of my counsel, John F. Maloney. I have nothing else to say." Becker tomorrow will face an ordeal just as trying as was his task of listening to the verdict when he was arraigned at 10.30 o'clock for sentence. In one of his statements yesterday, Becker declared that when he was asked if he knew of any good reason why sentence should not be passed upon him, he would tell the whole story which he had planned to tell on the witness stand in his own defense. Becker's change of attitude makes it almost certain now that he will make no such address to the court. If he should, he will speak against the strongest advice of his counsel. Mr. Maloney said he deeply regretted that Becker had given out. That they were contrary to his orders and their tendency was to make harder the work of his lawyers in preparing the case for appeal. Jack Ross, Sam Schepps, Harry Vallon and "Bridget" Webber, the four witnesses and chief witnesses in the Becker case, are likely to spend the next year, possibly the next two or three years in jail. District Attorney Whitman has decided that they must be kept under lock and key until the Becker case is closed. Mr. Whitman will need all four men if Becker should get a new trial, and as he will take a year or more to get ready to take a new trial, and as he does not intend to risk losing his star witnesses by permitting them now to go about their business. There seems no doubt that the district attorney can keep the men in jail as long as he likes, for Ross, Webber and Vallon are held on charges of murder, while Schepps will be held on weak to weak on a vagrancy charge.

SHE IS HUNDRED YEARS OLD, BUT SHE ATTACKS PREACHER

Negress Refuses to Be Deprived of Job as Caretaker of Church Except on Notice

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Mary Hart, 100 years old, was arraigned in the police court yesterday, charged with assault and battery. The contumacious prisoner, a negress who was employed as caretaker of a negro church, was charged by Rev. D. J. Clemens, pastor of the church, with assault on him when he attempted to discharge her. Mrs. Hart is the oldest prisoner ever to appear in a Chicago court. She conducted her own case. "I refuse to allow that man to remove me from these premises without two weeks' notice," she declared. "I am an old woman, and I should be treated with respect. If not, there will be trouble." Mrs. Hart made a gesture toward the preacher, who stepped aside. Mr. Clemens exposed a bruise on his forehead and testified that when he asked the aged woman to leave the church, she pushed him violently against a door and that he was compelled to leave her in possession.

SIXTY PER CENT OF THE HOMELESS BLAME DRINK

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NEW MINISTER IS SWORN IN

The Cabinet Shuffle Completed—Now Report That Quebec Government Whip Has Resigned

(Special to Times) Ottawa, Oct. 29.—At noon today His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, at his office in the east departmental block, administered the oath of office to Louis Coderre, member for Hochelaga, as secretary of state to succeed Hon. W. J. Roche. The administrative oath was also administered to Hon. Robert Rogers as minister of public works in succession to Hon. F. D. Monk and to Hon. W. J. Roche, as minister of the interior. This completes the cabinet re-arrangement made necessary by the resignation of Mr. Monk. The writ for the by-election in Hochelaga division, Montreal, where Mr. Coderre will seek re-election, will be issued without delay, and the voting will be over before the house meets on November 21. There is still speculation as to why L. T. Marchal at the last moment stood aside for Mr. Coderre, and two reasons are given and generally accepted. The first is that objection was taken to Mr. Marchal entering the cabinet as a representative of the district of Montreal and representing Charlevoix, a constituency in the Quebec district, and the second that there was a fear that under such conditions Mr. Marchal might not be able to carry the constituency. It is understood that Dr. Panet, chief government whip for Quebec, has placed his resignation in the hands of Premier Borden.

A FREAK WAGER

Round the World Without Smiling and With Few Words

London, Oct. 29.—Among arrivals on the S. S. President Lincoln, was Charles Meyer, of New York, who, it is said, is carrying out a curious wager by which he will make a trip around the world, without smiling or speaking an unnecessary word. According to his fellow passengers, Mr. Meyer easily won on the first stage of the journey, nobody seeing him smile, while the only time he was heard to speak was when some one occupied his deck chair. "Certainly no unnecessary words were then used." WALDO RESIGNED, IS REPORT New York, Oct. 29.—It is reported that Commissioner Waldo has resigned as head of the police department.

GIVES HIS LIFE IN VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE ANOTHER'S

Coboes, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Knowing well the risk he ran, F. B. Miller sacrificed his life in a vain attempt to save Hugh Murphy's. Miller, forty-three years old, an expert builder of gas tanks, was brought here from his home, Cincinnati, to repair the largest gas tank in the city. Murphy, thirty years, helped Miller do the work, and when it was finished Miller climbed up a long ladder to the top of the tank.

THREE DROWN IN QUEBEC RIVER

Quebec, Oct. 29.—A triple drowning accident occurred yesterday at the mouth of Jacques Cartier river, where the Stadacona Paper Company is building a large paper mill. Comte Bertrand, Hildevert LaVallee and an Italian whose name is not known, they have won four games and lost none. Montreal's second team is the runner up with two victories and two losses. The standing of the interprovincial clubs: Won Lost Ottawa ... .. 4 Hamilton ... .. 1 Montreal ... .. 3

LADS DIE AS THEY PLAY ROBBERS

New York, Oct. 29.—William Bloom and John Picarella, playmates, aged nine and twelve respectively, were found dead today in a "robbers' cave" which they had discovered in a vacant lot back of their home. The walls of the cave had fallen in, burying them under several feet of earth as they were sleeping during the night.

FOUR TO ONE ON WILSON WALL STREET BETTING

New York, Oct. 29.—According to the New York Telegraph, betting on the presidential situation in Wall street is still very light, with an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Wilson. The odds still remain, Wilson 4 to 1, Taft, 1 to 3, and Roosevelt to 2 1/2. The odds on Colonel Roosevelt have shortened somewhat. A bet of \$1,000 on \$4,000 that Wilson would be elected found no takers yesterday and it is a case of even money on Taft or Roosevelt winning the popular vote.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

CHICAGO BARBERS CHARGE HIGHER FOR HAIR CUT

Chicago, Oct. 29.—The price of a hair cut is to be raised from 25c to 30c, after November 15 in accordance with a resolution adopted last night by the boss barbers' association. "We had to take this action," said one member of the association, "in view of the increased cost of living and the decreased cost of safety razors."

CRUDE OIL DEARER

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 29.—The purchasing department of the South Pennsylvania Oil Company today advanced the price of Pennsylvania crude oil five cents, to \$1.85.

FEAR BLISSFIELD MAN MAY NOT RECOVER FROM SHOOTING ACCIDENT

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 29.—George Y. Mercereau, of Blissfield, Northumberland county, was accidentally shot while out hunting near his home yesterday afternoon. Dr. Vanwart of this city was called in consultation. It is feared the young man cannot recover.

SENATOR BELL'S ILLNESS

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Senator Adam Car Bell of Pictou, N. S., is seriously ill in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Hon. Mr. Bell represented Pictou in the house of commons from 1886 to 1904. He was summoned to the senate after the general elections last year.