

## TRUMBLE DID NOT HAVE GUN WHEN KILLED

Rev. J. O. Spracklin on Trial in Sandwich Hotel Case, Pleads Not Guilty.

## WIDOW RELATES STORY OF TRAGEDY

Claims Husband Had No Interest in Hotel Business at Time of Shooting.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 22.—Rev. J. O. Spracklin, pastor of the Methodist church, was arraigned for trial before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock at the Sandwich assizes this morning, following the return by the judge yesterday afternoon of a true bill in the charge of manslaughter, following the death of Beverly Trumble, proprietor of the Chappell House, in Sandwich, last November. Rev. Spracklin was acting as special liquor law enforcement officer for the Ontario Government.

Pleads Not Guilty. At 11:45 a.m. Mr. Spracklin was placed in the prisoner's dock and immediately thereafter, Clerk of Court, Henry Clay, read the formal charge—manslaughter—to him. The pastor-in-spector pleaded "not guilty." One man was challenged by the Crown during the selection of the jurors, while seven men were challenged by the defence.

Fact of Case. A Munro Grief, special crown prosecutor, addressed the jury regarding their duties, concluding with the statement that "the fact remains that on November 6 Beverly Trumble was a living being and on November 7 he was a corpse, and the prisoner at the bar was responsible for his death. It is your duty to say whether he was justified in taking the life of a fellow being."

Dr. W. C. Peppin, Windsor, the first witness to be heard, stated that he had performed a post-mortem examination on the body of Beverly Trumble. He found two bullet wounds, one in the lower left abdomen and the other in the right leg. Trumble died of internal hemorrhage from the abdominal wound as a result of severing of the femoral artery.

The Widow's Story. Mrs. Lella Trumble, wife of the slain man, examined by Crown Counsel, Grief, reiterated her evidence at the inquest, claiming that her husband was not carrying a gun at the time of the shooting, and that the only thing she was carrying in his hand at the moment the shot was fired was a cigarette. She also stated that after the shooting occurred, a member of the Sandwich police force conducted a thorough search of the living and dining-rooms without finding any trace of a weapon.

## EIGHT KILLED IN COLLISION

Twenty-Five Others Injured in Smash of Trolley Cars at Shelton, Conn.

Shelton, Conn., Feb. 22.—Eight persons were killed and twenty-five injured this afternoon when two trolley cars collided head-on on the Bridgeport-Shelton line near High Bridge, in the southern part of Shelton. The collision occurred about 5:30 p.m. on a switch, when both cars were travelling at a fair rate of speed. Witnesses said there was a loud report immediately following the crash and flames burst out in the wreckage where the two cars were piled together. A report circulating among the crowd that gathered at the scene of the wreck was that a five gallon can of gasoline was at the rear end of the Bridgeport-bound car.

Flames Were Fierce. Spectators were of the opinion that something accelerated the flames, as they spread rapidly. There were five persons in the northbound car and all were able to get out safely and quickly. The southbound car heading to Bridgeport had about 25 passengers on board. Panic broke out on the heels of the crash, as the flames shot through the forward part of the car. The Goldenberg children were seated in the front seat of the car and were caught in the first sweep of the fire.

RUSSIA IS STARVING. Riga, Feb. 22.—The food crisis in Russia daily is growing more serious, according to reports received here from Moscow. The prices of bread, sugar and butter have risen to almost unbelievable heights. Meat is said to be almost unobtainable.

BURN IRISH HOUSES. Belfast, Feb. 22.—Nine houses and dwellings at Roslea, County Fermanagh, were burned last night following upon the shooting of George Lester, a Unionist merchant of the place.

CONDEMNED BOTH SIDES. London, Feb. 22.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, in the House of Lords today vigorously condemned the Sinn Féin campaign of murder and outrage in Ireland and called the reprisals taken by the Crown forces.

## Blizzards Prevent Shipping of Foods

Newfoundland Villages Likely to Suffer Privations Because of Furious Storms.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 22.—Vessels laden with food for the Bell Island mines and other settlements along the Northern bays of Newfoundland reported running short of supplies today were left frozen in port here by the blizzard which has just swept the colony. Outposts at the end of the branch railways also have been isolated. Fears of distress and suffering in the storm-stricken areas are tonight. Yesterday's snow storms brought virtual paralysis of all transportation by rail and water. The steamer Kyles which plies from this port to Southern railways is held by the ice pack which completely blocks the harbor.

## C.G.M.M. VESSEL REACHES BOSTON WITH FOOD GONE

Crew Unable to Have Any Breakfast on Last Day on "Canadian Signaller."

## OFFICERS AND MEN WERE ALL EXHAUSTED

Engines Broke Down in Mid-Ocean When Terrific Gale Was Raging There.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Every scrap of food on board was gone and the coal bunkers were virtually empty when the steamer Canadian Signaller arrived today from Fowey, England, a week overdue. She has fought her way through storm after storm on the Atlantic. Officers and crew were exhausted. The last three days of the ship's voyage were by dead reckoning and only yesterday was her position made known to her by navy wireless. Her Boston agents had sought word of her. In mid-ocean her engine broke down and for hours the vessel was tossed about at the mercy of the sea. The last of the Canadian Signaller's food supply was consumed yesterday. There was no breakfast aboard this morning. The vessel, one of the Canadian fleet of merchantmen brought a cargo of china clay.

## Bangor Lumberman Murdered in Camp

Hit Over Heart With a Sharp Pick Axe as Result of a Quarrel.

Bingham, Me., Feb. 22.—James Higgins of Bangor, a woodsman, was killed today in a quarrel with Sylvester B. Drenth at the lumber camp of Higginsworth and Whitney on Bald Mountain 25 miles north of here. He was killed by a blow over the heart with a sharp pick used in handling wood. Officers have been sent from Skowhegan with instructions to arrest Drenth.

## JAPAN REGRETS SHOOTING

Washington, Feb. 22.—Regret on the part of the Japanese Government over the fatal shooting of Lieut. W. H. Langdon, a United States naval officer, at Vladivostok, early in January is reiterated in the reply of the government to the note from the United States Government.

## TRIED TO POISON WIFE

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Walter Blamond was found guilty by Judge Basin in the court of sessions today of attempting to poison his wife, Annie, by serving her with a glass of port containing five per cent. of croton.

## WINDLAW BILL PASSES

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Senate today passed the Windlaw bill authorizing partial payments in advance of final accounting to United States railroads under government guarantee of earnings. The bill now goes to President Wilson.

## W. F. MCCOMBS DEAD

New York, Feb. 22.—William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, died at Greenwich, Conn., at 7:15 o'clock today of heart failure. It was announced here today by Frederick R. Ryan, his business partner.

## GUARDING AGAINST LICE

New York, Feb. 22.—Rigorous measures to prevent possible introduction of typhus fever and other diseases through this port, resulted in the examination of 5,365 persons during the week ended yesterday, and of these 272 were found to be infested with vermin, said a statement issued today.

## SIR GILBERT PARKER ILL

Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 22.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist, who arrived here today, is confined to his room in a local hotel with illness.

## CANDIDATE IN AUTO CONTEST MAKES RECORD

Percy Whyte Says Getting Subscriptions for "Standard" is a Cinch.

## MORE ACTIVE HUSTLERS NEEDED

New Announcement of Unusual Interest Will Be Made on Friday.

Mr. Percy Whyte, one of the latest to enroll in The Standard's big prize contest, said a new record on Saturday, and it is a record of which The Automobile and Motor Star Department of The Standard is justly proud. Mr. Whyte says the soliciting of Standard subscriptions is a "cinch." Read his letter for yourself:—

Auto and Motor Star Department, The Standard, City. Gentlemen,—Enclosed find my entry blank for your big contest, also a number of subscriptions which I collected today (Saturday), to count on the Photographs and the \$100,000 extra vote ballots. I was under the impression that this contest would be quite a task and that is one of the principal reasons why I didn't know whether I would enroll or not. However, I saw that I had everything to gain and nothing to lose by using my spare time in canvassing for The Standard and I decided to give it a trial. The enclosed subscriptions represent the results of one day's work. Getting subscriptions for The Standard is a "cinch." I sat at my phone Saturday afternoon and phoned as many of my friends as I could get hold of. All but two promised me their subscriptions. Then I sent my two youngsters out to collect the cash and deliver the receipts. I'll get those two yet who refused me. Kindly send me some of the guessing forms for my subscribers and to whom more receipts books. I'm out to win, now that I've got started.

Yours sincerely, P. E. WHYTE.

## AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—

Enid Bennett in "Her Husband's Friend."

## AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—

Billie Burke in "The Education of Elizabeth."

## AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—

Norma Talmadge in "The Woman Who Gives."

## OPERA HOUSE TODAY—

Vaudeville and feature picture.

## Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, picture and most important Moving Picture Company.

## Montreal Broker Is Out On \$25,000 Bail

Charge Has Been Raised from Falsifying \$10,000 to Over \$300,000.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Gerald H. Brodeur, former junior partner in the firm of Oswald Brothers, stock brokers, 113 St. Peter St., who was recently arrested on a charge of falsifying entries to the amount of \$10,000 causing the firm to go into liquidation, appeared before Judge Casson in the arraignment court this morning. New substituted charges involving \$250,000 were preferred against him by Malcolm Oswald, senior partner.

Besides this, the prisoner is charged with the misappropriation of \$19,000 of clients' money which is alleged to have been used for purposes other than those intended.

Petition for bail was renewed by Brodeur's counsel, James Crutcher and James Crutcher, Jr., and was again granted, but this time an additional \$5,000 was asked, bringing the total amount up to \$35,000, which was stated by Judge Casson to be the largest amount ever demanded in a Montreal police court.

## Many New Members For Canadian Club

Members of the Canadian Club executive met yesterday afternoon. The club is endeavoring to obtain two established speakers who are expected to visit the province within the next two months. Should they be secured a treat will be assured the club.

## NEW MEMBERS

At yesterday's meeting the following new members were elected: W. M. Coleman, G. H. Pascock, W. P. Downes, Rev. L. E. Thompson, F. Tarant, Rev. T. H. Bone, Dr. F. S. Savaya, H. P. Breen, B. W. Turnbull, A. P. Speer, F. M. Morrison, E. B. Lovell, W. G. Morrell, E. E. Bryant, W. Pitt, A. H. Gutter, E. E. Fowler, R. D. Fisher, B. S. Smith, Dr. M. Case, C. S. Christie, J. Thompson, W. G. Miller.

## CARUSO MUCH BETTER

New York, Feb. 22.—Enrico Caruso seriously ill here from pleurisy and heart trouble, passed the most favorable day since his latest relapse.

## WORLD NEWS TODAY

### CANADA

Dr. James Cassell, formerly of Greenwood, N. B., dies in Digby, N. S.

Clara Steeves, daughter of O. Galus Steeves, under arrest for Moncton tragedy, is arrested as a material witness.

Rev. J. O. Spracklin, on trial at Sandwich, Ont., for death of Beverly Trumble last fall.

Lively clash in Commons between H. H. Stevens, of British Columbia and Wm. Duff, of Lunenburg.

### UNITED STATES

Henry Starr, the notorious bandit, is dead in prison as a result of injuries he received when he tried to rob bank.

Police are killed and twenty-five hurt in train wreck in Shelton, Conn.

James Higgins, of Bangor, was killed in a quarrel with a lumberman near Fowey, England.

"Canadian Signaller" arrives at Boston with all food gone and crew without breakfast last day at sea.

### NEWFOUNDLAND

Fears are expressed that outlying places will suffer much from lack of food as a result of the great storms that have swept the island recently.

## MERCHANTSWANT BUY-IN-CANADA CAMPAIGN AGAIN

Recent Article Declaring Retail Merchants Must Absorb More Trade Loss

## CLOTHING STATE IS IMPROVING

Condemn Manufacturers Selling Goods at Rush Prices in Temporary Stores.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—At the annual convention of the Ontario Retail Clothing section of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada here today a resolution was passed denouncing the "Dominion" government that "if any further change in the method of collecting taxes for the purpose of this country paying its war debts, the tax to be made at the source of supply, namely, upon the manufacturer and importer, and that this tax be added to the retail merchant so that it could be absorbed in his cost."

## Favor Home Buying.

Other resolutions passed included the following: Favoring Made-in-Canada goods; opposing the holding of sales in temporary retail stores; denouncing untruthful advertising and recommending the prosecution of the persons responsible therefor; and condemning an article in a financial paper "conveying the impression that the retail trade generally has not absorbed sufficient financial loss in the adjustment of retail prices."

## Western Members To Talk Freights

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Western members of the commons intend to take up the matter of increased freight rates, and if at all possible, fight the matter out on the floor of the House. This much was to be learned this afternoon following the first caucus of the Western Government supporters today.

The Hudson Bay Railway is another matter which is to be taken up strenuously at the session. Another vital question to the West is the matter of natural resources but on this there has as yet been little or no discussion.

## Banker Is Dead

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 22.—Rupert Churchill Wright, manager of the Windsor branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, died here tonight after a brief illness. He was 63 years of age and is survived by his widow and four daughters.

## SEIZE FAKE STAMPS.

New York, Feb. 22.—Seventy-seven thousand strip stamps for use on whiskey bottles, besides thousands of case stamps, were seized today by secret service operator in a raid on an "illegally" equipped counterfeiting plant on Oliver Street. Three persons were arrested and another detained as a witness.

## DARED KING TO PRODUCE 1919 TARIFF

H. H. Stevens Declares Liberal Tariff Changes With Men and Places.

## LIVELY CLASH WITH MR. DUFF

Speaker Had to Interfere Between Members to Restore Order in Debate.

House of Commons, Ottawa, Feb. 22.—H. H. Stevens, Vancouver Centre, took up the cudgels tonight on behalf of the Government, and issued a challenge to the opposition to bring down the tariff plank adopted at the Liberal convention of 1919, either in the House of Commons or in the country at a general election.

Mr. Stevens initiated an attack on Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition and charged that gentleman with shaping his views on the tariff to suit the locality he happened to be speaking in.

## A Changeable Leader.

In Kamloops, Mr. Stevens asserted, Mr. King had stood for a reduction of the customs tariff on the implements of production; in the Prairie provinces he had stated their tariff policy was the same as his; and in Peterboro he had declared that there must be no alteration in the tariff.

Mr. Stevens objected to the statements made by Mr. Stevens, and declared that the Liberals had not promised to revise the tariff until after a general election. He intimated that Mr. Stevens was making a play of words from Mr. King's speeches.

## Speaker Calms Trouble.

This brought on a sharp tilt between Mr. Stevens and the Maritime member in which the Speaker was compelled to restore order after Mr. Stevens said his opponent was neither sincere nor sensible. Mr. Duff asked for a retraction and Mr. Stevens replied that he did not know which was worse, a man who was ignorant, or one who said a point and refused to admit it.

## Got Great Reception.

The tariff was generally discussed during the whole evening session and Mr. Stevens was easily the bright light of an otherwise ordinary day. His challenge to the opposition to bring down tariff amendments brought tremendous applause from the Government benches.

After the afternoon Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, defended the retention of office by the Government replying specifically to the remarks of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. The division on the debate looks to be at least several days away, as several speakers, principally agrarians, remain to be heard.

## Bathurst Board of Trade Celebrates

St. John Board Represented at Second Annual Banquet With 100 Guests.

Special to The Standard. Bathurst, Feb. 22.—With about 100 guests at the banquet table, the Board of Trade of this town held their second annual dinner at the Masonic Hall this evening. Mr. J. L. Ryan, past president, presided at one of the most successful affairs ever held in Bathurst.

The special guests of the occasion were H. E. Armstrong, who represented the Board of Trade of St. John; E. W. Jarvis of Chatham; David Campbell of Campbellton and Peter Morais of Carleton Place. Each of these represented in happy style to the toast of "Our Sister Boards of Trade."

After the toast to The King had been honored, the following gave addresses: Mayor Burns represented the city of Bathurst; J. D. Hatchey, Geo. Gilbert and E. P. Mackay of the industries of the district and the Rev. J. A. Cooper and A. D. Archibald for the clergy with L. L. Desroches proposing the toast to the ladies.

## Got Three Lickings Every School Day

Man Opposed to Corporal Punishment in Schools Better off Without It.

(Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger.) London, Feb. 22.—There is a man in London who maintains he received three whippings at school when a boy than any man in the metropolis and he made that statement for a very definite purpose. He was arguing before the Metropolitan Asylums Board against corporal punishment in public institutions for children and while not exactly holding himself up as a heroic example, said he would have stood in his shoes earlier had he been "canned" less. His average was three whippings daily and his list of trivial offenses was a close parallel to the infractions that brought corporal conviction some years ago in the little red school house in the United States.

## Norris Threatens To Appeal To People

Premier of Manitoba Says He Will Not Tolerate Any Uncertain Position.

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—Should the opposition for the sake of obstruction, or with the desire to embarrass the government, create an impossible situation the government will, as soon as possible, appeal to the country.

With words to the above effect Premier T. C. Norris at this afternoon's session of the legislature called for a show-down on the "uncertain political situation" created by the group composition of the House.

## Appeals to Electors

"The electors of Manitoba chose this legislature last June to conduct their business," declared the premier, "but should events of the next few weeks demonstrate the impossibility of trying to carry on under conditions that are either impossible or too difficult to cope with, we will again present the case to the electors of Manitoba at an early date as possible, and ask them to use their best judgment in the solution of the situation."

## ALLIES REFUSE TO PERMIT ANY SALES BY HUNS

Control Will Block War Stores Being Disposed of to Neutral Countries.

London, Feb. 22.—The Allied control commission in Germany will prohibit shipments of war materials from Germany to Argentina or any other neutral country if such countries persist in trying to buy munitions. This announcement was made in British official circles here today. It was noted that despite the reply of Argentina to the Allied reminder that the Versailles Treaty prohibits Germany from manufacturing or exporting war materials no drastic measures were needed now for enforcing the prohibition on shipments to Argentina, but it was said continued efforts to obtain the same would bring the Allied commission to full exertion of their duties.

## Cannot Break Treaty.

While it was appreciated that Argentina, like other neutrals, would appreciate the advantage of bargains in war supplies it was declared that it was impossible in view of the treaty. Efforts to obtain supplies would only embarrass the Allies and Germany, and particularly the latter, which had enacted measures to forestall such shipments as were reported to be clearing for South America, it was said.

## NO BARGAINS FOR ARGENTINA REPUBLIC

Violation of Peace Treaty to Dispose of Surplus War Stocks to Any Country.

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## Condemns Giving Canada To States

Senator Crosby and Senator Blondin Review Work in War of French-Canadians.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Resuming the debate on the address in the Senate tonight, Senator Crosby, of Halifax, condemned those who would open this country to the United States. Consistent with the character of Liberal leaders in Quebec, that province was to be congratulated on the measure of its war effort. He halted to hear people talk of Quebec getting revenge. He believed the people there were anxious to join harmoniously with those in other parts of the dominion.

## Senator Blondin's Position

Senator Blondin said that if the war issue had been fairly placed before the people of Quebec then that people would have led the dominion in war effort. He said he did not care what he had said a year or ten years ago. The only thing that concerned him was that he would do his duty today, and be wiser than he was years ago. The issue before Canada and before Quebec was the tariff.

## SCHUCK FOUND GUILTY.

Camden, N. J., Feb. 22.—Raymond W. Schuck was found guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendation for judicial clemency, for the slaying of David S. Paul, a steamship manager, in the Camden criminal court today. The jury was out about an hour.

## MINE SWEEPER REFOATED

Duxbury, Mass., Feb. 22.—The mine sweeper "Swan" which has been ashore at the Gunport for three months was hoisted today when the high tide accomplished what the forces of the United States navy department and of a wrecking company had been working weeks to do.

## CLARA STEEVES UNDER ARREST AS A WITNESS

Taken Into Custody in Albert County on Warrant Sworn Out by Grandfather.

## DETAINED IN THE Y. W. C. A. QUARTERS

Preliminary Hearing to be Resumed Today But It Will Probably be Postponed.

## MANY ENTRIES FOR WRESTLING BOUTS

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Feb. 22.—Another sensation in the murder charge against O. Galus Steeves was created today when it became known that the prisoner's daughter, Miss Clara Steeves, had been arrested at Elgin, Albert county. News of the arrest gave rise to all sorts of sensational reports; but upon investigation it was learned that the girl is being detained as a material witness. The warrant for the young woman's arrest was sworn out by her grandfather, Joseph Steeves, who has the information in the murder charge against Galus Steeves.

## Nineteen Years Old

Clara Steeves is the only surviving daughter of the Galus Steeves family who in nineteen years of age and was living in Moncton at the time of the fire. This is the daughter, the accused is alleged to have been too familiar with. According to the sons of the accused, who gave evidence, their mother charged the father with being on too intimate terms with Clara and this led to a lot of the family quarrels.

## Brought to Moncton

Clara was arrested this morning in Elgin and was brought back to Moncton this afternoon. She is being detained at the Y. W. C. A. rooms and she will be called as a witness when the preliminary examination is resumed, probably on Monday next.

The report of the government analyst, Myles V. Paddock, St. John, as to the cause of death of four victims, from whose bodies the internal organs were taken, has been received here, it was announced, this morning.

## Expect a Remand

This report, it is said, will not be made known until it is given in the preliminary examination. These organs were taken from the mother and three of the children as they lay in little Brothers' morgue previous to the funeral last Thursday. The accused will be brought before Magistrate Gaskin at Covertville tomorrow, but it is expected he will be remanded without evidence being taken as counsel in the case are engaged this week at the circuit court in Dorchester.

## NEW YORK DIGS OUT ONCE MORE

Armies of Workers Are Busy Removing Snow Blockade from All Streets.

New York, Feb. 22.—Holiday suspension of business in downtown New York today gave the city's army of shovellers and their great fleet of tractors and trucks an opportunity to clear away much of the snow which for two days had hampered traffic. Streets in the market and waterfront districts were virtually cleared. When a heavy snow fall begins early in the day it goes far later to sunny skies, city officials in charge of removal work said today. Another six hours of work would put all the streets of the city in good condition. City traction lines were operating on a normal schedule and railroad trains from all points were reported on time.

## Taft Predicts U. S. Will Help Keep Peace

Sees Coming of a Day When Nation Will Join in European Programme.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Speaking on international questions before the Women's Canadian Club in this city on the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, Hon. Wm. Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, stated emphatically his confident belief in the United States ultimately uniting with the other world powers in maintaining peace throughout the world. Mr. Taft stated all controversial points now existing between the United States and Great Britain in a spirit of the highest optimism.

The speaker pointed out two dangers in the extension of the franchise to women, first that women might become indifferent to the vote, and second that women might be too ambitious in the accomplishment of great reforms, and may wish to rush precipitately into the revolutionizing of conditions, forgetting that real progress is made only by short and careful steps.