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GEE MUST DIE FOR MURDER, SAYS JURY

VERDICT FOUND IN 45 MINUTES--PRISONER TO BE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Took it Cooly, Though He Had Asked for Air When Judge Tuck Said He Was Not Insane -- Relatives Weep With Prisoner Who Charges Bennie Gee With Being Responsible.

Woodstock, April 28—(Special)—George ... was found guilty of murdering his ... in, Millie Gee, by the jury today ... forty-five minutes' deliberation and ... will be sentenced to death at 10 o'clock ... rrow morning.

Hon. Judge Tuck charged strongly against the ... ner.

... this morning's session T. C. L. ... m opened for the defence, saying ... e would show by witnesses that Geo. ... as irresponsible for the crime com... that he has insanity in his veins. ... min Gee, of Canaan, the father of ... ner, examined by Mr. Ketchum, ... was the only son. Witness' cousin ... ne and died in the asylum. Wit... le, Levi Kenney, was also insane ... n the asylum. Witness thought ... oner acted queerly and was rest... acted odd generally, particularly ... year. Cross-questioned by Mr. ... witness said he did not think ... soner was restless because of pain.

J. C. Hartley, Counsel for Gee.

... ora Gee, the prisoner's mother, said ... cousin, Ezekiel Crane, was insane and ... the asylum; also her first cousin, Jos... Demerchant. Witness' uncle, Fred... k Demerchant, also was insane. The ... soner acted strangely and was rest... at nights. Witness told the prisoner ... was crazy. Cross-questioned, witness ... not think the prisoner restless on ac... of physical pain. The prisoner kept ... ny with Millie Gee for a year and ... and liked her much. Witness did ... now of any strained relationship be... the prisoner and deceased.

... Demerchant, the prisoner's uncle, ... he prisoner would undress his feet ... practically no reason whatever and ... nded moccasins with no hole in them. ... soner appeared restless while living ... th witness. Cross-examined, witness ... d prisoner asked Millie Gee to enter ... house on one occasion if prisoner ... uld mend a moccasin. He mended a ... occasin which had no hole in it. Did not ... nk the prisoner had physical pain. The ... soner would lie on the floor alongside ... the bed, and not get into bed. Amos Demerchant said the prisoner ... ked very wild and hunted in the eyes ... ring the past three months. Insanity ... n in the Gee family.

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Chief Justice Tuck.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LOSE ABOUT $10,000,000 IN THE TORONTO FIRE

British Concerns Bear 40 Per Cent., American 35, and Canadian 25 of the Losses.

Toronto, April 28—(Special)—The underwriters dealing with claims for fire losses have now material before them for making an accurate estimate of the total loss.

While nothing official has been issued, it is understood they place the insurance loss at very little less than $10,000,000.

Of this sum, British companies carry about forty per cent.; United States companies about thirty-five per cent. or a little less, and Canadian companies about twenty-five per cent.

MARRIAGE THAT CAUSED TONGUES TO WAG

Widow of Late John R. Muir Weds Young Spaniard Three Months After Husband's Death--A Bad Runaway Accident.

Truro, N. S., April 28—(Special)—Papers from Los Angeles, California, tonight, announce the marriage there April 7, of Mrs. Mary Muir, widow of the late John R. Muir, brother of the late Dr. D. H. and Dr. W. S. Muir, of this town, who died three months ago. The marriage was not known of until the 17th. The groom is Paul J. Sepulveda, a Spaniard, of East Los Angeles, who at one time was employed on the Los Angeles street railway under the late husband of his bride, and is now just about old enough to vote, while the bride has passed the half century mark.

The marriage so soon after the death of her husband, has caused talk all over that part of the state.

A horse ran away this afternoon and threw out Mrs. Rutherford, of Stewiacke, and broke her leg.

Loubet Gets Great Reception.

Naples, April 28—President Loubet arrived here today from Rome and was given a reception equalling in enthusiasm that accorded him in the Eternal City.

LITTLE HAMPTON GIRL DROWNED IN FRONT OF HER HOME

It is Thought Janie Vaughan Fell from Platform Into Creek—Mother Recovered Child from Water Too Late.

Hampton, N. B., April 28—A sad drowning accident occurred this afternoon when Janie, the five-year-old daughter of John Vaughan, lost its life in the creek at Hampton Station.

It is not known exactly how she was drowned, but it is presumed that she fell off the platform in front of the house. The mother missed the child and upon looking out of the window saw the child's clothing in the water about three or four feet from the shore.

The mother procured the body.

TWO CENT LETTER RATE TO MEXICO

Ottawa, April 28.—(Special)—President Diaz, of Mexico, has approved of a two cent postage rate on letters between Mexico and Canada and when the representative of the Mexican government comes to Canada during the present session to arrange for a steamship service between both countries the details of the reduction in postage will be settled.

MONCTON WILL BUY CHEMICAL ENGINE.

H. Ashton, Engine Foreman in Intercolonial Shops, Resigns.

MAY BE OTHER CHANGES.

Steamer Northumberland Made First Trip to Point du Chene Yesterday—John Winter Had $1,200 Insurance on His Barns That Were Burned.

Moncton, April 28—(Special)—H. Ashton, who has been engine foreman in the I. C. R. works for the past two years, has resigned and A. B. McHaffie has been appointed in his place. There are rumors of other changes to be made in the works.

The first schooner of the season, Virginia, with a cargo of molasses for J. H. Harris & Co., arrived in port today.

The city council today decided to act on the suggestion of the insurance underwriters and purchase a chemical engine.

The steamer Northumberland made her first trip to Point du Chene today.

John Winter, who lost a couple of barns, three horses, hay and farming implements by fire last night, had $1,200 insurance on the contents. The loss above this is about $2,000.

WILL BE ENGINEER OF G. T. P. EASTERN SECTION

Mr. Doucet, C. E., Slated for the Position—Rural Militia, 40,000 Strong, Will Train This Year.

Ottawa, April 28—(Special)—The announcement is authorized that the rural militia on a peace footing will be called out for training this year. The number will be about forty per company, the total in all probability being 40,000.

It is reported that Mr. Doucet, C. E., of the Quebec & Lake St. John railway, will be the government engineer of the eastern section of the G. T. P.

Today's debate on the G. T. P. resulted in one clause being passed.

GOYETTE, DOUBLE MURDERER, HANGED

Lorignal, Ont., April 28—Clement Goyette, who murdered Daniel Culligan and his young son last January, with an axe, was hanged this morning at 8 o'clock in the county jail. His neck was broken instantly, and after the drop he did not move a muscle.

The prisoner was said to be deeply penitent and glad to pay the penalty of his crime. Prior to the execution mass was held, and Father Edward attended Goyette on the scaffold. After the inquest the body was interred beside those of Frederick Mann and Narcisse Laroque, who suffered the death penalty several years ago.

SENATOR WARK IS HIGHLY HONORED.

Senator David Wark.

An Oil Portrait Was Presented to Him By the Senate Thursday—He was born Feb. 19, 1804.

COLLEAGUES OF CANADA'S OLD MAN WONDERFUL MAKE PRESENTATION TO HIM.

It Took the Form of a Splendid Oil Painting of Himself—Fine Speeches from Premier, R. L. Borden and Others -- Veteran Made a Vigorous Speech in Reply Notwithstanding His One Hundred Years.

Ottawa, April 28.—(Special)—Canada's centenarian senator and the oldest legislator in the world, Senator David Wark, who was 100 years old on February 19 last, was presented in the senate chamber this afternoon with a handsome oil painting of himself, the gift of his fellow senators. The presentation was made by Speaker Power, of the senate, in the presence of many members of the upper and lower houses, including the prime minister and the leader of the opposition, R. L. Borden, many prominent citizens of Ottawa and not a few ladies were in attendance.

Of course Senator Wark was the cynosure of all eyes and the spectators could hardly help feeling that he was a most remarkable figure in the political world of Canada. Though bowed down under the weight of many years the veteran senator was still sturdy in appearance, being the opposite of emaciated, his hearing was that of a man who moved carefully rather than feebly, and who conserved his physical energies rather than strained them. Clear and lucid in speech, it was evident that his mind was not dimmed by the passage of years and that he had full control of his mental faculties.

Speech Excited Admiration.

His speech excited admiration for his sentiments and the manner of their expression were those of a man half a century younger than the guest of honor. Senator Wark was as much enrapped with the events transpiring around him as was the youngest and most vigorous member of parliament present at the ceremony.

Hon. David Wark, who represents Fredericton (N. B.), in the senate, is of Scotch descent and was born in Londonderry, Ireland, February 19, 1804. He went to New Brunswick when twenty years of age and was called to the senate in 1867 at Confederation, and has sat since in that body. The painting was by W. C. Forbes.

After the presentation speeches were made by Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state and leader of the government party in the senate, Sir M. Bowell, leader of the opposition in the senate; Sir Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden, the following address was read by Speaker Power:

Address to Veteran Senator.

The Honarable D. Wark:

Dear and Honored Sir: Your colleagues in the senate of Canada have thought that your reaching while an active member of our body the great age of 100 years should not be allowed to pass unnoticed and have resolved that the event be signalized by a painting which will enable future generations to look upon the countenance with which we are happily familiar. We may be permitted to call attention to some points which show over how wide a historical field your life's journey has extended. Born when William Pitt, worn out in the struggle with the great Napoleon was drawing near the close of his career your memory can distinctly recall the battle in which the principles for which the British statesmen contended finally triumphed. You left your native island for New Brunswick in early manhood before the days of Catholic emancipation and long before the passing of the reform bill of 1832. You settled in the home of your adoption when the province was still practically a crown colony and took a part in the prolonged but bloodless campaign which replaced irresponsible administration by one controlled by the wishes of the people. During the latter part of the contest you in the prime of life, fought for popular rights as a member of the elective branch of the provincial legislature and after the battle was finally won you passed fifty-four years ago to the upper house. This it may be observed was four years before the Crimean war.

Called to the senate at a mature age you are now with a single exception, the only survivor of those appointed by her late majesty in 1867, in both houses of the provincial legislature and in our own body you always devoted your talents and energy to parliamentary work with a single eye to the good of the people and particularly with respect to education and international trade.

Speaking of you as a senator one may be allowed to say that while you have been energetic and persistent in your effort to bring about what you have deemed to be for the public good you have never been impatient nor intolerant towards those whose opinions differed from your own, while your courtesies and your kindliness of disposition have been proverbial among your colleagues, as a result the present action of the house, is unanimous and gives expression to the sincere sentiment of your colleagues of all shades of opinion and will unite in the hope that the Almighty may be pleased to prolong for years a life which has throughout been lined with a continual consciousness of his divine oversight.

Signed on behalf of the members of the senate,

A. B. POWER, Speaker.

Senator Wark's Reply.

Mr. Wark was greeted with prolonged cheering as he rose to reply. He said: "I thank you for this very flattering address. I never expected anything of the kind nor do I think I deserve it, but at the same time I feel deeply grateful to you and to those whom you represent for such an expression of kindness and friendship.

"There is no part of it with which I agree so heartily as the last sentence. I join with you most cordially in the belief that God exercises a wise providence over the affairs of this world and especially

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NEW ENGINEER FOR AMHERST.

Robert Archibald Appointed—Presentation to Harold R. Williamson Before Leaving for Winnipeg.

Amherst, N. S., April 28—Robert Archibald, C. E., at one time manager of the Joggins Coal Company, has been engaged as engineer for the town of Amherst.

Harold R. Williamson, of Preston, England, who for the past six months has been working for Rhodes, Curry & Co., Limited, left by the noon train for Winnipeg. A number of his friends met last evening at the residence of F. A. Cain to bid him farewell. Deacon M. D. Pride, president of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Company, presided. Addresses were made by Deacons Pride, Freeman and J. A. Black, and by C. L. Martin and Mr. Cain, all expressing their regret that Mr. Williamson was leaving Amherst. Mr. Pride, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. Williamson with a purse of gold as an expression of the very high opinion in which he was held by all.

Rev. Mr. Williamson, pastor of the Baptist church at Kamsloops (B. C.), is a brother. Another brother is in the employ of Rhodes, Curry & Co., and a sister, who arrived in Montreal by the last steamer, will accompany her brother west.

FRAUD ALLEGED AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANY

Ex-Governor Angers Sues Mutual Reserve Fund Association for Money Paid Them.

Supreme Court of Canada Finished February Session Yesterday—Lewin vs. Lewin and Connolly vs. St. John to Be Heard in May.

Ottawa, April 28—(Special)—The Supreme Court of Canada concluded the business of the February session today and adjourned sine die. The rest will not be long as the May session opens on Tuesday next.

The last case heard was an interesting one, Angers vs. Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association. The appellant, Hon. Mr. Angers, former lieutenant-governor of Quebec, insured in the association in 1885. In 1895 there was an advance in the assessments at which he protested but continued to pay until 1898, when a further advance of over 100 per cent caused him to drop his policy and bring an action for cancelling the contract and return of moneys paid the association.

The appellant claimed that when he insured it was represented to him that the assessment might fluctuate between a minimum and maximum amount but would never exceed the latter and that his certificate would probably be self-supporting in fifteen years; that when the advance was made in 1885 he was given to understand that it would be merely temporary and returned to the members in cash or reserve fund and that there was misrepresentation, if not fraud, in the statements made to him in view of the heavy increase in cost of the policy in 1898.

The company claimed that the increase was authorized by its by-laws and made under direction of the superintendent of insurance of New York. That the representations complained of were those made by every company to attract the public and while exaggerated were not fraudulent. And that appellant could recover no damages as he was insured at the dates he agreed to up to 1895 and practically to 1898.

The appellant relies on a case of Foster vs. the same company decided against the latter by the court of appeal in England and now pending in the house of lords.

At the trial appellant succeeded but failed in the court of review and king's bench. T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., M. P., and Lafleur, K. C., appeared for the appellant; Beaudin, K. C., and Aime Geoffrion, K. C., for the association. Judgment was reserved.

The only New Brunswick cases to be heard in May are Connolly vs. St. John and Lewin vs. Lewin. The maritime list will not be heard first as is the usual course in February and May but will follow the Quebec cases.

McHENRY TO BE ENGINEER OF THE G. T. P.

Montreal, April 28—(Special)—It is understood that E. H. McHenry, who has resigned as chief engineer of the C. P. R., will become engineer of the G. T. P. It is expected that Assistant Chief Engineer Tye will succeed McHenry as chief of the C. P. R.

BRITISH COTTON WORKERS FLOCKING TO CANADA.

Depression in the Business the Cause---Many Will Take Up Farming Life in the Northwest—Others Will Pursue Their Trade in the United States.

Montreal, April 28—(Special)—The Star's ... on correspondent cables: "Owing to ... short time now being worked in the ... ish cotton industry, and the conse... rt hard times, a great emigration ... vement is just commencing of cotton ... orers to Canada and the United States, ... e dimensions of which have never been ... ualled since the disastrous effects of the ... merican civil war. Many of these emi... ants are seeking fresh work in the cot... n mills of the United States, on account ... the higher wages and shorter hours prevailing there; but a large proportion I learned on the authority of one of the largest firms of cotton spinners in Lancashire, are abandoning the cotton business to take up farming in western Canada.

"The extent of the movement can be judged from the fact that the Allan liner Bavarian will leave Liverpool today with 1,500 passengers for Canada, nearly all of whom are British, while the Dominion liner Southwark will leave Liverpool also today with 900 more. Another Allan liner will leave Liverpool on Saturday with a further 500."

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON ESCAPES FROM JAPANESE CRUISERS DURING DENSE FOG

Sinking of Mikado's Transport Confirmed—It is Rumored That the Czar Will Likely Court-martial His Admiral for Barbarous Act—Conflicting Statements About the Number of Japs Lost.

London, April 29.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent asserts that the Russian cruisers slipped past the Japanese squadron during a fog and regained the harbor of Vladivostok.

This is the only additional news that has reached London concerning the Vladivostok squadron. No further details have been received regarding the sinking of the Japanese transport Kinshiu Maru, which incident is much commented on here as proving that the Japanese placed too great confidence in their command of the sea and there is no doubt that it will induce greater vigilance on their part. There is some inclination to criticise harshly the action of Rear Admiral Yeszen, but most of this morning's papers prefer to await particulars of the affair before passing judgment upon it.

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BERNIER CAN'T GET HIS STEAMER

Germans Repudiate Agreement With Canada, and Want the Purchase Money Before They Give Her Up.

Montreal, April 28.—(Special)—Hard luck seems to pursue Capt. Bernier, the man with the ambition to seek the north pole. The captain was sent to Germany to bring out the steamer Gauss purchased by the Canadian government for the Hudson Bay revenue service.

A cable to La Presse says that Bernier and his French-Canadian crew have reached Bremen, but the German government refuse to deliver the vessel until Canada pays the whole purchase price.

Through Lord Strathcona, Canada paid $50,000 on account, and is withholding the balance until it is demonstrated that the Gauss can steam seven knots an hour in Canadian waters.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine says this was the agreement made with the German department of marine, but the cable to La Presse says the Germans repudiate this.

QUEER DOINGS IN SCOTT ACT CASE

Sussex Hears That Inspector Cusack's Accuser Was Only Joking—Matter Postponed Until Saturday Now.

Sussex, April 28—That Scott Act case against Inspector Cusack, which was to have been tried today before Magistrate Mace at Newtown, was postponed until Saturday. There is a story going the rounds to the effect that the witness who was to swear that Cusack sold or gave him a bottle of liquor now says his statement to that effect was only a joke.

It is not yet known what view of such a joke might be taken by the magistrate and the lawyers. The indications are that when the case comes up an effort will be made to prevent further trifling. The feeling here is that this matter should be cleared up one way or the other and that Cusack's friends should insist upon a thorough investigation of every phase of the recent Scott Act war in this county. If there has been anything illegal, no matter who is responsible, it is felt that the courts should put the blame where it belongs. None of the magistrates, so far as is known, is disposed to encourage "joking" in connection with matters involving the administration of justice.