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NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN NOTED CASE

John B. Sneed Freed of Charge of Murdering Captain Boyce

ANOTHER TRIAL TO FACE

Must Answer For Killing of Boyce's Son — Tragedies Followed Elopement of Sneed's Wife With Junior Boyce — Families Wealthy and Prominent

(Canadian Press)

Forth Worth, Texas., Dec. 3—John Beal Sneed was today found not guilty of the murder of Captain Al. G. Boyce.

Sneed shot Captain Boyce to death on January 13 in Fort Worth, soon after Sneed had returned from Winnipeg, with his wife, with whom Al. G. Boyce, Jr., son of Captain Boyce, had eloped.

Sneed claimed self-defence and also a conspiracy on the part of the Boyces to rob him of his wife.

Al. Boyce, Jr., was killed by Sneed in Amarillio on Sept. 14, last. Sneed will be tried on this charge in February at Vernon.

The families involved in the two tragedies, are wealthy and have had prominent parts in the upbuilding of Texas. After the elopment Sneed spent $20,000 in a chase across the continent to find his wife.

Sneed's first trial on a charge of killing Captain Boyce resulted in a disagreement.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS IN MONGOLIA; THE CHINESE POSITION

London, Dec. 3—The Daily Telegraph's Peking corespondent details the probable Russian demands for the settlement of the Mongolian question on a basis suitable to Chinese honor as follows:—

"Russia is determined to obtain railway connection with her Siberian line not only at Urga, but in the western Mongolia administrative centres of Kobdo and Uliassutai, the right to station permanent garrisons in these places, free mining rights, and a general rectification of the frontier of the Heir Lung Chang, province of Manchuria in order to include certain disputed districts within Trans-Baikalia."

It is hinted that these demands are not complete, meanwhile the Chinese war ministry purposes to contribute thirty-four battalions of infantry among the twenty-four post stations between Urga and Kalgan as a first step towards the resumption of Chinese control.

"The whole position, however, is extraordinarily vague and disconcerting on account of general reports that the elections in China will be postponed for half a year, which will leave the present provisional government in existence during the summer of 1913. Such course of action is deplorable in every way, since it is a virtual confession of the failure of the policy of consolidation."

FEAR COLLAPSE OF JAPANESE CABINET

Tokio, Dec. 3—It is feared that the collapse of the cabinet is eminent, owing to the difficulty of finding a successor to Lieut. General Uyehera as minister of war. There is a concensus of opinion here against military expansions, but Lieut. General Uyehera's programme will admit of no compromise.

Seul, Korea, Dec. 3—The cabinet crisis in Tokio has aroused great interest among the Japanese officials here. Count Terauchi, the governor general, returned to Seul from Japan on November 30, which is taken as an indication that he is not willing to accept the premiership under present conditions, because of lack of the full support of the conservative party, which will meet on December 24.

A. O. U. Judgment Reserved

Toronto, Dec. 3—Judgment was reserved by the divisional court yesterday in the appeal of the Ancient Order of United Workmen from the order of Justice Riddell granting an interim injunction restraining the order from putting into force a revised schedule of rates.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by autority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

The area of low pressure which was over the Great Lakes yesterday, has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf and Newfoundland and the barometer is now highest over Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues quite moderate in the western provinces.

Probabilities Here.

Maritime—Strong northwesterly winds, fair and colder; Wednesday, easterly winds and cold.

SALE OF THREE PROPERTIES

Union Street, Erin Street and Exmouth Street The Location

Taylor & Sweeney, real estate agents, announce the transfer of three properties through their office today, an indication of the activity in the local real estate market in spite of this being what is usually considered a dull time of the year.

The transfers include the sale of the freehold lot, 40 by 100 feet, with three family house in Union street near Pitt owned by Police Sergeant W. H. Finley to Doctor W. J. Weaver of Fredericton.

Another property, which is regarded as valuable on account of its seventy-five foot frontage on the I. C. R. tracks, was sold by Joseph Shannon and purchased by H. Chadwick. The lot has a frontage of eighty-four feet in Erin street and extends through to the tracks with side lines of seventy-five and thirty-five feet. It contains a four tenement wooden house.

The third sale was of a two tenement wooden dwelling, leasehold, 49 and 51 Exmouth street, purchased by Simon Martin from W. H. McQuade.

Doctor Weaver's purchase is another tribute to the attractions of St. John real estate for investors. He has already large investments in western Canada but has given careful study to the situation in St. John and has decided that this looks even better. He is confident of the future of the city and regards present prices as very conservative in view of the developments which may be expected here.

WILL OF LORD FURNESS

Gives $15,000 For Institution To Train Boys For Mercantile Service

London, Decfl 3—The will of Lord Furness, sworn at $5,000,000, comprises only a portion of his personal estate and none of his landed properties. The amount of the bequests is an annuity of $50,000 to his wife, Grantley estate granted to his son, and after authorizing payments to charitable institutions, Lord Furness authorized his trustees to expend a sum not exceeding $15,000 towards an institution to provide the facilities for training boys for the mercantile marine service.

DOCTOR'S SON MAY DIE AS RESULT OF COLLEGE HAZING

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 3—Byron Crane, sixteen years old, of this city, was stabbed and probably fatally wounded as the result of a hazing episode in the Methodist College at Morrieville, Mo., where he was a student. Another student who was hazed recently was arrested charged with stabbing Crane.

Crane, who is the son of a prominent local physician, was brought to a hospital here.

LAST OF CUSTER'S SCOUTS

Montana Harry Drops Dead in a Hotel in Worcester

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 3—Harold Willis Powell, or "Montana Harry," as he was better known throughout the country, believed to be the last surviving scout who was with Custer at the battle of the Little Big Horn, dropped dead in a hotel here last night, aged sixty-four years.

He was a member of the legion of honor and the holder of several gold medals of honor from the government, bestowed for bravery in the field. On his breast was found a gold medal awarded for bravery at Pine Ridge on January 1, 1891.

STORM VERY HEAVY IN BAY OF FUNDY

Last night's storm in the bay was one of the worst that has been experienced for some time, according to the statements of the captains of vessels out in it. The S.S. Tokamaru, from New York, should have docked yesterday afternoon but, on account of the storm, did not come up until this morning. The captain reports having had a rough time, being forced to ride out the storm. The waves were mountainous and washed the deck of the big liner. A heavy gale blew all night. One or two of the smaller craft which arrived this morning had put into bay ports and waited for the storm to abate.

TRINITY TEA AND SALE

Under the auspices of the Young Women's Guild of Trinity church this afternoon a tea and sale is being conducted from four o'clock to seven, in the schoolroom, which has been nicely decorated in yellow and white, with great numbers of chrysanthemums adding to the attractiveness of the tables. There are three lengthy tea tables in the serving room, in charge of the Misses Godfrey and Patton, assisted by other members of the guild, prettily dressed in white. Those in charge of the other tables are: — Fancy table, Misses Winnifred Smith and Dora Jones; apron table, Miss Saunders and Miss Hazel Evans; candy table, Misses Ethel Jarvis and Charlotte Dodge; doll table, Misses Dorothy Hobson, Elsie Millidge and Maude Sutherland; home-cooking, Miss Kathleen Walker, and Miss Etta Bauer.

WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Ella McGuire and Walter Thompson Earle took place at the parsonage of the Carmarthen street Methodist church on Saturday evening last. Rev. T. J. Deinstadt officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Earle will reside at 51 Brittain street.

SCHOONER ETHYL B. SUMNER WRECKED; FOUR MEN DROWNED

Seeking Shelter, Is Cast on The Rocks

THREE OF CREW SAVED

Three Master Was on Voyage From Shulee to St. John—Tried to Get Within Waterside Breakwater Out of the Gale But Struck

(Special to Times)

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 3—The three-masted schooner, Ethyl B. Sumner, went ashore a little after midnight, during the heavy storm, near the breakwater at Waterside, Albert county, and four lives are lost.

A Transcript bulletin gives the names of the drowned as follows:—Capt. Wesley Patterson, Shulee, N. S.

Fred Sterling, West Sackville, first mate.

Horace State, Shulee, unmarried, second mate.

Joseph Hopkins, West Sackville, sailor.

The rescued are:—

C. M. Goodwin, West Sackville.

Arthur Otto Johnston, address unknown.

Edwin Breau, Finland.

The Sumner left Shulee on Saturday, bound for St. John with a cargo of scantling. She passed Waterside on Sunday and in the bay found the storm too heavy. Turning, she endeavored to reach shelter inside the Waterside breakwater, but ran upon rocks a short distance from the breakwater.

The schoner was a Moncton vessel. She was built at Harvey, Albert county, for F. W. Sumner of Moncton, who some time ago sold her to the Robinson, Wright Lumber Company. Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mayor Robinson of Moncton hold shares in the vessel, also R. C. Elkin of St. John, and Captain Westley Patterson, who was drowned with the vessel.

YOUNG MOTHER KILLS LITTLE ONES AND SELF

Leaps With Them Into Deep Old Maine Quarry Nearly Filled With Water

Rockland, Maine, Dec. 3—Mrs. Austin Elwell of Cushing, killed her two small children and herself by jumping with them into an abandoned lime stone quarry, 400 feet deep and nearly filled with water. Family troubles, it is believed, caused the act.

Mrs. Elwell was twenty-three years old, and the children, both boys, were aged five and four respectively.

JURY OF WOMEN START DUTIES WITH A PRAYER

Eldorado, Kansas, Dec. 3—When the first woman's jury on a Kansas court of record entered the jury room yesterday to begin its duties, the twelve paused a trifle uncertain as to the first move.

"I believe we should pray," one juror said. So the twelve women jurors bowed their heads in silent prayer.

The jury gave a verdict which awarded the plaintiff $1,200 damages based on the alleged misrepresentation of a quarter section of land.

A year ago the same case was tried before a jury of men, who were unable to agree on a verdict.

SCHOONER FROM WINDSOR RAN ON A LEDGE

Bangor, Dec. 3—Running at an eight-knot speed under sail and power, the two masted schooner, Florence L. Melanson, Windsor, N. S., for Boston, ran on to Gangway ledge in Mussel ridge channel Sunday. Aided by the crew from the White Head life-saving station and the tug Somers N. Smith, the schooner was floated and towed to Rockland full of water and with her forefoot gone. The Melanson was loaded with spruce piling. Capt. Melanson, who was using an old chart, says he mistook the buoy which marks the dangerous spot.

CANADIAN GRAIN IN CASE OF BIG WAR

Switzerland Filling Its Storehouses to Be Ready If it Should Come

Matter of Armistice Must Be Decided This Afternoon—Adrianople the Rock on Which The Peace Ship May Be Wrecked

(Canadian Press)

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 3—Even Switzerland appears to be preparing for the eventuality of war.

The federal government is filling the various military storehouses with wheat and corn ordered from Canada and the United States. A large quantity consisting of 572 carloads is on the way to Zurich from Rotterdam, while other cargoes ordered by the Swiss government are still afloat.

The hostilities in the Balkans have had the effect of greatly reducing Russian shipments of grain.

The Armistice

Sofia, Dec. 3—The final meeting of the plenipotentiaries representing the allied Balkan nations and the Ottoman Empire, is to be held at the village of Baghtche on the Tchatalja lines at four o'clock today.

The call for an armistice between the belligerents for the purpose of permitting them to enter into peace negotiations is to be signed at that hour or hostilities will at once be recommenced.

In official circles here it is regarded as probable that it will be signed.

London, Dec. 3—Adrianople was the obstacle which threatened to wreck the parleys between the plenipotentiaries of Turkey and of the Balkan allies when they first opened at Baghtche on the Tchatalja lines, and Adrianople appeared again at the end of the negotiations, as the most serious hindrance to the attainment of an agreement.

During the first session of the delegates the Turks absolutely refused to consider the surrender of the stronghold of Adrianople and when the Bulgarians subsequently yielded to them on this point, the Greek delegates shrank back and demanded time in which to submit the question to their government at Athens.

The reason for the Hellenic objection to any such submission to the desires of the Ottoman representatives is not far to seek, according to the opinion expressed in diplomatic circles. It is said that it is obvious that if the Bulgarians sacrifice the ultimate possession of Adrianople in the interests of general peace, they will expect their allies to share their sacrifice and the only way in which this can be done is to give Bulgaria compensation in the shape of territory conquered by the Greeks, Servians and Montenegrins, and which they had staked out for themselves.

Malta, Dec. 3—Several of the vessels of the British squadron, which recently arrived here from Turkish waters, have been ordered to sail on Wednesday for the Syrian coast of Alexandria.

Constantinople, Dec. 3—A wireless despatch from Adrianople under date of Nov. 30, reports that during the bombardment on that day a shell struck the Greek consulate occupied by the Russian vice consul.

The Austrian warship Aspern left Constantinople this evening proceeding for the Adriatic.

Austria and Servia

Vienna, Dec. 3—It is reported that the Austrian premier has threatened that if his three military bills are not passed without amendment by Dec. 10 the Reichsrath will be dissolved.

These bills relate to the supply of horses, the support to be granted to relatives of soldiers in the event of mobilization and to services to be rendered by private individuals and communes in case of war. According to a Belgrade despatch the Servian government intends, after peace has been concluded, to submit her cause to the powers or to the Hague Tribunal.

A despatch from Lemberg, capital of Galicia, says that the run on savings banks and the rush to change paper money into coin continues through Galicia owing to the war scare.

CARLETON FISH POND IS NOW BEING TALKED OF AS PLACE FOR INDUSTRIES

In connection with their progressive policy of assisting in every possible way the commercial and industrial development of the city, the commissioners are now grappling with the problem of providing industrial sites. At their meeting at noon today they had before them the plans of the fish pond in Carleton where about ten acres are lying idle. For years this property was reserved as the site of a dry dock but now that the dock is being erected across Courtenay Bay it is no longer needed for that purpose and could be put to some profitable use.

A couple of acres in one corner of the lot is owned by the C. P. R., having been taken over with the N. B. Southern Railway, but the balance is the property of the city. One of the things which would have to be taken into consideration in any plan for improvement would be the fact that all the sewerage of that part of Carleton now empties into the pond and if it were filled in another outlet or a supplementary system would have to be provided. The matter was discussed at length but no action was taken pending a report from the city engineer.

"Old Master" But a Copy

Rome, Dec. 3—Signor Cavenaghi, the greatest Italian authority on old paintings, has discovered that a painting attributed to Ruysdale, which was purchased by the state for $200, is only a clever modern imitation of the work of the Russian by a painter here, who specialized in forgeries.

Art Sale at Christie's

London, Dec. 3—At the sale of the John Gibbons collection of modern pictures at Christie's $2,400 was given for an engraving of W. P. Frith's "The Village Pastor," by W. Holl. Sir Thomas Lawrence's portrait of Kemble, the actor, engraved by Charles Turker, brought $2,000.

Died in Maine

Pittsfield, Me., Dec. 3—Oliver Keirstead of Danforth, who came here recently on a brief business trip, was taken ill with double pneumonia Tuesday at the home of his nephew, Frank S. Keirstead, on Washington street, and his death occurred Thursday afternoon, November 29. His age was 66 years. He is survived by two sons, Jason of Greenville Junction, Roy of Sebois, and three brothers, David of this town, Aaron of Hartford, Conn., and Wilfred of St. John, N. B. The body was taken to Danforth Friday afternoon, where the funeral took place.

WON ROLL-OFF

J. Denison won the roll-off on the Victoria Bowling alleys last night with a score of ninety-six.

KINDNESS TO FEEBLE OLD MAN BRINGS HER NICE FORTUNE

London, Ont., Dec. 3—When, three years ago, she volunteered her assistance to a feeble old man, weighed down with a couple of suit-cases on his way to the Grand Trunk railroad station, little did Mrs. Edward Mills of Thorndale dream that the little episode was to have an ending other than the old gentleman's fervent 'God bless you," although she wondered at the time that he whom she had slightly befriended should insist on her leaving her name and address with him.

Yesterday she found that no less than $3,500 had been left her by the old gentleman, who last week met death by burning at his home in Middletown, N. Y. He was J. A. Gilson, and very wealthy.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR WHEAT CROP

Saskatchewan Farmer Gets 76 Bushels an Acre Yield

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 3—From eleven acres of his farm near here H. J. Clark has threshed 836 bushels of Marquis wheat or an average of seventy-six bushels to the acre. This is believed to be a world's record for wheat grown for commercial purposes.

FINE GIFT OF SILVER TO BERNARD QUILTY

Token of Appreciation From C. P.R. Trainmen—W. A. Tobi Re-Elected President

Recognition of the valuable and efficient services rendered by Bernard J. Quilty, who has been acting as business agent for them for about four years or more, was shown last evening by the members of the Order of C. P. R. Trainmen when, at a meeting in West St. John, they made him a presentation of a handsome cabinet of silver, as a token of appreciation and esteem. The presentation was made by the president, W. A. Tobin, who spoke of the high regard in which Mr. Quilty was held and of how the members appreciated his services. Mr. Quilty replied expressing his surprise and gratitude.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. A. Tobin; vice-president, S. D. Appleby; past president, S. H. Shaw; financial secretary, E. Coughlan; recording secretary, G. Costley; chaplain, C. B. Vincent.

DETECTIVES ARRESTED

Shot Into Crowd of Porcupine Strikers and Sympathizers

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 3—Three detectives are under arrest at Porcupine today, following an altercation with a group of strikers, and strike sympathizers, near the Goldfield Hotel in Timmins, yesterday.

In the trouble the detectives drew their guns and shot into the crowd, wounding two men seriously, and one slightly.

TWO LIQUOR CASES IN COURT THIS AFTERNOON

As the result of a raid made several weeks ago by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Liquor License Inspector Jones, in which four quarts of liquor were found hidden under a boat at Reed's Point, John Moyce was arraigned in the police court this afternoon on the charge of keeping liquor for sale illegally. He pleaded guilty and was fined $50 or three months in jail.

Another charge of liquor act violation, John Reed charged with supplying liquor to James McKay, an interdict, is also being heard in the court this afternoon.

THE POLICE COURT

Six prisoners were arraigned in the police court this morning. Three of the six were charged with drunkenness. One of the trio was stil somewhat under the influence of liquor, having been arrested early this morning. His clothes were literally covered with stickers, he having been found in a field at the foot of Courtenay street. He was remanded to jail. The two others were fined $8 or thirty days in jail.

Carl Kemp and John Travis, charged with fighting together were each fined $20 or two months in jail.

Patrick Phelan, charged with trespassing on the I. C. R. tracks at a late hour last night, was remanded. Policemen Smith told of finding Phelan outside the station and in the I. C. R. yard. Phelan was remanded.

FIRE IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 3—A fire, probably starting from an overheated smoke flue, destroyed the residence of Mrs. Leonard Greer this morning. The house was all ablaze when the firemen reached the scene, and there was considerable danger of the fire spreading, because of the proximity to the Prescott Hospital and other buildings, but the efforts of the firemen prevented this. The furniture was saved.

SON BORN TO TITANIC WIDOW

Cincinnati, Dec. 3—Mrs. Eloise Smith, daughter of Congressman J. A. Hughes, of Huntington, W. Va., whose husband, L. P. Smith, was a victim of the disaster to the Titanic, on which they were returning after a European bridal trip, has just become the mother of a son. Mr. Smith refused a position beside his wife in a lifeboat, making room for one more woman or child.

"DOKEYS" HOME.

Some of the members of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan have returned to the city from Boston, where they were in attendance at the initiation ceremonies connected with the organization of Abou-Ben-Adhem Temple. Those returning on the Boston train this morning were Dr. H. B. Nase, Robert S. Ritchie, and Wm. Johnson. Others will be home this evening or tomorrow. Those who came home today report having had a fine time, and having been treated hospitably by their fellow members in Boston, and entertained far beyond their expectations.

POSITION OF RUSSIA AND THE STATES

Czar to Announce Policy and a Provisional Tariff

A HINT IS INCLUDED

Other People to Buy From Besides Uncle Sam — Visit of Roumanian Crown Prince to Berlin Looked on as Demonstration of Triple Alliance Solidarity

(Canadian Press)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3—It is officially announced today that the Russian government will publish on January 1, the day of the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation, a statement outlining its future commercial policy towards the United States, and also a provisional tariff which will not contain any great increase over the existing tariff.

The policy of the Russian government, it is said, will not be imbued by any spirit of animosity, but will be directed solely to the protection of the Russian markets and assuring to the Russian consumer the most favorable conditions of supply of the staple imports hitherto coming direct from the United States, namely cotton, farm machinery and implements.

The pressure exerted upon Russia in the matter of Jewish passports and the resulting denunciation of the Russo-American treaty, aroused the attention of the Russian government to the necessity of protecting the interests of Russian consumers. Russia, it is said, now grows more than half the cotton she uses, and fifteen years from now she will in this respect become self-sufficing. Should the United States contemplate discriminating measures against Russia produce or shipping, it is argued here that it would be well to remember that Russia is able to seek cotton in Egypt and India, and machinery in England and Australia.

Berlin, Dec. 3—Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, accompanied by General Albert Robesco of the Roumanian army, arrived here unexpectedly this morning. The prince was the guest of Emperor William at luncheon and in the course of today and tomorrow will confer with Albert Von Kiderlen Waechter, imperial secretary of state for foreign affairs, and other German statesmen.

No announcement regarding the meaning of Prince Ferdinand's visit has been made, but the press generally declares that it would not be wrong to consider it as a link in the recent demonstrative chain of visits of courtesy which, like the trip of Field Marshal Baron Conrad Von Hoetzendorf, the inspector general of the Austrian army to Bucharest, are intended to indicate to the outside world the solidarity of the members of the triple alliance, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, with Roumania.

The conference of ambassadors of the great powers recently proposed by Premier Asquith for the purpose of discussing the solution of the Balkan problem, will, if arranged, be held in London.

Prince Henry of Prussia's coming visit to London is, according to the German foreign office, entirely without political significance.

FINED $40 AND COSTS; WILL LIKELY APPEAL

The case against David Keefe of Fairville, charged with having liquor on his premises contrary to law, was concluded before Justice Allingham this morning, and a fine of $40 and costs was imposed. Two witnesses were examined, Daniel Gillis and C. O. Stears, after which the argument of counsel was heard. A. A. Wilson appeared for the prosecution and J. C. Belyea for the defense. It is understood that the decision will be appealed. At the session yesterday afternoon James Dowling, Dr. Morris, Bruce McKinnon, Policeman Stinson and Inspector Stevens were the witnesses.

HEAVY BLOW WITH DOWNPOUR

St. John was visited last night by one of the heaviest rain storms of the season. From about 5 o'clock until an early hour this morning the rain fell incessantly. Three-quarters of an inch fell during that time. A heavy wind blew during most of the night, attaining a velocity of about forty miles an hour. The gale along the coast was very severe, the wind blowing sixty miles at Point Lepreaux. A heavy sea was running and made it difficult for navigators in the bay.

The weather cleared early this morning and the temperature dropped somewhat. The probabilities are for finer weather with a little lower temperature.

MAY GET POVEY FOR HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 3—"I don't think Fred Povey has yet signed with Le Canadiens or for that matter any other team," said Manager Gordon Isnor of the Socials this morning. "I received a letter from Povey today, and up to that writing everything was as usual. He has given his promise not to sign a contract of any sort until December 15. I feel that he may be depended upon to keep his word." He wants me to write him at that date, and will give us a chance to bid for his services.

POLICE REPORT

Edward Whitnect, James Clark, Frederick Morrell, Richard McCrossin, John Callahan, Henry Low, Daniel Morrell, Thomas E. Nash, John S. Emery, Frank Hamm, John Woods and Edward Burns, have been reported for driving vehicles in the city without a license.