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Paris Ten Hours On Witness Stand

Attorney General is Not Yet Done With Him.

Defence Witnesses Excluded from Court While Prisoner's Evidence is Being Taken—Goes Over a Good Deal of Ground Again.

John Paris, on trial for the second time, charged with the murder of Sadie Auley in St. John, on August 2, was on the stand when the court resumed this afternoon at one o'clock, after having been under examination since yesterday morning at ten o'clock, making a total of nearly ten hours. Cross examination by Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney general, will continue this afternoon.

Paris did not vary his story under cross-examination except in a few details which did not agree with the evidence given at the first trial at which jury disagreed. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., assigned the attorney general in the courtroom, while G. H. Vernon of the bar was counsel for the prisoner. According to an order made yesterday, all the witnesses for the defence were excluded from the court while Paris was being examined. He was freshly shaved with his moustache waxed neatly when he was brought to court, and wore the same clothing as he did since the trial commenced. There were several spectators at the door when he arrived, at an account of the small amount of money available in the court, none but officials and witnesses were allowed in.

When the attorney general resumed his cross-examination, Paris said it was at 8 o'clock that he was at the office of the Eastern Hat and Cap Co. on August 2. He did not know if he was lean shaven or not.

Asked about the other John Paris, he said he was fifty years of age, and was said there were several named Paris at the island. He said he was in blue coat and a cap when he was at that company's office. On August 10 or 11 o'clock, he said he was in a lady down town that day. He said he was in the morning on a woman. It was on Dinock's land, he said, he did not know the name of the woman who paid him. He said he could not have been done by other John Paris, because the other Paris was on a sick bed and did not get out until the day before the trial.

He said he saw the other John only once while he was in Truro. He was sitting on his veranda with something wrapped around his shoulders. His work in the Dinock's land, he said, took about 1/2 hours and he received \$4.50. He was said by a lady whom he had never seen before.

The work for Mr. Ogilvie of the Eastern Hat and Cap Co. was done in the spring of 1920, Paris said. He was not in the month. The work consisted of digging holes to set out trees. He did not remember the names of the other men who worked with him at that job.

He said he lived in St. John of his own for the last nine or ten years, but he could not say how long he was in Truro during the time he worked for Mr. Ogilvie. He had been in Truro since that time. The first time was in April, 1921, when he went from St. John to sell some fish. He said "sure it was not whiskey?" asked Mr. Ogilvie.

"Well, hardly," replied the prisoner. He said that it was not true that he ever drank.

He said the next time he was in Truro was in July 23. He saw Mr. Ogilvie on Saturday night before August 2, and would be on July 30.

He said he was in Truro of his size in Truro who wore a moustache, but he would not swear there was not a John Paris in Truro who wore a moustache.

The attorney general asked Paris when he first recollected that it was on August 2 that he had been paid for the work for Mr. Ogilvie.

He said he remembered it all along the said he told Chief Fraser he had an idea where he was on Aug. 2, but Detective Biddiscombe was the first to whom he had spoken of the transaction. He also told it to a freeman named Fraser, not the chief of police.

He said it was Chief Fraser who told him that he was arrested for identification in the case of the murder of Sadie Auley.

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REAL WINTER IS WITH US TODAY

Snowfall Amounts to Seven and Half Inches.

Heavy for November—Reports are That the Province Generally Has Been Blanketed With White—Work on City Streets.

St. John took on a genuine winter aspect last night and this morning with a heavy snow fall. During the storm seven and a half inches of snow fell, said to be the heaviest fall in years during November. The thermometer early today registered fourteen above, but at noon had climbed to twenty one.

The Public Works department were forced to extend themselves this morning. They had every available plough sent out to clean the sidewalks and sent teams to narrow streets where drifts interfered with traffic. For the first time people in Millville avenue had their sidewalk ploughed for them and many expressed their appreciation.

A crew of men were put to work shoveling off the sidewalk in Prince Edward street so that the asphalt paving could continue work. This is expected to be completed in three days.

The sweepers were kept out keeping the street car tracks clear and this morning the cars were able to operate on schedule time.

Reports from the railways said that the storm had not interfered with their operations to any extent.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 25.—Fredericton has been plunged into mid-winter conditions again by a heavy snowfall which was general all over central and northern New Brunswick last night and is still raging on the north shore today.

The official measurement here this morning was six inches, which brought the total snowfall for November here up to 19 inches. The average snowfall for this month for the last forty years is between five and six inches. In 1894 the total snowfall in November was 19.1-2 inches and in 1903, 24.1-2 inches. The total snowfall in November last year was only 4.1-2 inches.

CONFESSES AS COUNTERFEITER, SAY POLICE

St. Louis Broker Arrested in Case Said to Involve a Big Sum in Bonds.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—G. V. Halliday, a broker, whose firm recently went into bankruptcy with liabilities listed above \$140,000, confessed early today, according to the police, that he had counterfeited \$1,500,000 in interim certificates of French government bonds, and that he had passed \$83,000 worth of them on St. Louis banks in an effort to liquidate his losses.

Harry Turner, editor of a bi-monthly magazine here, and Paul Murphy, a magazine solicitor, are held in connection with the case.

IMPERIAL AND EMPLOYEES. A contract has been signed between the local branch of the International Alliance of Theatre and Stage Employees and an international organization which places the Keith house upon a definite wage scale in conformity with the policy of that corporation across the continent.

The local I. A. T. S. E. is a new union hereabouts and includes in its membership the motion picture operators, stage hands, stage electricians, and others. The Imperial orchestra is already included in the membership of the American Federation of Musicians, an international organization.

It is interesting to note that the Imperial has been paying union wages in the past, but the formal contract recently signed unites the men and gives them status and recognition in the international field.

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Paris said he passed the time of day with Dr. McCurdy when the doctor was the way out. Besides the Clyke case but himself and the doctor.

The prisoner said he had no brothers. Paris said that on August 2, when he returned to St. John, he went directly home. Willie Sweet, he said, rowed him across the river.

"Willie Sweet was rowing you across on the evening of the 3rd," said the attorney.

Paris said on the way home after Willie Sweet rowed him across, he saw nobody whom he knew. He saw Minto back to the city, however, he saw Minto and Druella Hodges. He also bought a package of cigarettes in the shop of a man named Humphrey. He saw the two women again in the evening.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbourn wore his fur cap and mittens this morning, and there was snow in his whiskers.

"Well, sir," he said to the Times reporter, "we got good sleedin' out to the Settlement now. I tell you it's fine to get back an' go along so nice an' slick in the old sleigh, with the robes tucked round you. Makes you feel you'd like to be about forty years younger. Of course, I wouldn't want to be young agin unless Hanner was, too—but me an' her was talkin' this mornin' about some of the old sleigh rides when we was courtin'."

Say, Mister, we wasn't courtin' kings or queens, or the folks that goes down south in the cold weather. I was choppin' in the woods I was thinkin' about Hanner. If she was makin' a quilt or hoodin' a mat she was thinkin' about me. An' when we got them buffalo robes tucked round us an' the sled straight ahead—with the stars shinin' up above—we knowed the Garden of Eden was right out there to the Settlement—Yes, I had a little ketch 'o rheumatism this mornin'—so I guess I ain't just as spry as I used to be—but this here good sleedin' made me forget it. Look—here—if you want to see somethin' worth while, come out an' see the country. It's as white an' clean as some of these here politicians try to make you believe they be—By Hen!"

"A miracle!" said the reporter.

"Yes, sir," said Hiram.

AT THE CONFERENCE. Lloyd George (to nurse Austen Chamberlain)—"I should love to take a trip to Washington, but dare I leave you in charge while these twins are teething?"

JAPAN PLACED UNDER REGENCY OF CROWN PRINCE. Tokio, Nov. 25.—Crown Prince Hirohito has been designated regent of Japan.

Designation of Crown Prince Hirohito as regent of Japan follows reports which have been in circulation for a year that Emperor Yoshitomo was in bad health. A despatch to a Honolulu newspaper in May last year reported that he had suffered a mental and physical breakdown. Early last month a rumor that he was dead, was circulated in Tokio and the imperial household in denying it at that time stated that he was so ill that it was feared he could not recover.

OTTAWA ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND CITY. Tantamount Refusal of Company to Accept Valuation Made.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—(Canadian Press.)—Much interest will be aroused in the local city world by the tantamount refusal of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company to accept a valuation made by the arbitrators appointed by the city council to value the property of the company.

The company wants the city to consider right away the question of renewing its franchise, which will expire in 1923, but will not agree to renewal of the contract exactly in its present form. Under the existing agreement the city, under the existing agreement, the city, by giving six months' notice before the expiration of the agreement, may take over the system, the price to be fixed by arbitration.

A plebiscite on the three propositions is to be taken at the forthcoming municipal elections. Last year the principle of municipal ownership was turned down by the voters.

Nelson Mitchell of Grandby Dead. Montreal, Nov. 25.—The death of Nelson Mitchell, a prominent merchant of Grandby, at the age of fifty-seven years, is announced.

Mr. Mitchell was president of the Board of Trade, director of the Standard and Sherbrooke Insurance Co., and a prominent Mason and Oddfellow.

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Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes yesterday is now south of Newfoundland and pressure is highest over the middle states and north of Lake Superior. The weather has become somewhat milder in southern Ontario, but elsewhere it continues quite cold.

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Grave and Critical Irish Situation

That Was Official Word as Lloyd George and Craig Today Began Conference Which Lasted an Hour—Griffith of Sinn Fein, and Craig Going to Ireland Tonight.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Nov. 25.—As Premier Craig of Ulster went into conference with Lloyd George this morning, it was admitted officially that the Irish peace negotiations have reached a "grave and critical stage."

Prominent members of the Sinn Fein bore this out. "The situation is too serious for talk," they said. "Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and George Duffy (the Sinn Fein delegates) have gone to Dublin to take council with Mr. DeValera and the Dail Eireann cabinet and to receive instructions as to the attitude they are to adopt. They will return to London on Saturday night to meet Lloyd George after he has received Sir James Craig's reply."

The Situation. London, Nov. 25.—Hopes for a break in the deadlock in the Irish peace negotiations seemed to hang upon the meeting of Premier Lloyd George, Lord Chancellor Birkenhead and Sir James Craig the Ulster premier, this morning. This conference, it was said last night, might be the last attempt of the British premier to induce the Ulstermen to discuss alternative plans which would provide the demands of the Sinn Fein for an all-Ireland parliament.

The Sinn Fein representatives, meanwhile, are in Dublin, Arthur Griffith, while Sir James Craig is in London, thought, wish to appraise Mr. DeValera of their recent cabinet members who they are said to have told they could not accept any settlement plan under which they would be required to swear allegiance to the crown.

In this connection it became known last night that, contrary to previous reports, Lloyd George at no time had assured the Sinn Fein delegates that they would acknowledge allegiance in return for consent by Ulster to an all-Ireland parliament.

At today's interview Mr. Lloyd George was unable to give Ulster assurance that, even if she agreed to his proposal, the Sinn Fein would admit the point of allegiance to the king as King of Ireland.

Such admission has been refused by the Dail Eireann representatives, who are declared to view Ireland's position solely as that of an independent state which, however, might make treaties with the other states of the British Empire and possibly even acknowledge the King as president of a federation of free states.

This is nothing like the settlement plan the British government had in mind, and it appears that if the Sinn Fein maintains its attitude the negotiations must be broken off, with the resumption of fighting an immediate possibility.

An effort is being made by the moderate element in Ireland to induce the Sinn Fein to modify its views, it is understood, but so far without effect. It was learned later that Arthur Griffith would not leave on his trip to Dublin until tonight.

Ulster members of the imperial government who resigned because of the difference between the government and Sinn Fein have been continuing their duties at the government's request, and it is not expected that in the event of the failure of the negotiations, acceptance of their resignations will be necessary, as would have been the case if a break came over Ulster's position alone.

London, Nov. 25.—The interview between Ulster premier and Lloyd George today lasted about an hour. Sir James said upon leaving that he was not sure whether there would be another conference this afternoon, but that he was going to Belfast tonight.

Belfast, Nov. 25.—Considerable forces of troops and special police are expected to arrive here today to assist in quelling the disorders which have raged intermittently for the last five days.

The death list for the series of outbreaks stood last night at twenty-seven, in which seven persons were killed and three trams and desultory shooting in which several persons were killed and a number seriously injured.

Two persons were killed and eight were wounded, when a bomb exploded in a load of shillyard workers along Royal Avenue, Belfast. Later two other trams were bombed, three persons being killed and a number seriously injured.

This brings the number of deaths to twenty-five. A man named William Smallwood was arrested charged with the Royal Avenue bombing. He protested his innocence. The crowd tried to lynch him. Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, said last night that he was preparing to take drastic action against the rioters. The Dail Eireann issued a statement last night saying that volunteers had not been sent to Ulster from other parts of the country.

WILL PASS 200 JEWS DETAINED AT HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 25.—Immigration officials here have received word from Ottawa that a change has been made in the order-in-council requiring immigrants to be in possession of passports from their native land, and so fifty of a party of 200 Jews from Poland detained here for more than a month were to be released today. They come from a part of Poland which was once Russia, and have been held here because the immigration regulations did not recognize the new State of Poland, according to an official of the Jewish Aid Society.

COMING TO CANADA. French Consul-General Has Interview With President Millerand. Paris, Nov. 25.—(Havas Agency.)—After the cabinet council yesterday, President Millerand gave a private interview to M. Naggar, French consul general to Canada. The weather has become somewhat milder in southern Ontario, but elsewhere it continues quite cold.

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Admiral Earl Beatty and Lady Beatty will visit Ottawa on Nov. 26, Montreal Nov. 27, and Toronto Nov. 28. After their visit to Toronto they will return to New York.

CARGO WORKERS TIE UP PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Nov. 25.—The port of New Orleans was completely tied up today by a strike of between 12,000 and 15,000 cargo loaders and handlers who quit work on Monday. About seventy ships are in port awaiting cargo. The public cotton warehouse and ten private warehouses were closed.

FORECASTING ELECTION IN MOTHERLAND

London, Nov. 25.—(Canadian Press.)—The Laborites are still forecasting an early general election, with great persistence. J. H. Thomas, M. P., and leader of the railwaymen's organization, repeated the prediction in a speech at Derby yesterday, but thought a general election at a time when the premier said there were signs of trade revival would be criminal folly. They could not have an election on the Irish issue alone, he said. The House of Commons could give a sufficient mandate on the question as to whether Ireland should remain a part of the empire, but with the status of a nation.

Mr. Thomas advocated cancellation of war debts between nations to assist trade recovery. This policy is now rapidly becoming an orthodox tenet of both the Liberal and the Labor parties.