

NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN BERRY CASE

Forest Hill Farmer Acquitted of Killing His Wife Last December.

JURY WAS OUT NEARLY THREE HOURS

Prisoner Was a Witness in His Own Defence, Telling Story of Fatal Day.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., May 6.—In the supreme court at Hopewell Cape this morning, His Honor Chief Justice McKeown presiding, the case of the King vs. Ezekiel Berry, charged with the murder of his wife, Minnie Berry, on December 12th last, was continued, until C. Rans and T. T. Goodwin, for the crown and James Priest, K. C., and U. King for the accused. Last night the afternoon jury was found not guilty after the jury had been out over two hours.

The accused was called to the stand to give evidence in his own behalf and said: "I am the accused. I live at Forest Hill. On Sunday morning, December 12, I found my wife's body in the pool of water below my house, about ten rods from house. Her chin and mouth and nose were under water."

Carried to English. "I picked her up and took her in the house. My right foot was in the water. I carried her up to the old engine. I took the body through the fence beneath the bottom strand and stepped over the fence and laid the body down by spring. This would be about three or four rods from the house."

"I then called to my boy, Winslow, who was in the yard and told him to bring down the sled which he did and we took the body up to the house. I laid the body on three chairs. There was no signs of life. I first saw the car that was swollen when I laid the body down. It was swollen and discolored. The marks under her jaw looked like it had been made by the point of a nail. I saw a couple of wrinkles on the neck. It looked white. I thought it was an account of the water."

Last Sight of Wife. "The last time I saw my wife was in my house at about ten o'clock on Saturday night. She had on her ordinary house clothes. When I found her she had on the same clothes as when I last saw her except sweaters."

"I have a little farm and work out a good deal at my mill. I worked for Charles Keith's saw mill at Lower Golden Grove, St. John County. I would come every three or four weeks to see how my wife and family were getting along. I came home on Saturday the week preceding my wife's death."

ADDS THE LASH FOR MORE EVILS

Important Amendments Made to the Criminal Code by Hon. Mr. Doherty.

Ottawa, May 6.—A series of amendments to the Criminal Code were introduced in the Commons today by Mr. Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice. One makes illegal the possession of bombs without lawful excuse; another deals with the existing law in connection with the necessity of permits for the possession of fire arms. There is a provision making it an offence for persons who are married to register at hotels as being married and another making it an offence for intoxicated persons to drive motor cars. A further special provision deals with the theft of motor cars.

Another provision for adding whipping as one of the punishments for rape, robbery, or assault with intent to rob, and yet another for the prohibition of "what is known as the game of three card Monte."

Increased protection is provided for oil and gas wells and also against cruelty to animals. The amending bill was given first reading.

French Communists Against Invasion

Paris, May 6.—The Communists are conducting an active campaign against mobilization, which resulted in four street battles between the Communists and Mounted Guards. A number of soldiers and police were wounded by revolver shots, rocks and bottles during the fighting. Many arrests have been made.

WHOLESALE TRADE BETTER

Winnipeg, Man., May 6.—A continuation of the increase in wholesale distribution, mostly through activity in country orders, is shown in the weekly trade report of the Canadian Creditors' Trust Association.

Mennonites May Go To Live In Mexico

Securing 20,000 Acres of Land on Which to Start a New Colony.

Winnipeg, May 6.—A section of the Mennonite population of Manitoba and Saskatchewan is planning an exodus to Mexico, and negotiations are in progress with the Mexican Government to give them title to 20,000 acres of land in that country.

Negotiations having in view the removal from Western Canada have been carried on periodically with the Mennonites with various American states and some South American countries for some years. Today it is stated by a local paper that the Mexican plan is complete.

ROAD POLICY IS UNDER FIRE ALL DAY IN COMMONS

Jobs for "Halt, Lame and Blind" at \$5 Per Day is Charge.

ROADS BUILT TO AID THE CITIES

New Brunswick Members Very Critical of Road Policy of Canada.

Ottawa, May 6.—The highway policy of the Federal Government came under review in the House of Commons today when the House took up an item of \$53,000 in railway department estimates for the commissioner of highways and his staff. Previously, on introduction of the railway estimates, the opposition had staged a little display of objection to a proposal to demolish for the purpose of disassembling 10,000,000 for the Canadian Government Railway deficit and \$1,908,123 for rolling stock, with a series of miscellaneous amounts totalling \$167,117,790.

"Passing the Buck" Hon. W. S. Fielding declared these were objectionable tactics and savored of "passing the buck." Unanimous consent, which would have been necessary to such consolidation of items, not being forthcoming, the matter was dropped.

When the highways estimates were reached, John Best (Dufferin), and J. A. Beattie (Pictou), both, proposed that the highways in Ontario in the southern part of the province. The speaker thought the government should see that it provided for building roads and was properly expended. In his part of the country the work was being done by the "halt, lame and blind," who received \$5 per day for doing it by day labor.

Roads for Cities Mr. Scragg suspected that the Ontario Government was building speedways for the cities. The minister replied that unless the federal estimates approved the roads money was not paid over to the provinces.

F. F. Caughran (Charlevoix-Montmorency), thought the grants should be made to the provinces without conditions against confining the highways to Ontario in the southern part of the province. The speaker thought the government should see that it provided for building roads and was properly expended. In his part of the country the work was being done by the "halt, lame and blind," who received \$5 per day for doing it by day labor.

Denies Murder Charge

Quebec, May 6.—Raoul Binet, one of the alleged slayers of Blanche Gagnon in Victoria Park, last summer, pleaded not guilty today, and was committed for trial at the fall term of the criminal session. Binet accused Frederick William Palmer, his co-accused, of having dealt the death blow to Miss Gagnon. Palmer is held for trial.

TAILOR GAVE RESERVE

Ottawa, May 6.—Following lengthy arguments by counsel for the prosecution and the defence, judgment was reserved in the case of the Quebecer Court which was tried for the purpose of determining whether or not the government was justified in classifying merchant tailors as manufacturers and compelling them to take out a manufacturer's license and pay a two per cent tax. The action was taken against Frederick and Palmer, merchant tailors of Ottawa.

SHOT A TRY PRIZES

Rome, May 6.—While leading a National Democratic procession in the town of San Felice in Galdo, southeast of Naples, yesterday, Under Secretary of State Bianchi, was fired upon by two priests.

POLE FORCES IN REBELLION GAIN RAPIDLY

Entente Troops in One Big City Are Imprisoned in Barracks.

REBELS RECRUITING BY CONSCRIPTION

Casualties in the Fighting to Date Include One Frenchman and Two Italians.

Opatow, Upper Silesia, May 6.—Polish insurgent forces entered Gross Strahlitz, in Central Upper Silesia, about 20 miles south east of here, at ten o'clock last night. The casualties among the troops of occupation in the fighting are given as one French soldier killed and two wounded and several Italians wounded. The Poles agreed to permit the Entente and local troops in Gross Strahlitz to remain there in their barracks.

Allies in Barracks. An inter-Allied representative was expected to arrive there this morning for the purpose of negotiating with the insurgents. The revolt area is reported to be extending and to have reached nearly to this city. The insurgents are declared in messages received here to be forcibly recruiting, including Germans, between 16 and 46 years of age, in the vicinity of Eichenau and Schoppnitz.

Berlin Offers Help. Berlin, May 6.—A statement by Chancellor Fehrenbach that the German Government was prepared to despatch Reichswehr into the Upper Silesia revolt area if the Allies were unable to cope with the situation, there, brought the communists and independent socialists to their feet in the Reichstag today in a desperate endeavor to defuse the issue.

President Loebke of the Chamber, however, succeeded in dismissing the House just as a communist rushed up to the speaker's stand to move discussion of the so-called vote for which was available among the radical parties.

Communist Starts Fight. Otherwise the Chancellor's statement of the government's procedure in the Upper Silesia situation provoked expressions of approval. He charged the Allies with disregarding Germany's repeated warnings, which he said, were being ignored by the army officers related Adalbert Korfay, head of the movement in Upper Silesia.

MOUNTED POLICE FOR RACE MEETS

Troopers to See That Betting is Run According to Law.

Ottawa, May 6.—Men chosen specially from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be placed on guard at every race track in Canada this year to see that the provisions of the Criminal Code amendments regarding operation of running race meets are carried out. Provision for this has been made and the amendments passed last year have been brought into effect. This action has been taken by the cabinet council.

The amendments passed last year, it will be remembered, provided that betting at race meets could be carried out under certain prescribed conditions and with a certain limit to the race track operators. By the amendments passed last year administration of the regulars was left in the hands of the regulars was Agriculture and safeguards for the public were provided, such as the inspection of pari-mutuel machines, proper operation of the machines and a check on the operation of race meetings. This inspection work will now be placed in the hands of these special officers of the R. C. M. P., who will be given a course of instruction. It is understood, before being detailed for their duties.

PRESENTED WITH JEWEL

Fredericton, May 6.—A very interesting event took place at Masonic Hall last evening, when R. W. L. Tibbits, Deputy Provincial Secretary, and a past master of St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M., was presented with a past master's jewel in commemoration of his fiftieth anniversary as a Mason. The presentation was made by H. V. B. Bridges, F. W. F. G. M., who congratulated Mr. Tibbits on having passed his fiftieth anniversary as a Mason and on the faithful service he had given the order. He also expressed the hope that the recipient would live many more years to wear the memento of the day. Mr. Bridges also moved that Mr. Tibbits be elected an honorary life member of the lodge, which was seconded by J. H. Hawthorne, P. M., and passed unanimously. The meeting was a very large and enthusiastic one and was presided over by R. E. Wallace, R. N.

World News Today

CANADA. Ezekiel Berry, on trial at Forest Hill for the death of his wife, is found not guilty.

UNITED STATES. Canadian Pacific Railway secures a loan of fifty million dollars in New York.

BRITISH ISLES. Sir James Craig at the conference with De Valera told him that Ulster would never agree to an Irish Republic.

EUROPE. French Communists may riot against the proposed invasion of Ruhr district.

C. P. R. WILL GET HUGE ROLL OF AMERICAN CASH

Fifty Million Dollar Loan Secured from Two Big U. S. Firms.

GROWING IMPORTANCE OF NEW YORK LOANS

Suggests Closer Industrial Relations Existing Now Between Two Nations.

New York, May 7.—The New York Herald, this morning says: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company closed yesterday arrangements to sell \$50,000,000 of the fifteen year 6.13 per cent. debenture bonds to a syndicate of bankers headed by the Guaranty Trust Company and the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh. A distributing syndicate will be formed immediately and the schedule calls for an offering early next week."

Marine Workers Reaching Terms

Conference of All Parties on Monday is Likely to Settle the Strike.

Washington, May 6.—Further conference between representatives of the Seaman's Union and Secretary of Labor Davis, who is attempting to reach a settlement of the wage dispute, involving United States shipping, were deferred today until Monday to give union leaders opportunity to report to their organizations the terms of the proposed agreement as it has been evolved in the conference.

ARREST PLEBISCITE BOARD

Warsaw, May 6.—Unconfirmed reports from Sosnowice early today say that Adalbert Korfay, former Polish plebiscite commissioner in Upper Silesia, who has proclaimed himself leader of the Polish insurgents in that territory has been arrested by the inter-Allies Plebiscite Commission, together with his entire staff.

Threw Three Day Old Baby Across Room

Wife Testifies That Husband Was Not Particular What He Hit Her With.

Portland, Me., May 6.—Charging that her husband treated her cruelly, that he supported her and, in a fit of passion, threw a three days old baby across the room of their home on Middle street, Sarah Sigler, a woman of this city appeared before Judge Sanborn in the Superior Court this morning to prosecute her husband for divorce from her husband, Benjamin Brossman, also of Portland. The couple were married in Portland, June 23, 1919, and according to the testimony of the illiterate and other witnesses their troubles began within a few days of the wedding. Mrs. Brossman told the court that Brossman had struck her a number of times, called her vile names and otherwise treated her cruelly. This evidence and the generally troublesome character of the libellee were testified to by Mrs. Brossman's father, Samuel Sigler, and Deputy Sheriff Mary S. Burdham.

EDITOR DEAD

Bellefleur, Ont., May 6.—Charles W. Howell, owner and publisher of the Intelligence, died this morning. He was a son of the late Sir Macdonald Borden, former Premier of Canada, and was 43 years of age.

CAVALRY TO ADVANCE IN RUHR BASIN

French Are Ready to Seize Area in One Night by Quick Movement.

THINK GERMANY WILL AGREE AT LAST HOUR

Expect Many Germans Will Go on Strike When Invasion Comes.

Dusseldorf, May 6.—Preparations for the occupation of the Ruhr are proceeding although the general impression here is that Germany will agree to the Allied terms at the eleventh hour. Two full divisions of cavalry are now at Dusseldorf under General Hennoque, who is in immediate command of operations. He is organizing to effect occupation, if necessary between sunrise and sunset of May 13, first covering the heart of the industrial region with mounted forces and gradually replacing them with infantry.

Ready For Anything. General Hennoque said today that he did not expect trouble, but was prepared for anything. His operations are being planned with a view to meeting a partial cessation of work. Although no general strike is anticipated, it is estimated that from twenty five to thirty per cent. of the German workmen in some industries may strike if the occupation takes place, replace the unwilling workers and so the French, however, are ready to move up any moment.

BOOTH TO RUN STORE FOR HELP

Wholesale Prices to Prevail for Employees of Big Ottawa Firm.

Ottawa, Ont., May 6.—The two thousand odd employees of the John K. Booth Co., Ltd., who are engaged in the local mills and yards, may shortly have the opportunity of purchasing certain lines of staple foods at below wholesale prices, if certain suggestions which have been made to the head officers of the company are carried into effect.

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It was emphasized by high administration officials that it was inevitable that the United States have an advisory part in the settlement of problems growing out of the war, although it is held that such action as has been taken today does not mean the partition of the United States in any project of a world government or world league.

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Claim Love Powder Nearly Killed Husband

Woman on Trial Claimed It Was Received from Local "Witch" Doctor.

Prince Albert, Sask., May 6.—Annie Grell, of Hamburg, has been acquitted by a jury on the charge of having attempted to murder her husband by mixing poison with his food. Accused told a story of having obtained a love powder from a witch doctor in the district who told her it was harmless and if put on the food, would obviate any further trouble with her husband.

Sixteen Cents For Two Cow Hides

Toronto, May 6.—A special despatch from Winnipeg says: Percy Champion of Melita, recently sent the hides of two cows to Brandon for sale, John Williams, M. P. F., for Arthur, said today. After freight charges were deducted, all he received for the hides was sixteen cents in postage stamps.

Sir Sam Hughes Slightly Better

Ottawa, May 6.—Sir Sam Hughes is reported to be holding his own fairly well. His physicians expect to give him a second transfusion of blood on Sunday.

United States To Join The Council

Decide to Take a Part in the Indemnity Proceedings at Last.

Washington, May 6.—The United States administration has decided to accept the invitation to send an official representative to the Supreme Council and the Council of Ambassadors in Europe.

The decision carries with it also a determination to have the United States represented on the reparations commission in connection with the German war indemnity. Roland W. Bordeau, now serving as United States commissioner at Paris, will be the representative of the United States on the reparations commission.

AMERICA READY TO ADVISE BUT NOT TO DO MORE

United States Repeats Its Policy of Isolation in European Matters.

GLAD TO ASSIST AT COUNCIL BOARD

Two Chosen to Act as Unofficial Advisers to Supreme Council.

Washington, May 6.—In its discussion of reparations today the cabinet is said to have shown a disposition to feel that United States interests could not be properly protected and furthered in the light of present world relationships, unless the United States participated at least in an unofficial character in the meeting of the commission and the other bodies now dealing with the European situation.

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Confer in London

London, May 6.—The Evening Standard says tonight: it hears that a momentous Irish conference will be held in London during the week-end. Disputed Irish principles, Eamon De Valera, and another leading Sinn Fein are expected to be present, the newspaper adds.

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Derby in Dublin

The Dublin Evening Mail announces that the Earl of Derby again is in Dublin, but that his visit is a private one and unofficial in character. The newspaper adds that the earl has been greatly helped in his peace mission by the Craig-De Valera conference, and that he may probably himself see De Valera and also go to Belfast and consult with the Unionist leaders.

LONDON BAR SILVER.

London, May 6.—Close: Bar silver 84 3/4 per ounce. Bar gold 108.44. Money 4 1/4 per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 5 per cent. Three month bills 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 per cent.

TODAY

IMPERIAL — Maurice Tourneur's "Deep Water."

OPERA HOUSE — "Bo-Pop and Jack Hornor" — and four other acts.

QUEEN SQUARE — "Twin Beds."

STAR — Ruth Roland in "Ruth of the Rockies," and Mott Gibson in "Western Subjects," and Snub Pollard in Comedies and other subjects.

EMPRESS — "Bride 12."