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SIRACUSA DEAD; NO STATEMENT

Rose Must Answer Murder Charge Now

END CAME AT 9.15

Autopsy on Italian, Shot in North Street Shop, Ordered by Coroner and Jury Will be Empanelled Tonight—Siracusa's Brother Talks of His Death—Prisoner Not Told Yet

Murder is now the outcome of the terrible affair in the rear of the Italian grocery store in North street on Saturday night or early Sunday morning, as Diego Siracusa, who was found unconscious on Sunday by Patrolman Charles H. Rankine and a lad named Jones, died this morning. The charge against Giovanni Rossi or Andy Rose, is now changed from that of assault with intent to kill to that of murder. Not since being taken to the hospital the day he was found has the victim of the assault been able to make any statement, his return to consciousness once or twice being of but brief duration. His brother Francesco Siracas, who arrived from Chipman yesterday, has been at the bedside of the dying man since, and with a friend, Francesco Rabitti, was at the stricken man's side when the end came at 9.17 this morning.

The brother was much distressed when seen by a Times-Star reporter this morning. "He didn't know me, he didn't know anything,' said the brother, as his eyes filled with tears. In far off Barcelona in the province of Messina, Italy, Francesco says are the father for whom he is named, mother, two brothers, Antonio and Jose, and sister Josephine, and there is another brother Sante in New York. The latter, he says is now on the way here having been advised by wire that Diego was dead.

Sante Siracusa was at one time employed as clerk in an Italian bank in New York. Enquiry as to whether their mother had been written to of the affair, Francesco's grief was again made evident as he replied that it had been kept from her. Asked further if she would be apprised of Diego's death, he shook his head.

Here Six Years

The murdered man, his brother tells, had been in this country six years, and Francesco arrived about a year ago.

Coroner Berryman said this morning that a post mortem would be made today and a jury would be empanelled tonight when there would probably be adjournment till Saturday.

Rossi, or Rose, had not been told of Siracusa's death at noon, and it was not intended to tell him unless he should ask. He retains the same stoical attitude. He is allowed out of his cell to wash and returns and eats his meals without a remark of any kind and does not notice his jailers any more than if they were not present.

Siracusa, it will be remembered, was found on Sunday in a small room in the rear of his store in North street by Patrolman Charles H. Rankine and the lad Joseph Jones. He was unconscious and fearfully injured. He was lying on his blood-soaked bed with his skull fractured. Taken to the General Public Hospital he had since remained unconscious.

Suspicion quickly pointed to Rossi, or Rose, who lived with Siracusa, and who was heard to have been quarrelling with him on Saturday night, and the police at once commenced a search for him. He did not be located in the city and Chief Clark and his men spread a net about the surrounding country with the result that he was located at Welsford station by Detective Killen. On the prisoner was found a roll of money and Siracusa's watch and chain.

On the police books the charge of attempting to kill has been changed by the writing in of the following: "Diego Siracusa died in the General Public Hospital this morning and the charge has been changed to murder."

THIRTEEN THOUSAND AT NEW YORK MEETING TO CONSIDER STRIKE

New York, June 30—Thirteen thousand men and women jammed Madison Square Garden last night at a mass meeting of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union held to decide whether or not the 75,000 cloak makers in greater New York shall go on strike for shorter hours and increased pay.

The crowd was one of the greatest that has ever assembled in the garden. The meeting was addressed by speakers in English, Yiddish, German, Russian and Italian, and between speeches a brass band played the strains of the Marseilles.

Bank of England Rate

London, June 30—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 3 per cent today.

THE WEATHER

Moderate west and north west winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Friday.

MAN SAFE; THEY GET CHICKENS

Colored Volunteers At New York Fire Rescue Poultry

TWENTY HORSES DIE

Blaze Gets Grip on Dozen Warehouses and Factory Buildings and Causes Loss of $100,000—Spectacular Hunt for Missing Watchman

New York, June 30—An early morning blaze which threatened to destroy several blocks of valuable water front property along the Harlem river, was stifled by the firemen after a hard battle today. The loss will not exceed $100,000, although the fire reached a dozen warehouses and factory buildings, burned its way across the staff-covered structures of a big amusement park, killed twenty horses and caused the loss of 300 chickens in a poultry storehouse.

The loss is divided among about twenty firms. The blaze was a spectacular one and was watched by fully 200,000 persons from the river bridges overhead and the apartment houses on the heights back of the river.

Two city blocks adjoining the poultry warehouse are occupied by negro families and the tenants were out in force by the time the fire reached this point. They were on hand before the police lines were formed and when a cry arose that the night watchman in the warehouse was missing, hundreds of negroes responded to a call for volunteers to go in search of him.

Using heavy poles and battering rams they broke their way through door after door in their effort to find the watchman, who, it developed, had rushed for a fire alarm box as soon as he had seen the flames.

The search for the watchman was hardly over when the police arrived. Then the volunteers, each carrying a heavy freight of live poultry, scurried back to their homes. Eight hundred chickens were reported either killed or missing.

KING GEORGE RECEIVES MEDAL PLANNED TO PRESENT TO FATHER

London, June 30—King George gave an audience today to General Stomart L. Woodford, of New York, president of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission, who presented His Majesty with an official gold medal and an address originally prepared for presentation to the late King Edward, expressing the thanks of the commission for the presence, at the celebration in New York, of the representatives of His Majesty's navy and government; pays a tribute to the early English sea kings and expresses an appreciation of the Anglo-saxon influence on American life.

In replying, King George referred to his emotion upon receiving an address originally intended for his father "who had so cordially associated himself with the Hudson-Fulton celebration." He thanked Gen. Woodford and added: "I know this medal will be prized by the government of this country as a memento of the festival and as an evidence of that hospitality so warmly extended to those who represented my government on that occasion.

"I must heartily join in the hope expressed, that our two countries may ever work together in the promotion of everything conducive to the peace and happiness of the whole world.

JAPAN SOON TO ANNOUNCE SHE HAS ANNEXED KOREA

Tokio, June 30—There is every reason to believe that an announcement of the annexation of Korea is imminent.

In accordance with the convention recently made between Korea and Japan, the Korean emperor has issued an edict delegating to the Japanese government the police administration of the country. This is the first step and the final step will be taken when Korea is practically under guard. The garrisons are being steadily strengthened.

DOMINION COAL OFFICIAL DIED IN MONTREAL TODAY

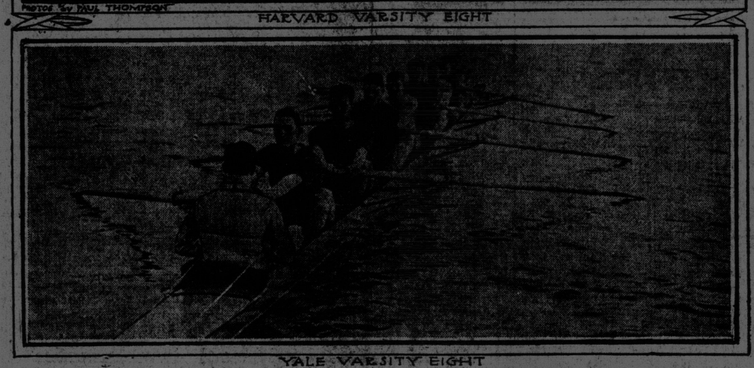
Montreal, June 30—(Special)— H. J. Squire, assistant sales agent of the Dominion Coal Co., died here this morning after a week's illness, at the age of forty-three.

NEW LIVERPOOL WHARVES FOR THE MAMMOTH NEW CUNARDERS

Liverpool, June 30—The Mersey authorities are about to start here the construction of a huge dock capable of accommodating the new 60,000 ton steamers the Cunard Company propose to build.

HARVARD DEFEATED YALE IN BIG ANNUAL 'VARSITY RACE TODAY

HARVARD VARSITY EIGHT



YALE VARSITY EIGHT

New London, Conn., June 30—Harvard defeated Yale this morning in the freshmen eight race by three lengths. The official time was: Harvard, 11.54 1-2; Yale 12.02.

Harvard also won the varsity fours race by four lengths.

COFFROTH SWINGS BETTING

Says Jeffries Will Not Be Able to Hit Johnson—Sheriff and Deputies Search Every Man Who Enters Arena—No Guns There Because of Ill Feeling

New York, June 30—The declaration of James Coffroth that Jeffries will blow up when he finds that he cannot lay a glove on Johnson has suddenly stimulated betting. Johnson's followers, waiting to place their money on the short end of 2 to 1 were satisfied today to bet 7 to 10 on the negro. Coffroth as a great promoter has handled contests in which both Jeffries and Johnson have been principals and in consequence his declaration that Jeffries would lose, has stiffened the hopes of Johnson's friends. Sporting men at the race tracks think even money should prevail.

Chicago, June 30—Ten women enthusiasts held reservations on the "fight special," which left last night for Reno. There were also more than 200 men in the party.

Chicago, June 30—A scare has been thrown into the colored population of Chicago because of the eagerness of eastern sporting men to wager large sums of money on Jeffries at odds of 2 to 1. Before the influx of the eastern money the prevailing odds were 10 to 7 on Jeffries, but not they have gone to 2 to 1. There were bets made that the fight will not go twenty rounds, while others wagered it would go the limit and would be a draw. There were several freak bets made, the most absurd being that Jeffries would win in the first round, while another one was that Johnson would be declared the winner inside of five rounds.

Mrs. Tiny Johnson, mother of the colored champion, will receive returns after every round. Jack has made arrangements originally intended for his father who had so cordially associated himself with the "Hudson-Fulton celebration." He thanked Gen. Woodford and added: "I know this medal will be prized by the government of this country as a memento of the festival and as an evidence of that hospitality so warmly extended to those who represented my government on that occasion.

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Reno, Nev., June 30—Every man who sees the Jeffries-Johnson fight next Monday afternoon will be thoroughly searched for firearms and other weapons. This drastic measure has been ordered by Sheriff Farrell. The feeling between some of the Jeffries and Johnson enthusiasts has become so bitter that threats have been made. It has been reported that "Johnson would never leave the ring alive if he whipped Jeffries."

Replying to this, word has come that Johnson's friends would be on hand and that the trouble would not be all on one side.

"My deputies will search every man before he enters the ring," said Sheriff Farrell, today, "and it will be no half way search. Return checks will be given for all weapons, but they cannot be taken into the arena. Only my deputies can carry guns into the arena and they will be careful to see that no trouble occurs."

Announcement of the appointment of Charlie White, of New York, Jeffries' choice, to fill the position of alternative referee, has stirred up a vast amount of interest. The matter seems to be the main topic of conversation today and a rumor is afloat that the name of the New Yorker holds much more significance than is apparent on its face. It is recalled that White was declared to be the dark horse among the candidates for the position of third man in the ring at the time the two principals had their candidates and a hopeless deadlock seemed to exist.

Rickard said today—"There's absolutely nothing in the appointment of White, except what it means. I am the referee and will certainly officiate in that capacity, unless I break my neck or lose my voice trying to answer all the questions that are fired at me. Naturally we must take precautions against accident to myself that would prevent me from serving and so we have appointed White as an alternative."

Betting has been light so far and the principal reason ascribed for the apathetic condition is the uncertainty thought to exist among the gambling class regarding Rickard's designation as referee.

Not Much Johnson Money Yet

As yet no great amount of Johnson money has come forward, even at the tempting odds of 10 to 6 and 10 to 7, and for that matter there is not a great amount of Jeffries coin in sight. Just why the price should stand at the present quotation no one seems able to explain. Much grumbling is heard in the white man's camp over this condition, as all Jeffries' trainers and companions say they are eager to lay heavy wagers on him. In this connection an interesting report has crept out that Jeffries himself cannot figure that he is properly the heavy favorite, considering his long absence from the ring and the general uncertainty over his ability to "come back," despite the excellent condition his training has placed him. Jeffries is expected to visit the arena today to test the boxing platform.

Johnson's training quarters were the mecca of the picture men today. The champion was expected to go through rope skipping, shadow boxing, bag punching, sparring etc., that formed Jeffries programme yesterday afternoon.

WESTFIELD OUTING ASSOCIATION RACES FOR NEXT SATURDAY

Sailing Class A.

Entries in this class are:—Wabena—W. McDonald; Mona, John Frodsham; Canare Jas. W. Barnes; Chinook, Church Bros.

Race starts at 3.15 p.m., time limit 2 1-2 hours; officers of the day, Dr. H. C. Wetmore and two others. Race will be over No. 1 Course, from starting line at the pavilion easterly to buoy anchored a short distance above Sand Point (leave to starboard); thence southwesterly to buoy at river bank (leave to starboard); thence return to buoy at pavilion, point light (leave to starboard); thence southwesterly to finishing line at pavilion; or over No. two course from starting line at the pavilion northerly to a buoy at Belyea's Point light (leave to starboard); thence return to buoy at pavilion (leave to port); thence easterly to buoy above Sand Point (leave to starboard); thence southwesterly to buoy at river bank (leave to starboard); thence westerly to finishing line at pavilion.

Sailing. Class B. Series.

The first race of this series has been postponed from July 2 to July 23.

Motor Boat Series.

The first race of this series will start at 7 p.m. over the upper half of the club course; time limit, 1 1-2 hours. This series will be run under handicap, allowance to be figured from owner's declaration of speed and handicap given at the start. First boat in wins race and result of series will be decided by best average.

Entries are:—Keoonik—J. Herbert Barton; Sea Gull, J. R. McIntosh; Vixen, M. M Jarvis; Boat, Geo. Crawford; Arrow, E. L. Jarvis.

There will be a dance in the evening.

GETTING MOOSEPATH READY FOR RACES

The changes and improvements at Moosepath Park in preparation for the running races July 9 to 16, are going ahead very fast. The inside of the track is being fenced all around and other improvements are being made. The horses which will come here are in Sherbrooke, Que., now, the races there starting today. Immediately after the meet the racers will be shipped to the local park to get ready for the contests here.

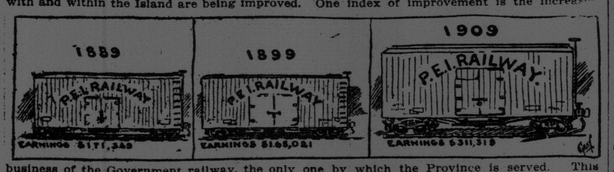
It will be interesting to local horse men to learn that A. Scott Ives, who was here representing the Montreal Driving Club in the negotiations for the lease of Moosepath, won a race at Hamilton, with his horse, Ballycastle. It was on the last day of the Hamilton meet that Ballycastle carried off first money—$600, in the Burlington handicap, of 2 1-2 miles.

FIGURES THAT TELL STORIES

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND; SOME THINGS DONE AND SOME WHICH COULD BE

A WRITER on the prospects of Prince Edward Island says that, if every farmer would plant five acres of apple orchard, the exodus of the younger generation would cease, the population would double within little more than a generation, and the wealth of the people would grow in much more rapid ratio. This is another way of saying that what the Island needs is more intensive cultivation of its wonderfully fruitful soil. As a matter of fact, development in this way is in progress. Also, summer resorts are multiplying and the beauty of "the Garden of the Gulf" is attracting many visitors, and means of communication with and within the Island are being improved. One index of improvement is the increase



business of the Government railway, the only one by which the Province is served. This progress is shown in the pictures. The length of the road last year was 267 1-2 miles, as against 211 miles twenty years ago. With an increase of little more than 25 per cent. in mileage, the earnings have increased more than 80 per cent. It is true that, as in every other year, there was a deficit on operation, but it was smaller than the deficit of the year before. There was a slight increase of earnings over the previous year, which is the more notable because the earnings of the main Government Railway, the Intercolonial, showed a falling off of over half a million dollars. The freight carried on the P. E. I. Railway was 106,090 tons—the first year in its history when the freight ran over the 100,000-ton mark. The passengers carried numbered 332,756, a greater number than in any previous year.

THEIR CAROUSAL ENDED IN MURDER

James Power of Moncton Dead; Thos. Connelly Gives Himself Up

Dance At Coverdale Where Liquor Flowed Freely—Connelly Said to Have Struck Power Several Blows With Fist and Death Came Twenty Minutes Later—Both I. C. R. Men

Moncton, N. B., June 30—James Power, aged twenty-three years, is lying dead and Thomas Connelly, I. C. R. fireman, has given himself up to the police, as the outcome of a drunken brawl at the McDonald farm, so-called, in Coverdale, Albert County, about six miles from Moncton. Word of the tragedy reached Moncton this morning about 5 or 6 o'clock, and Chief Rideout went to the scene of the murder with Coroner Kirby of Hillsboro.

It appears a dance was being given by Wood Beechum, who lives on the McDonald farm, now owned by F. W. Sumner of Moncton, and a crowd from Moncton in the habit of attending these affairs, went up. The party included the Berry girls, who formerly conducted a place in Telegraph Street here, and a number of young men, Thomas Connelly, I. C. R. fireman among the number.

Rum flowed in plenty, and nearly all hands were apparently considerably under the influence when the tragedy occurred about 3 o'clock this morning, bringing the brawl to a sudden end.

Trouble Over Girl

From the somewhat conflicting stories told by those present, Power met his death as a result of bad blood over a girl in the dance. Three other witnesses besides Connelly and Power were present at the time the blows were struck, ending in Power's death. These were Jeanette Power, cousin of the deceased; Mrs. Wood Beechum, wife of the man who kept the house, and Frank Rutton.

The story told by the women is that while Power was standing on the kitchen veranda, Connelly came out of the house and, without any provocation, said to Power: "you——" and hit him, staggering him so that he partly fell and jumped off the veranda to the ground three feet below.

Connelly, they say, followed Power up, striking him again, and the latter staggered, falling head-foremost about fifteen or twenty feet away. Blows were struck on the side of the head or on the neck. Power, it is said, made no effort to protect himself, and never spoke, the women say, after the second blow. He lay still, and Jeanette Power and Frank Sutton picked him up, while Connelly jumped into a carriage with Mrs. Howard Rae and drove off without knowing what had happened.

He Did Not Speak Again

Power was carried into house and laid on the sofa but witnesses say he never spoke. He lingered about twenty minutes

Dr. Harris, of Moncton, was sent for, arriving on the scene about 5 o'clock, but the victim of the trouble was then beyond medical aid.

Beechum, who lives on the MacDonald farm, says Connelly and some others from Moncton were invited guests. Connelly arrived in company with three young men companions about 12 o'clock. All brought a plentiful supply of whiskey and the brawl had been in progress five or six hours before being terminated by the tragedy.

Chief Rideout says those present belonged to the same gang who have been attending just such dances and drunken brawls as he has been breaking up at Moncton. A number of the young men are I. C. R. employes, and well known in sporting circles.

Power, belonged to Turtle Creek, was unmarried and worked with the I. C. R., Moncton. He was a brother of Geo. Power, of the I. C. R. freight shed.

Connolly Gave Himself Up

Connolly, about 10 o'clock this morning, went to the police lock-up and gave himself up. His side of the story is yet to be heard, but his friends say the trouble arose over one of the girls on the drive. They allege that Power came out on the veranda looking for fight and he and Connolly got into it. This story, however, differs from that of Jeanette Power, cousin of the deceased, who declares that Connolly killed Powers without provocation.

She says thta four of them, Mrs. Beechum, Frank Mitton, James Power and herself were on the veranda when Connolly emerged from the back door, pretty drunk, and called Power a name and struck him on the side of the head, practically knocking him off the veranda, and following it up with a second blow. Connolly, they say, had nothing in his hand. They declare there had been no provocation.

Another version by one present says Mrs. Howard Rae (nee Berry) of Moncton, was in the carriage and wanted Connolly to go home with her, that Power went to Connolly and took him by the arm saying, "Tom, come home, like a good fellow." Connolly, this informant says, replied with a blow and Power fell over, rising quickly. Efforts to quiet Power were said to be unsuccessful.

Mrs. Rae, who left for home with Connolly, went to the dance with her sister, Tena Berry, and had been there some time when Connolly and his companions arrived. Among those at the dance was Policeman David Crossman of Moncton, who was off duty, but he had left some time before the trouble took place. In all there were about thirty or forty at the house, mostly from Moncton.

Plenty of Liquor

Douglas Crossman, who was doing carpenter work on the farm for Mr. Sumner, said he was in the house at the time, but didn't hear of any trouble till it was all over. He said, however, there was a flow of liquor and everyone appeared pretty well well under the influence.

From investigation made by Chief Rideout he was unable to say what had caused death, unless it was a broken neck. Others think that heart trouble might have been the cause, as they argue that death would not result from a blow struck by the fist.

Connolly is about thirty years old and has borne a very good character and it is believed by friends that he would not have struck Power without provocation. The sad tragedy is attributed to a drunken row as the result of trouble over some of the girls. Mayor Reilly has been engaged to look after Connolly's interest at the inquest, which is expected to be started late this afternoon.

Wood Beechum, who lived on the McDonald farm, was employed to look after the place by the owner, F. W. Sumner.

BOTH STATES TO BE DRY BY 1911

Western Temperance Movement in States Also to Have Effect in British Columbia

Spokane, Wash., June 30—Boyd P. Doty, head of the Anti-Saloon League in the state of Washington, and William J. Herwig., superintendent of the league in Idaho, declare that both commonwealths will be "dry" before the close of 1911. The former said also that the province of British Columbia will be without the saloons within a few years, adding that then the only "wet" border of the state will be the Pacific ocean.

They expect the liquor interests to make a hard fight, but believe that no candidate for the legislature will take a chance against the voters.

Mr. Doty says that the league needs nine senators to win this year, while Mr. Herwig claims that only 100 saloons are left in Idaho, where sixteen of the twenty-three counties are dry. Boise is the only one of the thirteen cities in the state having a population of more than 500, that is in the "wet" column, he said, adding "and 250,000 of the estimated population of 300,000 live in "dry" territory. The league wil endeavor to get the next legislature to outlaw all saloons."

MONCTON MAN GOES TO DETROIT POSITION

Former Manager of I. C. R. a Visitor to Railway Town—Holiday Plans There

Moncton, N. B., June 30—(Special) — Frank E. Lawrence has resigned position in the I. C. R. audit office here to accept a position with the Pine & Marguerite Railway at Detroit at a considerable increase in salary. He is a prominent member of the local division of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employes.

Among the visitors to Moncton yesterday was A. E. Harris, who was manager of the Intercolonial for a short time under the late Hon. A. G. Blair. He spent a day here and returned to Montreal last night.

The Y. M. C. A. Baseball team will leave tonight for Halifax to play two games tomorow with the Crescents.

Horse races on the speedway and two baseball games between the M. A. A. A. and Amherst Ramblers constitute Moncton's sport attractions for Dominion Day.

The Moncton Canadian Club will run an excursion to Fort Beausejour tomorrow, being joined by the Amherst Canadian Club. The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst, and senator Poirier of Shediac.

Deputy Minister Campbell and the board of the I. C. R. management are inspecting the Caraquet Railway at Gloucester.

FREDERICTON MEN WERE HIT WHEN STOCKS TOOK SLUMP

Fredericton, June 30—Several local investors were hard hit by the recent slump in the stock market.

The first horse races are being held at the Trotting Park this afternoon. Quite a few horsemen from outside points are in the city.

The school trustees yesterday appointed Miss Louise Kinghorn to Charlotte street school, in succession to Miss Taylor, resigned; Miss Myra Sherman, principal of Morrison's Mill school; and Miss Margaret Coburn, assistant, Miss Florence McDonough, St. John, in charge of Brunswick street school. Miss McFarlane, teacher of the Sloyd school, will prepare the exhibit for the Dominion Exhibition.

Two residents of Nashwaak were principals in an exciting fistic encounter in Queen street last evening.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of the Methodist church last evening, a resolution expressing appreciation of the services of Rev. J. W. McConnell was adopted.

George Gray, of Kingsclear, and Miss Minnie Bishop, daughter of James Bishop, were married last evening by Rev. J. H. McDonald.