

MOIR MAKES A STATEMENT SAYS HE SHOT WRONG MAN WAS AFTER SERGT. GILMOUR

Man in Close Touch With the Slayer of Sergt. Lloyd Declares Murderer Told Him That the Man He Intended to Kill Was Not His Victim.

DISCIPLINE IRRITATED SOLDIER WHO DETERMINED ON REVENGE

Crazed With Drink, He Shot the Wrong Officer—Advertiser's Story Is Borne Out by the Confession.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Hamilton, Aug. 27.—The biggest sensation following the escape of Moir and Taggart from the local asylum, has just been announced by a man who has been in close touch with the case, before and after Moir's incarceration in the asylum for murdering Sergt. Lloyd, of London.

To this man, Moir, after his arrest at Niagara Falls, confessed that when he shot Sergt. Lloyd he murdered the wrong man.

He admitted that he had intended to shoot Sergt.-Major Gilmour, at that time connected with the R. C. R. Regiment, and now sergeant-major of the Ninety-First Highland Regiment, of this city.

It is believed that Moir, fretting under the discipline administered by Sergt.-Major Gilmour, became drunk in order to work up sufficient nerve to shoot that officer.

Crazed by drink, according to his confession, he shot Sergt. Lloyd in mistake for Gilmour.

When spoken to about the matter, Sergt.-Major Gilmour said he had nothing to say for publication.

STORY IS CORROBORATED.

The above dispatch bears out the story printed by The Advertiser shortly after the murder was committed.

It was known that Moir had a grudge against Sergt. Gilmour and Lieut. Snyder, who were then in the barracks here.

He was always a hard man to handle, as he found the discipline of the barracks irksome. It was alleged at the time that on previous occasions he had declared that he would get even with some of his superiors, and it was no surprise to some of his intimates when the murder did occur.

It will be remembered that on Good Friday evening, Moir went down town and became quite intoxicated.

NATURALLY QUARRELSOME.

He was naturally quarrelsome, and on this occasion particularly, he apparently invited trouble. He was badly dressed on the car going up, and when Lieut. Snider, who rode on the same car with him, arrived at the barracks, he ordered the guards to summon Moir to the office in the morning to explain the reason why he was drunk, and also give reasons for the breach of discipline in the matter of dress.

The guards informed him of the officer's orders, and Moir resented it. Shortly after Moir retired to his room, he came out and fired a pistol in the quadrangle, being certain that this would attract the officers to his room. He then deliberately loaded his rifle and waited. Lieut. Snider ordered Sergt. Harry Lloyd, who was in charge of the guard, to arrest Moir. When Lloyd stepped into the room, Moir fired, and killed him.

The officers and men all were of the opinion that Moir did not intend to shoot Lloyd. They were friends, and had been on the best of terms.

GILMOUR OR SNIDER?

One of the officers who was in the barracks at the time, stated to The Advertiser that undoubtedly Moir fired off the revolver to entice Gilmour or Snider to the room.

His confession is considered valid in the city, and is a confirmation of what has long been suspected.

Both Lieut. Snider and Sergt. Gilmour left the service shortly after the murder. Snider went to Toronto, and it is understood went into business. It is not known where he is at the present time.

Gilmour resigned from the force, and went to Hamilton, where he became drill instructor in the schools. Later he became sergeant-major for the Ninety-First Highlanders, a position he still holds. Gilmour took a leading part in the dramatic pursuit of Moir across country.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER WARMLY WELCOMED

Kamloops Greets the Premier—Conservative Tribute to His Character.

Kamloops, B.C., Aug. 26.—Charm and originality characterized Kamloops' reception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night. Into an evergreen arch brilliantly illuminated, was built a platform, where a choir of young ladies sang patriotic hymns as the procession passed.

The Premier left Vancouver on the eastward journey yesterday morning, travelling all day through the mountains. A large crowd awaited the arrival of the train at the depot. Sir Wilfrid Laurier being escorted by a procession through decorated and illuminated streets. Mayor Robinson presided at the public meeting and presented a civic address.

BACK FROM BANFF

Hon. Mr. Brodeur Reaches Ottawa—Minister's Health Restored.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 27.—Hon. Mr. Brodeur, the minister of marine, arrived from Banff today. His health is restored.

ENGLISH BUSINESSMEN ARE COMING ON TUESDAY

The Representatives of Several Chambers of Commerce Will Be in This City.

A deputation from several chambers of commerce in England will be in the city of London on Tuesday next. Mayor Beattie was notified of this fact this morning by some Grand Trunk officials, and they will be entertained. He is now conferring with the members of the reception committee of the city council as to means of entertaining the visitors, and showing them the city.

OXFORD CROPS ARE LOOKING VERY FINE

Threshing Season is Now in Full Swing.

The crops in the vicinity of Thameford, in Oxford County, are exceptionally good, the best in many years.

The threshing season is in full swing, and the returns are surprisingly good.

Oats are running from 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. "Everything is good," said one farmer from that district. "We have not had such crops in years. Corn is looking exceptionally well, too, and if we have good weather, we will have the best crops in years."



EX-FIREMAN GEORGE TAYLOR, Former Member of London Fire Brigade, Who Died Suddenly Today.

DR. ENGLISH NOW BREATHES EASY

Supt. of Hamilton Insane Asylum Glad To Be Rid of the Famous Murderer.

MOIR NOW IN TORONTO

Was Very Angry When Told That He Was To Be Taken to a Prison.

Hamilton, Aug. 26.—William A. Moir, the man who has made life almost unbearable for Dr. English, and has literally terrorized the insane asylum, has gone to Kingston Penitentiary, according to a dispatch from Toronto, and the officers of the local asylum will probably breathe freely and sleep more peacefully tonight if the report is true. That Moir gave no end of trouble to the officials of the institution was shown by a statement made by Dr. English on Saturday last in the presence of three newspapermen. It has been learned that the Whitney Government has been asked to supply a night guard for the East House. Although the necessity was previously pointed out to the department, the request was refused because of the expense that would be incurred.

Off to Toronto. The Toronto dispatch referred to is as follows: "Wm. A. Moir, the insane murderer who escaped from the Hamilton asylum and was captured at St. David's, was removed from Hamilton to the Central Prison, where he will be sent to Kingston Penitentiary where he will be confined in one of the cells used for insane criminals. It was thought advisable to move Moir to Kingston in order to prevent any further escapes from custody, and as there is no criminally insane ward at the Central, he will be taken to Kingston today. When the Central Prison at Guelph is completed, Moir will be cells for the criminally insane, where men such as Moir will be confined."

WORTMAN & WARD MAY LEAVE CITY

London Has So Far Been Unable to Meet the Conditions of the Company.

BIG OFFER TO GO AWAY

As Good as \$30,000, Says Mr. Wortman—A Branch in Winnipeg Being Established.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 26.—William Richmond, local manager of the Wortman & Ward Company, of London, Ont., announces that the company has secured four acres on Notre Dame avenue, on which it will erect buildings for semi-manufacturing purposes. The output is to be partly manufactured in London. This means a big development in their trade and the enlargement next year of their London factory.

New Premises Necessary. Mr. W. H. Wortman stated to The Advertiser today that the present London factory and property will, if it is not sold shortly, be advertised for sale. He stated that he has one or two offers now for the premises, and that they are under consideration. "We must have more room," he said. "It looks very much at the present time as though we would move from London. I have an offer that is worth \$30,000, and includes a free tract of land, free taxes and a bonus. In addition, the place is so located as to be very favorable for our western trade—so favorable in fact, that a saving of about \$4,000 a year in freight would be made. We intend running through the winter in London, but will know within a short time whether or not we will move in the spring. It is our intention to open the Winnipeg works as soon as possible, and we expect the trade to expand rapidly. The parts will be manufactured in our main shops, wherever they may be located, and shipped to Winnipeg for assembling and finishing."

Publicity Agent Speaks. "I understand that the Wortman & Ward Company will remain in the city," said Publicity Agent Carruthers. "The manufacturers committee have been taking the matter up with the firm for some time. We are well acquainted with their requirements, but so far we have been unable to meet their requests. However, the committee are going ahead with the negotiations, and if possible we will keep the firm in the city."

Ad. Fitzgerald, chairman of the manufacturers committee, is out of the city and could not be reached.

DR. CRIPPEN AND MISS LENEVE LANDED AT LIVERPOOL TODAY

Big Crowd Lined Up to See the Pair But Were Kept Back by the Police—Alleged Murderer and Pal Left Immediately for London.

[Associated Press.] Liverpool, Aug. 27.—The steamer Magantic, carrying Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Miss Leneve, brought back from Canada on a warrant issued in connection with the supposed murder of Dr. Crippen's wife, Belle Elmore, arrived off the port here shortly after noon today. Great crowds gathered in the vicinity of the standing stage during the night and stood waiting in hope of catching a view of Crippen and the young woman, whose romantic flight with him across the ocean in the disguise of a boy, had made her not the least interesting figure in the supposed crime. Strong barricades, however, had been erected about the landing stage, specially to prevent anyone approaching the ship, and the crowds were kept at such a distance as to give them slight prospect of a close view of Inspector Dew's prisoners. Off to London. Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve, in the custody of Inspector Dew, Sergeant Mitchell and the wardresses, who went from England to take charge of Miss Leneve, disembarked at 2:15 p.m., at the regular landing stage. Officers of the local police were on hand to assist the Scotland Yard officials. Inspector Dew, with his prisoners, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

CONSOLIDATE CIVIC GOVT. BEFORE HIRING HEAD ENGINEER

Too Many People Have a Say in Regard to What Shall Be Done in City Business—Ald. Morgan Gives His Opinion on the Situation.

There does not appear to be much chance of a head engineer being appointed this year. The conference last night between the water commissioners and the board of works did not go very far toward a settlement of the question, and today there is a well-defined opinion in city hall circles that nothing will be done by the present council. Several of the aldermen think that the matter has not been gone about in the proper way. They conclude that there should be consolidation of the government of the city, either by a board of control or a commission, before a head engineer is selected. Ald. Morgan, who is out and out for a commission, sat through the conference last night and never said a word. "We are going at things the wrong way about," he stated after the meeting. "All the bodies should be under one head. This commission would then be able to size up all the men under them, and could so apportion the work and rearrange the departments that the very best results would accrue."

Consolidate. Several other aldermen were of the same opinion. Ald. Underwood, Ald. Eckert, Ald. Saunders and more of them are convinced that the best way to deal with the problem would be to consolidate the different municipal bodies, and then if it were considered necessary to have a head engineer they would be able to deal more intelligently with the question. This opinion is borne out by the fact that the water commissioners have an idea as to the sort of man the city needs, while the board of works have a somewhat different view. "The question will be shovelled along until near election time, and there will be nothing doing," said one alderman. "There does not seem to be any possibility of agreement at the present time."

CARADOC POTATO CROP POOR A JUMP IN PRICE IS EXPECTED

On Low Ground the Tubers Are Doing Well, But on High Sandy Land, They Are Bad—A Glance at the Crops of the District.

Potatoes are likely to take a rapid rise in price. This week they have been very plentiful on the local market and the price per bushel on Thursday fell to 40 cents. Today the demand for them was slightly better, and half a dollar was asked. However, reports are coming in that in Caradoc Township, where the London draws her supply very largely, the potato crop is away below the average of recent years.

TWO G. T. R. TRAINMEN KILLED AT BELLEVILLE

Immigration Special Struck Yard Engine—Peter Young and E. Brewer Victims.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Belleville, Aug. 27.—Peter Young, engineer, and Ed Brewer, car-tapper, were killed near the Grand Trunk station here at 8 o'clock this morning. An immigrant special ran through the switch and smashed into the yard engine. Both men were married. Brewer leaves a grown-up family. An inquest will be held.

DEPUTATION FAILED TO SEE DR. PUGSLEY

Minister of Public Works Did Not Reach Here Last Evening.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, minister of public works, did not arrive in the city last evening. It was expected that he would reach here some time during the evening, but the latest reports are that he did not arrive during the night. "Pressure of business at Ottawa made it imperative that he should return at once. As a result, there was no opportunity of meeting Dr. Pugsley, and have him name a date when he would visit London. However, a temporary setback does not affect the board of trade, and further efforts will be made to obtain an interview with him. He will be communicated with at once," said Mr. Phil Pooock. "I feel confident that he will come to London and discuss the proposed improvements with us. The matter is a very important one, and I am convinced that he will give it his closest attention."

STEAMERS REPORTED

New York, Aug. 26.—Arrived: Duca d'Aosta, from Genoa; Campania, Rotterdam; Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Hamburg. Liverpool—Arrived: Victorian, Montreal; Rotterdam—Arrived: Rydam, New York. Quebec—Arrived: Virginian, Liverpool. Cape Race—Signalled: Chicago, Harry Belle Isle—Signalled: Grampian, Glasgow.

EIGHT BOYS PLEADED GUILTY TO STEALING FROM C.P.R. CARS

Man Who Is Alleged to Have Purchased Stolen Goods from the Lads Was Given a Severe Lecture by Police Magistrate Love in the Court Today.

Of the fourteen juveniles who appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, charged by C. P. R. Detective John S. Green with breaking into bonded cars, eight pleaded guilty and were remanded for a week for sentence. Two others were so small that the court declined to take any steps against them, and the remainder were merely charged with trespass. The eight lads who pleaded guilty admitted breaking into the cars, but gave no specific reason for their conduct. As nearly as can be estimated goods valued at \$65 were taken. Of this the great majority has been recovered. A man was given a very severe lecture by the court for buying some of the stolen goods from the lads. It was alleged he had bought files that cost \$2.80 for 20c from the boys.

A Severe Lecture. "It is because there are such men as you that boys are encouraged to steal," said Magistrate Love warmly. "If an information is laid against you I will find you guilty of receiving stolen goods and deal with you accordingly. Just so long as there are men like you who will buy goods from boys just so long will we have boys stealing. You must have known that the goods were not obtained in an honest manner and yet you deliberately go and buy them. I cannot condemn your conduct too severely." Boys Admitted Guilty. The boys who were caught by Detective Green did not make any bones about the matter as soon as they were caught, but owned up and told all about it. Among the goods stolen is a large quantity of candy. This is principally what is missing. A lot of merchandise was also taken, and among it some goods consigned to hardware firms. The C. P. R. have not been able to trace fully yet just what is missing, as they are receiving advices continually from merchants who report bills of goods short.

GEORGE TAYLOR DIED SUDDENLY

Suffered for Years From an Old Injury but Death Was Not Looked For.

A WELL-KNOWN FIREMAN Was Hurt in Crystal Hall Fire Fourteen Years Ago—Lately Retired From Fire Department.

The news of the very sudden and unexpected death of ex-Fireman George Taylor, which occurred at his home, 98 Bruce street, about 2:30 this morning, after an illness of only a few hours will be heard with widespread regret by a host of Londoners. Mr. Taylor had never been well since the serious accident he met with last year, when, while painting a cornice at his house, he fell about 25 feet, breaking both arms and sustaining serious internal injuries. He had not been able to do any work since, and while his health had been delicate he was able to be up and around occasionally. Last night about 9 o'clock he complained of feeling ill, and in a few minutes lapsed into unconsciousness. Drs. Bateson and Davis were called in and tried unsuccessfully to relieve him. His death occurred from heart failure about 2:30 this morning. Born in Ireland. Mr. Taylor was 58 years old and came to Canada from King's County, Ireland. He first settled in Brantford, but 22 years ago came to London, and had resided here ever since. For eighteen years he was a member of the fire department, having served under the late Chiefs Roe and Clark, and also under Chief Aitken. Thereafter he never was a more popular fireman in London. He was absolutely fearless. While on duty at the fire in the store of W. J. Reid & Co. fourteen years ago, he was buried under immense cases of crockery, which fell through the floor. At that time he was terribly injured and spent many weeks in the hospital. He eventually partially recovered, and resumed his duties as fireman, until he was compelled to leave the department owing to his injuries a year or so ago. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Chosen Friends and of Court Victory of the Canadian Order of Foresters. Besides his wife he leaves one son, George, and one daughter, Miss Nina, both of London. Mrs. James Moore, of Brantford, is a sister. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery and the service will be conducted by Very Rev. Dean Davis.

DETECTIVE MADE A VERY CLEVER CAPTURE

"Bob" Egelton Arrested a Man Wanted for Theft in Hamilton.

Detective Egelton made a clever capture at the Grand Trunk depot this morning, when on going through express No. 1 after it had pulled in from the east he spotted Jacob Burgess wanted in Hamilton for stealing a gold watch and a valise. The detective took his man to the station, and he will be sent back to Hamilton at once. The goods taken altogether are worth about \$55, and Burgess was on his way to Port Huron when arrested.

STANDING OF BATTERIES

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Following is the official report of efficiency competitions for Canadian artillery corps, held at the different military camps during the present summer months: 1, Second Ottawa, 2, Twenty-third, Ottawa; 3, Twenty-first, Westmount; 4, Twelfth, Newcastle N. B.; 5, Fourth, Hamilton; 9, Ninth Toronto; 13, Seventh, St. Catharines; 15, Eleventh, Guelph; 16, Twenty-fourth, Peterboro; 18, Sixteenth, Guelph.

BONES IN SACK WERE OVERLOOKED

The List of Dead in the Durand Wreck Now Totals Eight.

PLACING THE BLAME State Board of Michigan Will Hold an Inquiry and Endeavor to Find Out Who Caused Wreck.

[Associated Press.] Durand, Mich., Aug. 27.—That at least seven persons lost their lives in the Grand Trunk wreck near Durand was established late last night, when H. I. Jeffers, of Washington, D.C., identified the supposed body of Mrs. Catherine Squires as that of his wife. It is known that Mrs. Squires perished, and the identification of the body of Mrs. Jeffers adds one more to the death list. Coroner Hatcher believes that two or three others were killed in the wreck besides those whose bodies were recovered.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Durand, Mich., Aug. 27.—To add to the difficulty of identifying the victims of the wreck Wednesday night on the Grand Trunk Railway, near here, bones said to be those of two additional bodies in a sack that had been overlooked in yesterday's excitement were found in the morgue tonight by Undertaker C. E. Mapes, who is in charge of the dead. This brings the number of dead to eight.

Many Inquiries. Repeated inquiries from relatives of passengers thought to have been on the ill-fated Pullman sleeper Nebraska, led Dr. R. C. Fair, surgeon for the Grand Trunk, to remark that Undertaker Mapes that there must have been more bodies in the wreck than were recovered. This reminded Mr. Mapes that a sack had been brought to the morgue yesterday morning. In the confusion incident to assembling the other six bodies, Mapes says, the sack was pushed into a corner and was forgotten until tonight. When the sack was brought out and its contents were examined, Dr. Fair stated that the bones represented probably two additional dead. A Ghastly Sight. Last midnight a charred woman's body at Mapes' undertaking establishment was viewed by A. G. Davis, of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago. Mr. Davis' identification was thorough, and he declared the remains to be Continued on Page Twelve.

PEOPLE MUST LEARN RULES OF THE ROAD

Drivers of Horses Do Not Appear to Know What to Do.

The flagrant violations of the rules of the road by persons in charge of horse-driven vehicles especially, have been called to the attention of the county police, and there is a strong probability that there will be a number of prosecutions within a short time. The statutes governing the use of highways state that vehicles running in opposite directions, shall pass each to the right of the other, and that a vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left side, the person in front drawing quietly to the right side, allowing half the road.

Law is Violated. The latter law is violated every day in the week in the vicinity of London, and many farmers appear to take delight in obstructing the roads when an autoist approaches. They apparently do not realize that they accept all responsibility for accidents to themselves or others when they take the wrong side or fail to give half the road. They are also liable to a heavy fine for obstructing the highway when they refuse to move to the right side.

The law stipulates that any person who has a heavily-loaded wagon, or who through any other legitimate reason cannot turn to the side of the road, must if necessary assist the man who desires to pass by every means in his power.