

JUDGE RITCHIE SENDS DOWNE UP FOR TRIAL

In Summing Up Case His Honor Expresses Strong Belief in Prisoner's Guilt

Ridicules Idea of Any Person Entering the Simms Office, Choking Downie and Then Leaving Without the Money—Case Will Be Tried by Judge McLeod in Circuit Court Which Opens Next Tuesday

The preliminary examination of W. Herbert Downie in connection with the attempted robbery of the T. S. Simms Co., Ltd., of \$1200 on February 19, in which Downie stated he was choked into unconsciousness, was concluded in the police court this morning, and the prisoner was put for trial in the circuit court, which opens Tuesday next, Judge McLeod presiding.

FREE TRADER IS DEFEATED

Unionist Tariff Reform Candidate Elected in Centre Glasgow by Majority of 2113

London, March 3.—The government suffered another electoral defeat in the by-election yesterday for member of the House of Commons for the Central Division of Glasgow. Mr. Gibson Bowles, Liberal Free Trader, was defeated by Scott Dickson, Unionist Tariff Reformer, by a majority of 2113.

ONTARIO WOMEN WANT FRANCHISE

Monster Petition Asking for Woman Suffrage to Be Presented to Government

Toronto, March 3.—(Special)—A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Ontario Suffrage Association was held last night in connection with the approaching presentation of a petition to the legislature for the extension of the franchise to women on an equal basis as to men.

CIGARETTES UNDER BAN

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—An Anti-Cigarette law prohibiting the manufacture, sale or gift of cigarettes and cigarette papers within the state, was passed by the house last night.

HAZEN'S AXE MAY FALL ON HIS HEAD

Sheriff Sterling of York County May Not Be Reappointed—Three Conservatives After His Job

Fredericton, N. B., March 3.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Fraser, widow of the late Geo. Fraser, died quite suddenly at her home this morning from heart failure. The deceased was sixty-four years of age and is survived by two sons and four daughters. She was the daughter of the late Charles Moore, who inherited a large fortune by the death of relatives in Belfast, about twenty years ago.

ARMED WITH A REPEATING RIFLE

David Benninger Defies the Forces of the Law and Refuses to be Served With Warrant

Yongapton, N. B., March 3.—A strong posse of deputy sheriffs and special police is surrounding the David Benninger home at midnight tonight after an all-day search for the man who refused to be served with a warrant for his arrest on a lunacy charge.

REV. SCOVIL NEALES APPOINTED CANON

Sussex Clergyman Honored by Bishop Richardson

His Lordship Bishop Richardson has appointed Rev. Scovil Neales, vicar of Sussex, a canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, in succession to Rev. Canon Montgomery, of Kingsland, Ontario.

SOREL HAS \$25,000 FIRE

Much Damage Done in Quebec Town by Fire This Morning

Sorel, Que., March 3.—Fire broke out early this morning in a shed behind A. C. Trempe's store on King street, completely destroying the building and spreading to the stores occupied by A. A. Laroche and the drug store of P. E. Chevalier, badly damaging both these stores.

TO CLEAR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FROM DEBT

New York, N. Y., March 2.—Representatives of thirty Congregational churches in New York and neighboring cities met at the Broadway Tabernacle here today and discussed plans for taking up a campaign which it is proposed to push in all the Congregational churches of the country for the raising of a fund of \$500,000 to pay off the debts of the denomination's seven missionary societies and place them on a sound financial basis.

SERBIA ABANDONS HER DEMAND FOR TERRITORY

London, March 3.—It was learned conclusively in London today that Serbia, in accordance with the advice of the powers, has withdrawn her demand for territorial compensation at the hands of Austria-Hungary. The semi-official news published in Vienna to the contrary is therefore erroneous. It is believed that this decision on the part of Serbia forebodes an early and peaceful settlement of her difficulties with Austria-Hungary.

MAKING READY TO GIVE TAFT A BIG TIME

Inauguration Ceremonies at Washington Tomorrow Promise to be Particularly Elaborate

Washington, March 3.—With every prospect of good weather, with all preparations complete, and with each incoming train and boat adding to the number of hosts gathered from far and near, the nation's capital awaits the coming of the inauguration, president of the United States, so great as the congregation in the streets, at the hotels and everywhere except at the West Union station, large enough to house a standing army, that the ordinary routine of Washington life has been temporarily suspended.

BLIZZARD HOLDS BERLIN IN A GRIP

All Traffic in German Capital is Practically Suspended Today—15,000 at Work Cleaning Streets

Berlin, March 3.—Berlin is in the grip of a blizzard. Snow fell heavily throughout the night and this morning traffic practically is at a standstill. No less than 15,000 men have been seriously hurt by falling on the streets, and a large number of buildings have been damaged.

KINRADES IN TORONTO

Mother and Sister of Victim of Hamilton Murder Will Not Attend Inquest Tonight

Toronto, March 3.—(Special)—The entire Kinrade family, arrived in Toronto last night and were driven from the Union station to Arlington hotel, where they registered. While Mrs. Kinrade and Miss Florence have been subpoenaed as witnesses at the inquest at Hamilton tonight, it is probable they will not attend. The inquest will be adjourned after some less important witnesses have been heard.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES

Chicago, March 3.—Chicago's financial distress is to be relieved, according to a bill introduced by the legislature, by the discharge of all employees, mostly inspectors, who have been announced by work.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Margaret, wife of John Allan, took place this afternoon from her residence, Peters street, at 2.30. Interment in the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

SAVED IN A TUNNEL

Innsbruck, Austria, March 3.—The detachment of six officers and twenty-five men of the Austrian Army, who were reported as being overwhelmed by an avalanche near Lafraz, yesterday, engaged in digging a tunnel, where they had taken refuge. The tunnel was covered with snow.

I. C. R. VETERANS RECEIVE THE I. S. O.

Medals Were Presented to Long Service Men on the I. C. R. This Morning—Records of the Recipients

Sixteen men might have been seen on the street this morning wearing the star shaped medals of the Imperial Service Order. The medals were presented to a number of retired employees of the I. C. R., who, by long and faithful service, had earned this honor.

TEN DEAD IN NEW YORK FIRE

Fatal Fire in Tenement House Today May be Black Hand Outrage

New York, March 3.—Cut off from escape by a burning stairway, ten persons met death early today in a five-story tenement house at 274 Seventh Avenue. The victims, who were all Italians, with the exception of an unidentifiable Frenchman, were killed in a fire that broke out in an infant girl of four. Four persons, including a policeman, who was cut by flying glass, and a man whose body had been burned, were taken to hospitals. It is believed that the blaze was incendiary, following a similar fire which occurred on the building received several months ago.

OPINION DIVIDED ON LOCAL OPTION

Some Vermont Towns Swing Back to License—Others Go Dry for First Time

Montpelier, Vt., March 3.—For the first time since the adoption of the local option license law in 1903, the returns from the town and city elections showed that the number of towns forsaking the privileges of license was equalled by those returning to a regime of legalized sale of intoxicating liquors. This marks the ebb of a steady tide of prohibition, which has reduced the number of license towns and cities from 96 in 1903 to 27 at the present time.

MAY DEMAND HEAD OF MONTREAL RECORDER

Montreal, March 3.—(Special)—It is more than likely that a strong deputation of religious denominations will go to Quebec to demand the impeachment of Recorder Dupuis in connection with his recent statement that he had taken the law in his own hands in permitting houses of ill-fame, to exist and making rules and regulations to govern these places instead of administering the law existing.

DIED AFTER OPERATION

Bridgetown, N. S. S., March 3.—(Special)—For the fourth time within a week, Bridgetown citizens have died by the bursting of a pipe. This time the unfortunate man is John L. Cox, who went to Boston a few days ago to undergo an operation similar to the one performed last month with fatal results up on the late Wm. A. Craig. Mr. Cox was about 70 years old and unmarried.

JUDGE LANDRY RULES OUT AN ALLEGED CONFESSION

Story That Tony Aroscha is Said to Have Told Chief Foster Not Allowed in Evidence

Trial of Men Charged With Murder of "Paddy" Green—Resumed This Morning and Several Witnesses Examined—Aroscha is Said to Have Confessed and Implicated His Fellow Prisoner

Perth, N. B., March 3.—(Special)—The trial of Tony Aroscha and Leon Seppelt for the murder of Edward Green, was resumed this morning. Alexander Panamaky was cross-examined by Charles H. Elliott, of Perth, for the prisoners. Panamaky was unable to state whether he and Green were ahead of the murderer. Seppelt, the man with the moustache, aimed at him. He never saw either prisoner before, but he swore that Seppelt was the man who pointed the gun. He could not see the other man with a gun, nor could he see his features, as he was close to the bushes on the left, standing still, Seppelt was 30 feet away. He saw nobody else in the woods. He was certain Seppelt fired a shot, but could not swear he was the one who fired. He did not see Green fall, but saw him bending and heard him say, "Oh my God." There was a clash between the over-talented Jew and Mr. Elliott over the law being positive that the accused were the men. He positively identified the watch as a gift to Green from a Montreal uncle. There were no particulars to identify it, but he reiterated that he was positive. Mr. Green kept it as a keepsake. He refused to admit even the possibility of being mistaken. He did not know whether the men followed him.

CANADA TO HAVE GAME PRESERVE

The Largest Game Preserve in America, 1,000,000 Acres, Will Be Located in Ontario

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—Carlos Avery, Commissioner of the Minnesota Fish and Game Commission, yesterday received word from Arthur Hawkes of the North American Game Protective Association to the effect that the Canadian government had agreed to set apart 1,000,000 acres of land in Ontario for a game preserve. This land will be contiguous to the 1,000,000 acres recently set apart by President Roosevelt in St. Louis Lake and Cooke counties, Minnesota, as a forest preserve, known as Superior National Park. It is said that this will be the largest game preserve in the country.

ESCORT OF HONOR FOR ROOSEVELT

New York Men Will Pay Notable Honor to Retiring President at Washington on Thursday

New York, March 3.—Members of the Republican county committee, which have strong plans for a unique and interesting escort of honor to President Roosevelt, will not return with the new president to the White House, as has been the custom for many years, but will leave the city immediately. After the address of Mr. Taft, the former president will take a carriage at the foot of the Capitol steps and be driven to the head of Delaware Avenue, where the New York organization will be driven up on both sides of the thoroughfare. As soon as Mr. Roosevelt's carriage reaches the head of the avenue, the New York men will form a hollow square around the equipage, and accompanied by a band of fifty pieces, take up the march to the railroad station.

CHINA PROTECTS FORESTS

Ancient Empire Joins in the World-wide Movement to Prevent Destruction

"The almost world-wide movement to protect and establish forests has reached China," said Percy T. Hyams, a railroad contractor, of Hong Kong, to a reporter for the Washington Post. "The first Chinese school of forestry will soon be opened at Mukden. The Chinese empire is usually pointed out as the worst example among modern nations of forest destruction."

