

OFFICERS HOT IN TRAIL OF MURDERERS "PAT"

Gladman Says Denton's Judgment Will Influence Him

POLICE EXPECT TO LAND CHIEF OF MURRELL GANG

Provincial Police Officer Admits Having Substantial Clue.

LEADS TO DETROIT

Hope Now Entertained That "Pat" Norton Will Be Caught.

Provincial police are on the trail of "Pat" Norton.

This statement was made to The Advertiser today by Assistant Commissioner Cuddy, head of the criminal investigation department of the provincial police.

Mrs. O. S. Holmes, sister of the wanted man, indicated to an Advertiser reporter who called on her at her home in Detroit last June, that she knew the whereabouts of her brother, but would not divulge definite information.

It is this claim that the provincial police are now following up, and which, if successful, means that after a lapse of more than two years, Pat Norton will be found and brought to London to stand trial for murder and bank robbery, committed in April, 1921, at Melbourne, when Russell Campbell was shot. Three others were implicated, Sidney Murrell, recently brought back from California to stand trial on the charge; "Slim" Williams, who is serving seven years in Kingston penitentiary, and William Murrell, still at large.

Following "Tizer" Story.

Mr. Cuddy stated that the story told to The Advertiser by Mrs. Holmes was being closely investigated, and that they were satisfied with the results. In her story Mrs. Holmes stated that she knew where her brother, "Pat," was and vouched the information that he would never be caught.

Yes, I have an idea where he is," stated the sister last June, "but I won't tell you and you could not expect me to. Blood is thicker than water, and if he can keep away from the police I am certainly not going to be the means of his being caught. I will tell you, however, that as far as I know he is working hard and doing well. He is in Detroit, and I think I also will tell you, but nothing further. He has been in communication with us and has visited us, but when it comes to telling you and the police, I will keep the secret. He will not be caught through me and if he is arrested it will be an accident or a slip-up on the part of someone."

The story came to the notice of the provincial men when Inspectors Strager and Ward arrived here from California with Sidney Murrell.

As they were being interviewed about the trip, The Advertiser mentioned that he had seen "Pat" Norton in Detroit. It was then the officers turned to ask questions. This they did, with the result that they were furnished with a copy of her story.

Think He Will Be Caught.

Returning to Toronto, the matter was taken up at headquarters and turned over to Mr. Cuddy, who now entertains hopes that Norton will soon be caught and brought back here.

Beyond this Mr. Cuddy would make no statements, outside of thanking The Advertiser for supplying a substantial clue to work on. He also expressed the thanks of the department.

Norton, who was one of the four men who attempted to rob the Home Bank at Melbourne, when Russell Campbell of that town was killed, has not been found or heard of since that time, until his sister declared that she knew where he was.

The police possessed nothing but a bare description of the man, and this made his capture more than usually difficult.



"PAT" NORTON. Mysterious much wanted chief of Murrell gang whose capture provincial police now expect to effect.

GERMAN CABINET TURNS ATTENTION TO FOOD SITUATION

Demonstrations Intimidate Government, Forcing Inauguration of Workers' Commission.

WARN FOREIGNERS

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—As the political situation continued stable today despite efforts of enemies of the cabinet to cause trouble by dissemination of a rumor Chancellor Stresemann had been assassinated, the government turned its attention to the critical food situation, which seemed the chief obstacle to restoration of internal order.

In Braunschweig local demonstrators intimidated the local government and forced inauguration of a food control commission of thirty workers. The government already had pledged itself to seize food on its own account if stocks were not obtained otherwise, but the demonstrators insisted on the creation of the commission.

It also was understood the government of Thuringia and Saxony must seize food unless the central government consented to adopt their food demands. Thuringian mountain resorts were advising foreigners to leave within three days on account of the food shortage.

Some hotels in the Ruhr have posted placards reading: "We will not feed foreigners," dispatches said. Labor officials threatened a strike because of the food shortage and unsatisfactory wage conditions.

THOUGHT MAN DEBTOR, SHOT, KILLING WRONG ONE

Associated Press Despatch.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Greatly enraged and thinking he was shooting at a man who owed him a sum of money, Benjamin Seducki, 33, shot and killed Clarence Mitchell, who lived in the same room with the doctor. Seducki was arrested on a charge of murder.

EIGHT KILLED IN RIOTS OF GERMAN COMMUNISTS

Associated Press Despatch.

TOWNSHIP BUYS 'PHONE SERVICE AS PUBLIC WORK

London Township Acquires System of United Telephone Company for \$22,000.

WILL IMPROVE IT

After setting an example to many other townships in Western Ontario through their efforts to place power at the disposal of every farmer in their district, the London township council are now endeavoring to render the telephone service second to none in the province. For months a special committee has been working on the project of bettering the service, and it has now been learned that the township has purchased the system of the United Telephone Company for approximately \$22,000.

At a special session of the subscribers held recently, J. A. Hughes, T. H. Headley and Charles Ferguson were appointed a commission to manage the newly-acquired system and to take such measures as they saw fit to improve the service to the residents.

The commission's first official move was to ask the council for a loan to pay the United Telephone Company in full.

Ever since an electrical storm of a few years ago the telephone service given the township residents has been unsatisfactory. A large number of phones, cut off by the storm, had never been re-connected, and finally the subscribers, feeling that an efficient service would never be rendered, petitioned the council to purchase the organization and run it as a municipal system.

It is understood that work on improvements will be started as soon as a survey of the requirements has been completed. A lot of the present equipment will be discarded for that of more modern type, the phone service will be restored to those who lost it three years ago, and a number of new phones will be installed.

Before the actual purchase was made, at the request of the council, the Board of Railway and Municipal Affairs placed a valuation on the system. The price fixed was \$21,937.73.

RICHMOND ST. CABLES GOING UNDERGROUND

Utilities Commission Burying Wires While Paving Goes On.

The public utilities commission are taking advantage of the breaking up of the pavement on Richmond street by the city to install a conduit for carrying the high tension cables underground. In the down-town district these cables, which carry a current of 13,000 volts, are already in conduits below the streets, and it is the intention of the commission to have all high-tension cables in the city underground in time.

E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the commission, speaking of the project, said: "We have been desirous for a long time of putting the cables below the street, and are putting in a conduit to Richmond street, from Queen's avenue to the C. P. R. tracks. The hydro service of the past has suffered from the effects of electrical storms, and by placing these high-tension cables under the surface we shall be able to rid of most of this. The conduits are being put in by cutting in eight cables. The commission hopes in time to get all the poles off the streets and to run the distribution wires in behind the houses. This would greatly improve the appearance of the city, and also in some ways make our work easier and more efficient."

The new arrangement on Richmond is the first time that cables have been laid underground in London outside the down-town area.

SIR A. LACOSTE DIES.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Sir Alex. Lacoste, former chief justice and former senator, died here today after several weeks illness.

Sarah Bernhardt's Coffin

was one of the mysteries over which newspapers puzzled at the time of her death.

Plan Monument To Bandit's Pony

Special to The Advertiser.

Liberty, Mo., Aug. 17.—Jesse James' horse is going to have a monument erected in its honor.

Mrs. Frank James, widow of one of the bandit brothers, made arrangements today to erect a suitable memorial to "Dan," famous thoroughbred Arabian, noted for speed and beauty, which Jesse rode in the notorious raids. Dan was a son of Betsy, the favorite horse of Jesse James. Betsy will also be remembered in the memorial. Dan died last week at Kearney, Mo.

AGREE TO RENEW WAGE DISCUSSION OF COAL WORKERS

Miners and Operator To Confer in Atlantic City On Monday.

MAY AVERT STRIKE

Canadian Press Despatch.

New York, Aug. 17.—Miners and anthracite operators, meeting today in joint conference at the behest of the United States coal commission to avert a suspension of operations in the United States September 1, reached an agreement to renew wage contract negotiations at Atlantic City next Monday.

The joint conference met after the commission had called before it John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America and S. D. Warriner, chairman of the general policy committee of the anthracite operators and gave them a letter demanding a complete answer from both parties as to what each would do to prevent a suspension of operations. The joint conference is scheduled to report to the committee by 8 p.m. The commission in its letter asserted that the public was becoming alarmed at the prospect of another coal shortage and declared it was imperative that uncertainty be quickly removed.

The letter continued: "We therefore urge that the representatives of the two sides immediately enter into a conference to consider and report to us."

Whether you can reach an agreement over the matters now in dispute and negotiate the new agreement by September 1.

Whether in the event of your inability to reach an agreement on the matters in controversy, you can agree upon a plan that will assure a continuance of mining after September 1 and until you have reached an agreement.

Whether in the event that you find yourselves unable to reach a complete agreement upon the matters in controversy you can agree upon some plan for an orderly and peaceful settlement of the matters in controversy upon which the commission cannot be reached by contract negotiations, and of mining as a result of the present controversy.

The commission asks that you go into joint session immediately and reply in writing to the inquiry by 8 o'clock tonight."

HONOR FATHER WEBER AT FAREWELL BANQUET

Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's Church Presents Handsome Bag.

St. Mary's Parish Hall was the scene of a happy and touching event last night when the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's Church gave a farewell banquet in honor of Rev. Fr. Weber, a parish assistant for the past two years, who has been transferred to Henson to take over the duties of St. Mary's Church there.

Fifty young ladies were present to say good-bye to one who, since his stay in St. Mary's parish, has been an able spiritual director to the sodality. As a token of their appreciation for his splendid work the members presented him with a handsome "sack bag" completely fitted with candlesticks, a crucifix and other articles necessary when a priest administers the last rites to a dying person. The presentation was made by Miss Marjorie Daly, while Miss Kathleen Jenkins read the address.

HOUSE ENTERED AND RANSACKED, NOTHING STOLEN

James Perrin of 82 Front St. Puzzled Over Motive of Uninvited Visitors.

ALL IN DISORDER

Another mysterious house-breaking within the past week, for which the motive cannot be ascertained, was brought to light this morning, when it became known that some time during the late hours of Monday evening the house of James Perrin, 82 Front street, was entered and ransacked, but nothing stolen.

The marauders evidently broke in the back door and spent some little time rummaging about, as when the family returned late at night they found everything in disorder, articles worth while stealing were untouched, and the members of the household are at a loss to know the reason for the visit.

A similar incident occurred over the week-end at the home of George Pollock, 484 Steadwell street. Mr. Pollock came home Sunday after a two days' absence, and he found the house filled with gas and a back window forced. The gas jets had been turned on, and a candle which had evidently burned itself out was found on the table. Nothing of value was missing.

WILL PAY \$500 REWARD TO SERGT. T. O'CONNOR

Sub-Committee To Recommend Council To Pay In Ison Case.

Aldermen Greer and Judd, who formed the newly-appointed committee to investigate the question of the Ison reward, on which the mayor was at one time a member, and who was summarily replaced at the last meeting of the finance committee by Ald. Greer, carried out their instructions yesterday, according to Ald. Greer.

We interviewed Chief Bill on the question," said the aldermen today, "and will bring in our report to the city council in writing in the usual way on Monday."

"The recommendations include the paying of the money to Sergeant O'Connor, and a very high commendation to the chief of police and his staff, as well as to Sergeant Blunt and his troopers, for the efficient way in which they handled the situation. The council will probably decide when the money will be paid over to the sergeant."

BANS PUBLIC MEETINGS TO PROBE KU KLUX KLAN

Special to The Advertiser.

Steubenville, Ohio, Aug. 17.—Public assembly was under the ban in Steubenville today as city and county authorities probed the rioting here Wednesday night. The ban forbids 100 Ku Klux Klansmen in which two men were wounded, a score of others injured and several automobiles wrecked. The order forbids public meetings to be held in the city to prevent a recurrence of the fighting which is believed to have been outgrowth of Tuesday's city primary.

One thousand Klansmen from Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, were in Steubenville, Ohio, last night, to make plans for the release of six of their members held in connection with the riot.

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN KINGSTON SECTION

Special to The Advertiser.

Kingston, Aug. 17.—The bush fires which have been raging near the village of Odessa for several days have not yet been checked. Reports from the scene of the fire this morning stated that, in spite of the efforts of the band of men who have been working to check the fire, it is making progress, and various efforts are being put forth to prevent the fire from reaching the village.

WOMAN'S JAW FRACTURED BY BASEBALL AT GAME

Special to The Advertiser.

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 17.—Mrs. E. Stadler of Killam, hit by a foul ball while watching a baseball game at Wavy Lake yesterday, had her jaw fractured in two places. She was brought to an Edmonton hospital today for treatment.

Gladman Thinks Judges Will Have To Be Guided By Betting Law Verdict

London Magistrate Believes Prosecutions Will Be Illegal Till Appeal Is Heard.

LAUD JUDGE DENTON

Lawyers Declare the Decision Shows Comprehensive Study Made of Act.

While unwilling to express an opinion on Judge Denton's statements regarding the action of the provincial government in passing the Raney anti-racing bill, Deputy Magistrate Gladman this morning stated that he thought local magistrates have to act according to the decision that was non-effective, and that no prosecutions could be held legal until an appeal either reverses or confirms the decision.

"I have not looked into it very thoroughly yet," declared Mr. Gladman, "but I think that if a case came up here of a similar nature, I would have to act according to the decision of Judge Denton. Of course, it is a higher court than that of a magistrate, and, therefore, governs the actions of the lower ones."

"As to the province having overstepped its powers in passing the act, I am not so sure. There is always this matter of legislation between the federal and provincial governments, but it is safe to assume that they are both working for the good of the people."

Prevailing legal opinion regarding the decision that the Ontario betting information act is ultra vires, sounds a note of warning here. Lawyers were all agreed that the judge's verdict will be recognized as the law of the province until sustained or rejected by a higher court.

If this view proves correct newspapers and individuals may give betting information more freely, and the exercise of the provincial act will be null and void.

LAUDS INTEREST TAKEN IN PLAYGROUND PICNIC

Dr. George Smith Enthusiastic Over Sportsmanship Shown at Birkett's Flats.

The fine spirit of loyal co-operation shown by the parents of the children who attended the picnic at Birkett's Flats playground on Wednesday was the subject of warm commendation by Dr. George A. Smith this morning.

In discussing the progress of the Flats playground with the Advertiser, the doctor, who is the chief supervisor of the city playgrounds, said: "The really sporting spirit and the keen interest shown by everyone who came to the picnic was wonderful. Many of the fathers of the children, took a half day away from their work, thereby losing half a day's pay in order to come and see their kiddies enjoy the sports."

They helped the playground staff in every possible way and did a great deal to make the picnic a happy one for the children and a pleasure to those who have been working at the scheme all year. Dr. Smith contrasted the fine sportsmanship that was an outstanding feature of the day, and the way in which the winners took their prizes with no question as to the merit of the awards, with the attitude of the highly efficient and carefully trained athletes who took part in the provincial events here some days ago, when they sat around all day, as everyone knows, in stony silence, because a few Americans were present.

This is the fourth year that there have been civic playgrounds in London and Dr. Smith who is ultra enthusiastic on behalf of the movement, looks to a time when the training in good sportsmanship on the civic playgrounds will give life to the band of men who have been working to check the fire, it is making progress, and various efforts are being put forth to prevent the fire from reaching the village.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE ROCKS ITALIAN CITY

Catania, Italy, Aug. 17.—An earthquake of considerable violence shook the city this morning. It produced a great panic among the population, but fortunately caused no damage.

A despatch from Messina, Sicily, Thursday night said a slight earthquake shook the town there at 1:50 o'clock that afternoon.

Dutch Idealists Try In Vain To Reconcile Old Enemies

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Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—A small group of well-intentioned Dutch idealists still believe, through thick and thin, with admirable but hardly conceivable optimism, that they are promoting the idea of world peace by organizing private "reconciliation week" in Holland.

Creates Record Casting Fly Bait

Associated Press Despatch.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 17.—What is believed to be a new record for fly-casting with a one-quarter ounce distance bait was set by Fred Arbogast of Akron, Ohio, at the national tournament of the National Association of Scientific Angling Clubs here yesterday when he tossed an average distance of 208 feet in five casts. His longest cast was 215 feet.

ADVISES BRITAIN U.S. STANDS FIRM ON REPARATIONS

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 17.—Acting upon cable advice from Secretary of State Hughes, the United States embassy officials in London have made it clear to the British foreign office that the United States contemplated no departure from its attitude on reparations as taken before President Harding's death, and as announced by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech.

This disposes of any hopes on this side that President Coolidge's accession to office might result in a more active interest by the United States in Europe's problems.

The reiteration of the policy of the United States was conveyed verbally and informally to the British government and not through a note.

WITNESSES UNABLE TO IDENTIFY BANDITS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Efforts to identify the three suspects held at Montreal in connection with the daylight holdup of bank messengers in here July 24 failed today, when several witnesses and bank messengers who saw the bandits viewed pictures of the trio, forwarded to local police headquarters late yesterday by the Montreal police. None of those who have seen the picture was ready to identify the men, and the description of the men whom they saw holding up the bank messengers and shooting down three of them.

RESPOND TO THE APPEAL TO AID RELIEF PARTY

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

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London, Aug. 17.—In response to the public appeal for contributions to finance the Noice relief ship bound for Wrangel Island, to bring home Alan Crawford and his companions marooned there two years ago, over 200 pounds have been donated out of the \$2,500 required. Lord Egerton an old traveler in the north, has contributed 20 pounds, and Lord Milner has contributed 10 pounds.

GUNMAN IS KILLED.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 17.—Edwin J. Rust, gunman slayer of Sheriff Fulkner of Aberdeen, S.D., for whom police have been searching for the last two weeks was killed by police here today.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fair, Saturday—Breezy, fair to clear.

Pressure continues high from the western states across the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, while the southwestern loop of low pressure moves eastward and filling up. Except for a few light scattered showers in Saskatchewan and the lower St. Lawrence valley, the weather over the Dominion has been fine.

SAYS WHEAT POOL BIG ACHIEVEMENT IN WEST'S HISTORY

J. Lewis Smith Declares System Will Permit Farmers To Reap Benefit.

HITS SPECULATION

Alberta's new co-operative marketing system, through which farmers can realize profits formerly enjoyed by speculators, is hailed as the greatest economic achievement in the history of the prairie provinces by J. Lewis Smith, member of the United Farmers of Alberta central wheat board.

Mr. Smith, who is wheat pool organizer for Bow River, Alberta, was called away from London where he is visiting his mother, Mary E. Smith, Piccadilly street, to Calgary for the purpose of setting the new marketing machinery in operation. On himself and 11 others the responsibility of directing the greatest transportation and selling experiment of its kind in the world.

Great Benefit to Farmer.

Before leaving this afternoon Mr. Smith described in detail the function of the new system. In addition to many advantages to the country as a whole, it will enable the farmer to reap the full fruit of his labors and start him on the road to unprecedented prosperity.

The central selling agency of which Mr. Smith is a member and which this morning's western newspapers' describe as the "detour" of a comment to, is known as the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited. This is the station through which wheat is marketed, and it is the first organization of its kind ever attempted and, if successful, be followed by a recognized organization, which was consulted however, and through his efforts the wheat pool has now become a reality.

Previously, the farmer was forced to sell his grain almost as soon as it was harvested, usually during September. Mr. Smith said, "At that time the original price of wheat was full and farmers had to take the prevailing price which was always much below the average wheat price of the year. Speculators cashed in on the farmer's necessity and grabbed big profits."

All that is now a thing of the past. With the founding of a central selling agency the farmer will receive a 70 per cent advance on his crop as soon as it is delivered to the elevator. Ultimately he will get the average price obtained for through a period of 12 months."

Mr. Smith went on to enumerate the advantages of the new system. Every agriculturist of the province will be invited to join the association for five years. Members may transport their crops to nearby elevators at any time and receive a storage certificate or warehouse receipt in addition to a 70 per cent advance on the original price.

Farmers living in isolated sections of the province will be particularly benefited. Unable to keep in touch with the market they frequently sell their grain at a small figure when prices have advanced. This will be done away with henceforth.

The manipulations of speculators will not affect the market. Mr. Smith added, and the farmers will get all that is coming to them. He predicted a dominant wide system, moulded on the same plans as the Alberta one, within a period of three years.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 79; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 19 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 45.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—5 p.m.—29.34.

Today—8 a.m.—29.31.