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MILLET STEWART FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Millet Stewart, who has been on trial here on the charge of murdering James Ross on the night of August 2, was found guilty of manslaughter on Thursday.

His Honor Chief Justice McKeown completed his charge to the jury Thursday morning, and the jury, after being out for two hours, returned to court and asked His Honor for further instructions on the question of self-defence, murder and manslaughter.

After having received these instructions, the jury again retired and, after being out for six hours brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

The prisoner was remanded for sentence.

In the case of the King against Edward Hachey, charged with breaking and entering the store of Allen Black at Newcastle, the prisoner pleaded guilty and was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

FRANCE ACCEPTS NAVAL SHIP RATIO

PARIS, Dec. 23—Premier Briand has sent Ambassador Jusserand in Washington a final and definite acceptance of the capital ship ratio. France, however, it is said, maintains her position regarding submarines and coast defence ships, although she is willing to negotiate. France insists on her security, but it disposed to cooperate with the United States as far as possible.

PARIS, Dec. 23—Premier Tachibana of Japan is quoted by the Tokio correspondent of the newspaper Excelsior as declaring:

"The quadruple entente, which for Japan replaces the Anglo Japanese alliance, is much wider in bearing and removes all chances of war."

"I venture to say," he continued, "that the Washington Conference has opened a new epoch in the Pacific and the world. I not only believe that the entente will result in making the Japanese people happier, because it will lighten their burdens but further, that by reason of the guarantee we obtain, the position of Japan is strengthened in the Far East."

In regard to China, the Premier was quoted as saying:

"China is in an advanced stage of decomposition. It will be an unpleasant situation for Japan and a misfortune for China, if, as the result of her anarchy, she does not co-operate with the friendly powers seeking to bring about her unifications."

The Premier concluded by characterizing the report that Japan had designs on French Indo-China as "an absurd fable which has no foundation in the past, and will not have in the future."

If there was any discussion in Japan about Indo-China, it was because Japan had not been given favored nation treatment there.

He hoped that a commercial agreement on this subject would strengthen the good relations between Japan and France.

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NAMES MENTIONED FOR NEW CABINET

OTTAWA, Dec. 22—While Hon. T. A. Crerar speeds eastward for his conference with Ontario Progressives cabinet making is more or less suspended. The line up from present indications appears to be: Nova Scotia Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance; New Brunswick, A. B. Copp, secretary of state; P. E. Island, John E. Sinclair, minister without portfolio; Quebec, Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice; Dr. Beland, postmaster general; Hon. Jacques Bureau, solicitor general; Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, minister of marine and fisheries and James Robb, minister of customs. There is a possibility of another port folio for Nova Scotia to go to D. D. McKenzie, Hon. A. K. MacLean or E. N. MacDonald, K. C. For Ontario the prospects include, besides the Premier, W. C. Kennedy, W. D. Euler and James Murdoch, for a constituency yet to be found, and one for the following four: T. A. Low, W. M. Gorman, James Malcolm or Manley Chew.

If the Progressives and Liberals can come together the prairie province ministers may be Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of railways; Hon. A. B. Hudson, minister of immigration; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, or Premier Martin or ex-Premier Stewart of Alberta minister of the interior. Hon. Dr. King, now minister of public works in British Columbia, might have a similar position here. If General Victor Odlum could find a seat he might be the choice as minister of soldiers' civil service re-establishment.

SUPREME COUNCIL TO MEET SOON

London, Dec. 21—Another meeting of the Allied Supreme Council, this time at Cannes, on the French Riviera, is the outcome of the parleys between Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand of France during the last few days. The meeting will be held the first week in January. It will be preceded by a meeting of the council of ambassadors within a few days at Paris for arranging the details of the Cannes meeting.

A pledge to secrecy was entered into between the two premiers regarding their London conversations, but the supreme council evidently has been called either to revise the reparations provisions of the treaty of Versailles or to deliberate on the advisability of calling a still larger international conference with a view to dealing with the whole question of international finances and exchanges, which is linked up with the question of reparations.

That such a conference is in contemplation and will possibly include Russia and Germany, if not the United States, seems to be shown by the fact that the commission entrusted

DEFEAT OF HON. R. B. BENNETT PRACTICALLY CONCEDED

Calgary, Dec. 22—The election of J. T. Shaw, Progressive, over Hon. R. B. Bennett, Minister of Justice, in the federal constituency of West Calgary was practically conceded to night after all the polls had been recounted. Mr. Shaw had majority of twelve votes.

There are, however, 76 ballots on which Judge R. W. Winter has reserved judgement.

MR. J. P. WHALEN WILL BUILD BLOCK

Negotiations have just been completed whereby Mr. James P. Whelan has purchased the important property standing on the corner of King and St. George's streets, Bathurst, N. B. formerly owned by the Knights of Columbus.

This conspicuous business stand enjoys a central location the value of which is enhanced by the fact that it stands at the junction of the leading thoroughfares in town.

Speculation has been rife for some time regarding the future of this corner. In the first place it was thought that the Knights of Columbus would build their hall on that spot but apparently the offer of Mr. Whelan succeeded in persuading them to part with it.

It is Mr. Whelan's intention to build a substantial brick block on this property, and while he will not be committed to any definite time for the commencement of this operation he conceded that in all likelihood it will take place next year.

with the examination into the Russian situation has drafted a report which is now under consideration by the French and British experts.

The meeting between M. Briand and George Harvey, the United States ambassador, is believed to have been concerned mainly with naval questions. Its occurrence at the present juncture, however, was the cause of considerable speculation as to whether it may not also have been connected with the known desire of the Entente powers to induce the United States to interest itself in reparations questions.

It is said that Premier Lloyd George purposes to leave for Cannes the middle of next week, so as to secure a few days of rest before the meeting of the supreme council.

M. Briand this evening made the announcement to newspapermen that the council of ambassadors would meet in Paris and that it would take up the question of German reparations as an outcome of the present conversations between Lloyd George and himself. M. Briand added that real progress has been made in the conversations. Several points had been smoothed out with complete cordiality and "he was very much satisfied."

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

While Christmas Business this year was not as brisk as last year, still considering the prevailing conditions and weather, the merchants generally are well satisfied with the holiday trade.