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FAIR AND WARM

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NO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WILLIAMS TRAGEDY

BRITISH CAPTURE GERMAN POSITIONS EAST OF HOOGHE AND RETAKE WEST HOEK

Assaulting Forces Gain Virtually All of Their Objectives to the Depth of Several Hundred Yards in the First Rush.

GERMANS EXPECTED BY BRITISH TO COUNTER-ATTACK IMMEDIATELY

Enemy Offers Considerable Resistance at Several Points East of Monchy-le-Preux and Severe Casualties Are Inflicted on Teutonic Troops.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Aug. 10.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's forces at daybreak this morning attacked and captured virtually all the German forward positions east of the Belgian town of Frezenburg and the Ypres-Menin road.

The assaulting forces gained virtually all their objectives to the depth of several hundred yards in the first rush.

This section of the front was the scene of the hardest fighting on the first day of the battle of Flanders, south of Westhoek the terrain is marshy in places, and in the wooded section the Germans had strengthened their positions by constructing deep dugouts. These obstacles, however, did not deter the onward rush of the British troops this morning.

Details of the fighting are not yet available, but it is known that the British troops forged forward in the wake of a protecting barrage from their artillery, and achieved most of the objectives in a remarkably short space of time.

Following the usual tactics the Germans undoubtedly will counter-attack almost immediately in an attempt to regain these important positions.

British Statement.

"The text of the statement reads: 'In the course of a successful local attack delivered early this morning east of Ypres our troops completed the capture of the village of Westhoek and secured the remaining positions held by the enemy on the high ground known as Westhoek ridge.'

"On the left flank of the battle front our allies continue to make progress east and north of Blacchoote.

"Our raiding parties entered the enemy's positions yesterday evening on a wide front, east of Monchy-le-Preux, blew in his dugouts and did great damage to his defenses. The enemy offered considerable resistance at several points and severe casualties were inflicted on his troops during the period when our troops were still in occupation of the German front.

"A hostile counter-attack was stopped by our machine gun fire. We captured two machine guns and a number of prisoners."

WALTER INCHES OF ST STEPHEN PASSES AWAY

Border Town Loses Prominent and Popular Citizen—In Young Days Was Resident of St. John.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Aug. 10.—The death of Walter W. Inches, which occurred this afternoon at his home on Marks street, was heard of with sincere regret by all classes in the community, for he was universally respected and esteemed. Mr. Inches had not been in robust health for some years but bore suffering with great resignation and only his intimates knew anything of what he endured. On Saturday he started with a party of gentlemen for an auto trip through Aroostook county, Me., a guest of J. W. Graham.

On reaching Houlton that evening he complained of illness, but rather than interfere with the pleasure of the trip for his companions, he insisted on continuing and reached Presque Isle through Houlton physicians had advised against it. There it was realized that his condition was critical and he was brought home on a cot on the C. P. R. express, accompanied by two members of the party, M. W. McCormack and C. W. Grimmer, arriving here Monday evening. He sank gradually from that time and entered into rest at about three o'clock this afternoon. His death was due to a stoppage of the bowels, complicated by a weak heart.

Formerly of St. John.

Mr. Inches is survived by his wife, who was Miss Maria Grimmer, and one son, Lieut. G. Inches. One daughter predeceased him by some years. He was singularly devoted to his home and in their great loss the wife and son have the sincere sympathy of the community. He was fifty-six years of age. In religion Mr. Inches was a Presbyterian and very regular in his attendance on the services of that

church. In politics he was a Conservative and devoted to the interests of that party. He was the senior member of the grocery firm of Inches & Grimmer and for many years has been the local agent of the Dominion Express Company. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, a prominent Odd Fellow, a past master of Sussex Lodge, F. & A. M., and past commander of St. Stephen Encampment K. T., and was known and respected all over the province. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon under the auspices of Sussex Lodge, St. Stephen has lost a very valuable citizen in his demise, the suddenness of which has depressed all.

Mr. Inches was the first man to sell tickets at the first roller rink built in St. John. It is now called the Queen's Rink.

CANADA'S CHECK BREAKS RECORD IN NEW YORK

J. P. Morgan and Co. Puts Little One Over for Paltry Bit of \$96,111,111.11.

Special to The Standard.

New York, Aug. 10.—A cheque for \$96,111,111.11, the largest ever recorded in New York clearing house, drawn by J. P. Morgan and Co., for credit of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada, in settlement of the \$100,000,000 loan recently floated for the Dominion by a syndicate headed by the Morgan house, was paid here today by the Liberty National Bank.

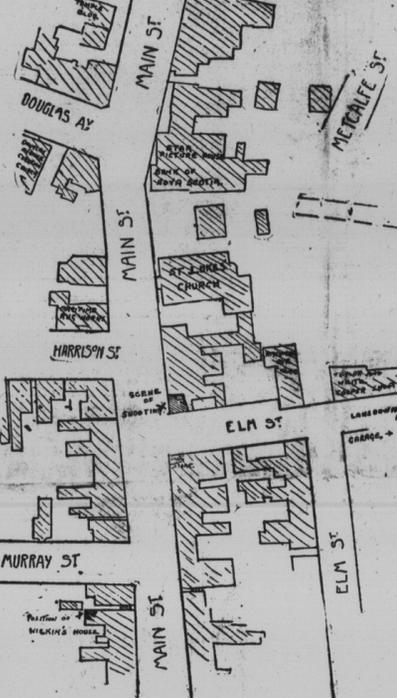
The largest previous cheque shown in the clearing house records was more than \$26,000,000 less than today's.

SIXTY MILE GALE STRIKES MONCTON

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Aug. 10.—A gale blowing sixty miles an hour struck Moncton this evening, blew down trees, broke telegraph wires and quickly scattered pedestrians in their homes. The tempest was the heaviest mid-summer gale felt in Moncton for years. Rain accompanied the big blow.

Mysterious Man Still at Large; Inquest Was Begun Last Night; Dr. Dunlop's Important Evidence



Herewith is shown a plan of the Main street district in which the murder was committed. The Williams shop on the corner of Main and Elm streets is shaded. It will be seen that the Williams house, at which distance it has been stated crimes were heard, is at a considerable distance from the scene of the crime. The beginning of Lansdowne Avenue is shown as is also the cooper shop near which the mysterious unknown was first seen running away from the Williams store.

The veil of mystery surrounding the murder of Harry L. Williams was not lifted yesterday. The police are scouring the country for a trace of the strange man seen in the vicinity of the Williams premises the night of the tragedy but he is still as elusive as ever.

The coroner's inquest was opened last evening when the evidence of four witnesses was taken but with the exception of Dr. Dunlop they failed to throw any new light on the case.

Dr. Dunlop, who performed the autopsy on the body of the murdered man, gave it as his opinion that the revolver from which the fatal shot was fired must have been held quite close to the victim's head; otherwise the bullet would have penetrated the lobe of the ear, which it did not do.

The report that Williams had a disagreement with a customer in his store on Tuesday was run to earth and proved to be groundless. The incident giving rise to it occurred in another store but Mr. Williams was not concerned in it.

The body of the murdered man was buried yesterday after it had been viewed by the jury and the inquest proceeded in the evening.

That the case has stirred St. John as this city has not been stirred since the days of the Rockwood Park murder and the Tanyard Gang was evidenced by the crowd of interested spectators in the courtroom last evening. They hung with morbid interest upon the testimony of the various witnesses but, with the exception of Dr. Dunlop's opinion, nothing developed to support new theories or to open untraveled trails of evidence.

The general view in regard to the murder still is that it was the work of a lunatic, but as far as can be learned so far, a motive—that centre from which the solution of criminal cases usually starts—is absolutely lacking. Williams was a hard working, good living, inoffensive citizen, as far as a known, without an enemy. This makes it more difficult to understand why anyone should wish to stain his hands with his blood and leads again to the theory that the terrible crime was suggested by a diseased brain.

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Women Saw Suspicious Looking Stranger on Rockland Road Wednesday Night.

MURDERED MAN WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

Detectives Are Searching City and Outlying Districts for Man Who Ran From the Scene of Murder.

THE VICTIM



HARRY L. WILLIAMS

BOMBARD TURK BATTERIES

Entente Allied Warships Attack Coast of Asia Minor.

London, Aug. 10.—Entente Allied warships since yesterday have been bombarding the Turkish batteries along the coast of Asia Minor, according to a despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company. British monitors have successfully reduced to silence one of the Turkish batteries and have destroyed an air-drome installed near another.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, August 10.

Wounded—

Infantry.

J. M. King, Clyde River, N. S.

A. D. Cotchell, St. Stephen, N. B.

Lance Corporal C. F. Colpitts, Alma, N. B.

J. E. Smith, Coal Branch, N. B.

Infantry.

Killed in action—

J. A. Gilmore, Flagg's Cove, N. B.

Wounded—

E. Glanmond, Campbellton, N. B.

Artillery.

Wounded—

W. E. Tupper, Digby, N. S.

He bathed interally.

A young man who resides in the North End was arrested by Policeman Hogg on Main street about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man is charged with being drunk and also with having in his possession six bottles of alcohol. It is stated on authority that the young man declares that he drank some of the alcohol and became intoxicated. It is further stated that he did not obtain the liquor for the purpose of drinking but had it to bathe sore feet. He had over forty dollars in his possession when arrested, but last night friends could not get his release from the cells by making deposit of money, and he will be dealt with in the police courts this morning.

DR. F. T. DUNLOP TESTIFIES REVOLVER WAS HELD CLOSE TO HEAD OF MURDERED MAN

This Was the Chief Feature at Coroner's Enquiry Last Night—Courtroom Crowded to the Doors—Will Resume Monday, August 20.

"From all appearances I would say that the revolver was held very close to the head, otherwise had the pistol been discharged from a distance the bullet would have penetrated the lobe of the ear"—Dr. F. T. Dunlop's statement at the coroner's inquest which is investigating into the death of Harry L. Williams, who died from the result of a bullet wound in the head on Tuesday evening.

Last night's proceedings at the court house did not reveal anything of a startling nature, with the exception that Stanley Hawkhurst, the last man seen to enter the store by William James McGuire, swore that the window blinds on Elm street were up while Police Officer Jones in a statement to the Standard said that the blinds were down when he passed the store at 11:30.

The court house was crowded showing the intense interest manifested in the tragic and lamentable death of Harry L. Williams.

A feature of the evidence produced last night was the statement of Dr. Dunlop, who contends that the gun was held very close to the head. He said that he noticed in the post mortem examination the bone in the head through which the bullet passed showed a blackened area about a quarter of an inch in width around the entire circumference made by the bullet.

None of the witnesses examined heard anything which resembled the report of a revolver, neither did they see any person enter the store with the possible exception of the clerk, Stanley Hawkhurst. However Leo McMinimen, who was the first to notice the body in the store said that about the time he noticed Detective William Duncan, he saw a man walking up Main street towards Douglas avenue.

Dr. F. L. Kenney at the conclusion of the examination of the witnesses said that the inquest would be adjourned until Monday, August 20th, in order that the police might have time to make further investigation. The jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Harry L. Williams is made up of the following members: A. A. McIntyre (foreman), E. L. Robertson, William Crosby, Charles Gurney, W. N. Springer, and T. W. Thompson.

DR. F. T. DUNLOP

Dr. F. T. Dunlop was the first witness called. He said that he held a port mortem on the body of Harry L. Williams and found discoloration of both eyes. Behind the left ear a wound. On the outside of head saw another wound smaller than one on right. The wound on the left side more pinched out than that on the right. About the hole was found a blackened area extending around the hole. In the brain substance were found small pieces of fractured bones.

Dr. Dunlop stated that from his examination of the wound he did not think that it could be caused by anything else but a bullet. From the appearance of the wound on the left side he felt sure that the bullet entered that side of the head.

I would think from the condition of the wound that the gun was held very close to his head. He expressed his opinion that had the bullet been fired from any distance it would have penetrated the lobe of the ear. From all appearances he said he thought the gun was held very close. The wound of exit was about one inch higher than the wound of entrance. Mr. Williams might have lived a very short time after receiving wound. He might have been able to call out but it would hardly be probable. Dr. Dunlop stated that it was possible for the wound to be self inflicted. The witness would not state if it were probable that the wound was self-inflicted. Dr. Dunlop stated during the course of examination that the man probably held with the muzzle pointing to the back of the head in an elevated position.

Had No Quarrel Saturday.

William Stanley Hawkhurst who was in the employ of the deceased, was the next witness called. He said that he drove the car for Mr. Williams and also worked in the shop. He was working in the shop Tuesday afternoon. Left about 3 o'clock, went to the bar and took out the car. Came back to the store and after delivering another parcel went home. After supper he went to Seaside Park. Left Seaside about ten o'clock. From there the witness said he came in the car

and went down as far as St. Patrick street. On his way back he saw a light in the store. He knocked on the window and Williams asked him to come in. The witness said he asked Williams if he missed the train. To this deceased replied "I must have or I would not be here." The witness said that the door was closed, but not locked. The blinds on Main street were up a piece, and the door blinds on Main street were up about a foot. The witness said he asked the deceased how long he was going to stay there. The deceased said that he had started some work and he was going to finish it. The witness said he left the store at 11:05 and went home. He said he came back to the store when notified by the police.

Continuing, witness said: "I have been working for Mr. Williams since the first week in February. He used to take the cash out of the till and put it in the safe. I could not say if he did this on Tuesday night. On my way back from Seaside in the car, I noticed the light in the store. At the end of the month Mr. Williams used to stay at night and fix the books up. I never saw any firearms around the shop. Williams used to carry a watch but something went wrong with it and he took it over to Mr. Tait's and since then I have not seen him with it."

Regarding the report of a quarrel in the store one night with a customer, the witness said that he did not hear of any, and that he (the witness) only worked from 5 o'clock until 7:30 on Saturday night. "When I saw Mr. Williams last the left side of his face was facing Main street."

Asked by the foreman if Mr. Williams was in alone when he saw him, the witness replied in the affirmative.

Leo Vincent McMinimen.

Leo McMinimen, a clerk employed with T. Durick, said that he was in the Williams store about 11:20 o'clock. Previous to that he was to the Opera House and after the show took a car at the head of King street for Seaside Park. The witness said that he attended the first show at the Opera House. On his return from Seaside he got off the car at Douglas Ave. and in company with a friend he walked down to Adelaide street. He said he left there about 11 o'clock. On his way back to Durick's store he saw a light in the store. He did not notice any light in the store, neither did he notice the store. He said he did not pass any person on the street coming down from the Opera House. He stated that he was in Durick's store from 11:20 to 11:55 and left then for home. He said that he saw with Mr. McGuire. The witness said that there was a light in Williams' store and he thought it was unusual that he was there so late. The Elm street blind was up to the top. The blinds on Main street were up about the same height as those on the door. The witness said he had been troubled with broken arches and he partly stumbled and in so doing noticed the body of a man on the floor. He thought it best to get in touch with some officials and then noticed Detective Duncan and told him what he had seen. Duncan entered the store first followed by McGuire and witness. When they got into the store things did not look as though they had been disarranged.

Witness said he knew Williams about ten years, and with the exception of Saturday night never knew him to be working that late. About the time witness saw Duncan, he saw an individual walking up towards Douglas avenue. He did not see any person going up Elm street, while he was in Durick's store, for he was in the dispensing room.

The witness said he never heard of Mr. Williams having fire arms in his store.

William James McGuire.

William James McGuire, also in the employ of T. J. Durick, said that he went to work at 6 o'clock. He said that he did not notice the store of Harry L. Williams being open until he wanted to borrow a window brush. The Elm street blind was up, and the door blinds were all the way down. Mr. Williams was sitting down facing Main street, when witness went in to get a window brush. Williams said that he did not think that the window brush was much good. He got it from the back shop. "There was no one else in the shop that witness knew of." When the witness left the store he said he closed the door. He said that he was surprised for

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