

"Have Only Myself To Blame," Declares Hotrum To Jailer

Double Execution Will Take Place On August 3 — Trap in Gallows Is Wide Enough To Permit Two To Be Hanged At Same Time—Condemned Men Widely Separated.

Toronto, May 21.—"I want into it with my eyes open, and I have only myself to blame," Roy Hotrum told a jail official on his arrival at the jail, after receiving his death sentence. Hotrum was stripped of his own clothing, and put into jail garb and led to his death cell on the second floor of the jail, at the end of the corridor where McPadden's cell is.

Not since 1915 has the jail housed two men who were under the sentence of death, and like McPadden and Hotrum, they were convicted of killing one man. They were John Zipko and John Cekoski, two Poles, and were convicted of killing a fellow-countryman on the Mount Pleasant road. Zipko confessed on the eve of the execution, April 13, 1915, and was hanged. Cekoski was sent to Kingston for life. If the men are both executed, there is room for a double hanging in the death chamber. The trap is wide enough for two. The execution chamber is half-way between the condemned men's cells, in the same corridor.

Governor Basher visited both men this morning after breakfast. Neither had any complaints and greeted the governor with a cheery "Good morning." Hotrum has a death watch of three men, working in eight-hour shifts, making six death watchmen in all.

South Wellington Liberals Meeting in Guelph Today To Choose Their Candidate

Dissatisfaction With Meighen Govt. All Through the Riding and Convention Today Promises To Break All Records —Guelph Man May Be Choice For Federal Election.

[Special to The Advertiser.] GUELPH, May 20.—A record crowd of delegates and voters from all parts of the riding is expected here Saturday for the big convention of the South Wellington Liberals, which will take place at the city hall at 2 o'clock. Secretary Stewart of the association has received word from the various municipalities in the riding that a full quota of delegates will be here for the convention, and that from an interest in being taken in the meeting.

In addition to the selection of a candidate the convention will be addressed by Mr. A. R. McMaster, M.P. for Brant, and John Sinclair, M.P. for Guelph, N.S., both of whom are standing figures in the Dominion Liberal party. Mr. McMaster and Mr. Sinclair will arrive in Guelph Saturday morning. The Liberal Association has issued an invitation to all opponents of the Meighen Government to attend the convention, and arrangements have been made to accommodate a large crowd in addition to the official delegates. The latter will be allocated special seating capacity, and the remainder of the hall will be thrown open to the public.

No predictions are being made as to who the convention will bring out as a candidate for the next federal election. The riding in this district, which includes a Guelph man should be chosen, and the names mentioned as possible candidates are: S. Carter, ex-M.P. for South Wellington; City Manager D. H. Hargrave; Ald. Frank Howard and J. W. Oakes. It is almost certain that a Guelph man will be placed in nomination.

MEIGHEN HAS TO ADMIT THE VENIOT LETTERS

Premier Tries To Explain Away His Former Denial.

OTTAWA, May 20.—(By Canadian Press).—Another chapter in the Veniot incident, which has figured prominently in the House of Commons during the last few days, was read to the members of the House of Commons this afternoon. It was in the form of a series of letters between the unnamed resident of St. John, N. B., and Sir Robert Borden. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. R. W. Wilmot, minister of customs and inland revenue, in which the writer of the letters, whose name was not made public by the prime minister, urged that Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works in the late Borden cabinet, be offered a portfolio in the Federal cabinet, as his inclusion would give the French-Canadian strength among the French-Canadians in the east.

The prime minister, rising to make his statement, said he had been vaguely aware that letters dealing with such a subject had reached him. It was not until this morning, however, that he had received the letters, which he was about to read to the House.

Wrote to Borden. The correspondence began with a personal letter from the unnamed correspondent to Sir Robert Borden on December 22, 1917, in which the writer, Veniot, was brought into the federal cabinet. He was, said the writer, a leading French-Canadian in the province of Quebec, and no doubt it would be easy to arrange with Mr. Turgeon (the present minister of public works) to make a "bumping" of Veniot to the big man in the federal government, said Sir Robert's informant.

On November 2, 1920, a letter came from the St. John man to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, setting forth the contents of his previous letter to Sir Robert Borden. "Sir Robert," said this letter, "did not act on the suggestion, but he wrote me in favor of it."

Was Not Favored. When reading the letters in the House this evening, the prime minister stated that he had not been in favor of the proposal.

The writer urged Hon. Mr. Meighen to "take Mr. Veniot as representative of the Acadians. This would strengthen the government, and a powerful French-speaking people and be a powerful factor in breaking the solid front against it, and change opponents into supporters."

"You need a Tarte," quoted the writer from a newspaper article. "Well, Mr. Veniot is the next thing to a Tarte. A trained parliamentarian, good debater, fluent speaker in both English and French, clever, and with his hands well with his chair authorities and both French and English-speaking people, knows the political game, and so far has made good as a minister of public works for New Brunswick."

LONDON MAN KILLED IN DETROIT FRIDAY

Vernon Bonser Electrocutated At Edison Company Plant —To Be Buried Here.

Vernon Bonser, a native of this city, was electrocuted at the Edison Company plant in Detroit on Friday afternoon. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Bonser was born here 30 years ago, and for some time was employed by the public utilities commission, afterwards going to Detroit.

He is survived by his wife and one child; his sister, Mrs. William Wvatt, of Broughdale, and one brother, Bert, living in Detroit. The remains will be brought to this city for interment. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon from the residence of William Ward, 1300 Mount Pleasant avenue.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan, in answer to an inquiry today, stated that Mr. Bonser, who was formerly employed by the P. U. C. as foreman line-man, was one of a party of four or five men who left the commission's employ about five years ago, when the rate of wages being paid in Detroit was very high. "He was a very good workman," remarked Mr. Buchanan, adding, "It is a strange fact that Mr. Bonser is the fourth member of the party which went to Detroit to die there, two of them having died of influenza, and one was killed. Mr. Bonser is the second to die a violent death."

OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED. St. Louis, Mo., May 21.—The general officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union were re-elected at the closing session of the fifteenth biennial convention here yesterday, and Montreal was chosen for the next assembly.

NEW S. A. STAFF CAPTAIN COMING FROM HALIFAX, N.S.

Captain and Mrs. R. Penfold To Take Over Capt. Ritchie's Charge.

GOING TO BERMUDA

Capt. and Mrs. Ritchie Are Appointed to Charge in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Staff Captain and Mrs. N. A. Ritchie, second in command of the London district of the Salvation Army, received a telegram on Friday that they are to be transferred to Hamilton, Bermuda, where they will take charge of the work of the army in that city. Staff Captain and Mrs. Ritchie have been on the local staff for four years, coming here from Toronto, and were among the most popular Salvationists in this district. A considerable amount of their time was spent amongst the young people's organizations.

Brigadier Alex. Crichton, district commander, received a telegram from the Dominion Command this morning to the effect that Staff Captain and Mrs. R. Penfold of Halifax, N. S., will take over Captain Ritchie's charge here. Captain Penfold was a chaplain with a battalion of the army and has an enviable war record. He will be officially installed on June 12.

The farewell services of Captain and Mrs. Ritchie will be held at No. 1 Citadel on June 5. They will sail for Bermuda on June 9.

A PERFECT BABY

BABY ARTHUR TANGEMAN of 371 Central avenue, the winner of the prize offered for the best baby under 1 year of age at the Baby Welfare clinics held at the Technical School this week. Baby Tangeman is but 5 months old, is a perfect baby, and weighs 23 pounds.

EVE OF ELECTIONS FINDS ULSTER LIKE A REGION AT WAR

Unionists Confident of Winning 32 Out of 52 Seats.

BELFAST, May 20.—Ulster, on the eve of the elections, the first to be held under the system of proportional representation, is like a region at war. The atmosphere is one of tension and everywhere, lorry loads of police and military with rifles ready for action come and go, and the military is guarding the headquarters of all royalist activities. But up to the present there have been no more than the usual clashes between rival factions, which have occurred in Ulster elections for a generation, and nothing beyond this is anticipated by those in the best position to judge.

However, the authorities are taking no chances. Forces are being kept ready, so they can be rushed to the scene of possible disturbances, and, if necessary, prevent factional fights from developing into something more serious.

Taking Precautions. For election day, May 24, further precautions are being taken, such as the closing of all licensed premises. There will be freedom of movement for motor cars having permits, a privilege which will be restricted to the election day. As for the results of the polling, the Unionists are very confident, claiming they will win 34 out of the 52 seats. Thomas Moles, member of the British Parliament for Belfast, who gives this forecast, does not believe the wrong will be made by the Unionists, who will make any difference in the result.

It is generally believed the women will vote as their men have always voted, either Catholic or Protestant, and the Socialist vote among the workmen, which is likely to go to the Sinn Fein, will be offset by Catholics, who heretofore have voted Nationalist, but who disagree with the extreme policy of the Sinn Fein.

Are Pessimistic. The Nationalists, who are fighting their battle on the platform of "no partition," are rather pessimistic. They fear the combined forces of the Nationalists and Sinn Feiners will not win more than twelve to eighteen seats.

Joseph Devlin, the Nationalist leader, and candidate for a seat in the Northern Parliament, is addressing half a dozen meetings daily, but his chief lieutenant at Belfast, Daniel McCann, said today: "Ulster still is Ulster, and all the talking in the world will not change the fact." "The Nationalists are taking an active part in the electioneering, holding demonstrations and canvassing. Some organizers have been brought from the south by the Sinn Fein, but their work is being done on the quiet."

THREE KILLED DURING ENCOUNTER BETWEEN ITALIAN RADICALS

Rome, May 21.—Three persons are dead, two are dying, and many are suffering from wounds as a result of a pitched battle between Communists and Extreme Nationalists at Chiusi, Tuscany, where post-election disorders continue. Signor Platani, leader of the Extreme Nationalists at Rimini, was shot and killed last night, his assassin escaping.

BEST PAIR OF TWINS



Babies Walter and Albert Coulson of 144 Fullarton street, the best pair of five pairs of twins examined at the Technical School this week. These twins are perfect babies.

FORMER PASTOR BELIEVES ATTACK ON MISS FEE TO BE ACT OF ONE DEMENTED

Rev. Mr. Shepperson Declares That Palmerston Is Noted For Its Church Quarrels—Speaks Highly of the Choir Leader and Explains Circumstances Under Which She Was Dismissed.

Beamsville, M., 21.—To Rev. Mr. Shepperson, who was the Methodist minister in Palmerston three years ago, at the time of the quarrel which led to Miss Lee's dismissal as organist, the dastardly attack against her seems to be the work of somebody with a "demented mind." Although it was the choir trouble stirred up in the factional feud in the Methodist Church that caused Mr. Shepperson to leave his charge a year after his installation as pastor at Palmerston, still he says he bears no ill-will against Mr. Lee. "I was not dismissed," he said, "I had to go because my health would not stand the constant quarrelling. Palmerston is noted for its church quarrels."

"I know nothing at all about the present trouble," Mr. Shepperson said, when first telephoned, but to correct some statements that had been made in the first choir feud he granted an interview at the parsonage on Mountain road.

Claims Reports Wrong. "It is wrong to say as the reports do that I dismissed Miss Lee," stated Mr. Shepperson. "As pastor I was simply head of the board. I played one night half past eleven with them not to take such action, but to retain her at least for the year she had been hired."

"In our candid opinion," he said, "the trouble was born out of his wife, Miss Lee is a fine person. Her dismissal was no reflection on her character. She is well qualified in every way as an organist and choir leader. The whole trouble started when she put in a local organist instead of playing herself. She had been hired by the board to be organist as well as choir leader, and they thought she ought to have played the organ herself."

Strain Was Too Great. "Why did she do that?" he was asked. Mr. Shepperson's reply was that while Miss Lee was a fine organist, she was too nervous and found the playing a greater strain than she could bear. She was not a person, the minister asserted, who would stir up antagonism, but a certain section of the community took up her cause. Mr. Shepperson denied any knowledge of there ever having been trouble between the Methodist and Presbyterian choirs in Palmerston. This present trouble was all new to him, and he had never heard of Jack Nairn.

Mrs. Shepperson was in Brantford on Tuesday and Wednesday this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Nairn, a missionary society convention and learned of the trouble for the first time when she read about it in the papers. Upon her arrival home Wednesday evening she told her husband, Mr. Shepperson, and he told a copy of a Toronto paper to get the latest details. It seems the Sheppersons were in Palmerston last fall, and they state they did not learn of any trouble at that time.

GRANT UNABLE TO ATTEND CONVOCATION DR. CODY IS COMING

Minister of Education Ordered To Take Rest—Ex-Minister Will Substitute.

Following instructions from his physician, who has ordered a rest, the Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education for Ontario, has notified Dean Sherwood Fox of the arts department of Western University that he will be unable to attend the convocation exercises of Western University, to be held next Friday evening. The minister was to be the principal speaker of the evening, and while disappointed at the ill-health and inability of Mr. Grant to be present, Dean Fox announces that the committee has secured the former minister of education of Ontario, Archdeacon H. F. Cody, D.D., who has condescended to address the graduates at their convocation.

The exams at Western were concluded today, art students putting the finishing touches on this morning. The Meis warty up the term on Tuesday last, and have departed for various parts of the country, where they will labor until the commencement of the fall term to accumulate sufficient finances to carry them through another year. On their return next October they will attend the new school on Ottawa avenue for all lectures. It is understood that the old medical school at York and Waterloo streets will be remodeled during the summer vacation, to accommodate art students next fall.

The examination results of Western University will likely be ready for publication about Wednesday next, the faculty in both departments being busily engaged marking papers at the present time.

BABY CONSTANCE

Baby Constance Osborne of 125 Wharfside road south of the winner of the \$5 prize for the best baby between 2 and 5 years of age, examined at the Baby Welfare clinics held at the Technical School this week. Baby Osborne was present at the prize giving on Friday night, receiving her prize personally.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, May 21.—(Canadian Press).—Today in Parliament: IN THE COMMONS. The budget resolutions increasing the salaries of the members of the House of Commons, and estimates of the labor, public works and customs departments to be taken up. IN THE SENATE. The Senate meets at 10 o'clock this morning. Yesterday in Parliament. IN THE COMMONS. Right Hon. J. W. Lowther, former speaker of the British House, presented the speaker's chair to the Commons. Budget resolutions considered in committee. Premier produced letters on Veniot overture. IN THE SENATE. Motion by Senator Roche for production of papers respecting expropriation of Halifax graving dock carried. Bankruptcy act amendments put through committee.

MORNING POST SEES END OF THE LEAGUE

Ambassador Harvey's Sentiments Are Approved.

London, May 21.—Two very cordial editorials were included in this morning's newspaper comments on the address made by George Harvey, United States ambassador to Great Britain, on Thursday night. They were published in the Morning Post, which never had any use for the League of Nations, and the Daily Telegraph. The Post said that Mr. Lloyd George's assertion that the "future well-being of the world depends mainly upon Anglo-American friendship and co-operation" was true, and it continued: "This being so, the League of Nations cannot, as we have been told rather frequently, be the only and unique guarantee of the future peace of the world."

Referring to Anglo-American relations the paper declared that nothing in recent years more thoroughly dissipated misunderstanding than President Harding's memorable statement of United States policy, to which Mr. Harvey referred during his speech.

"The British public," the newspaper added, "may well wish the policy of the British Government was as definite and simple as that of the United States."

The Daily Telegraph's comment, which was largely a personal appreciation of Ambassador Harvey, cordially agreed with the Morning Post, and was quietus to the idea that the United States may yet be beguiled into the league.

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED TODAY AT WOODBINE OPENING

Duke and Duchess of Devonshire To Attend Races.

Toronto, May 21.—All indications today point to a bumper opening for the spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club at the Woodbine racetrack, which will open for the year of the Canadian Racing Association circuit. The prospects are for perfect weather with a summer temperature. Socially and from a sporting standpoint the program this afternoon is a big one. Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, representatives of King George in Canada, will attend the races this afternoon, and their visit to the city is in the nature of a farewell, on the occasion of the duke's term as governor-general. The feature race of the afternoon appropriately enough is the classic King's Plate, which has been proclaimed "the oldest turf feature run continuously in this continent." It is expected the crowds this afternoon will break all records. The track is in excellent condition.

It is expected that nine horses will contest for the King's Plate, which carries with it King George's prize of 50 guineas, to which the Ontario Jockey Club added a further purse of \$7,000. The race is for 3-year-olds bred in the province of Ontario and non-winners previously except in 2-year-old races. The course is for one mile and a quarter.

In addition to the King's Plate there is a well-balanced card of races, including a six-furlong handicap and the Minto Steeplechase.

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR SPEEDBOAT RACES

Detroit, May 21.—Seven entries are in prospect for the gold cup race, which carries the speed boat championship of the United States, and which is to be held here beginning August 27, according to J. Lee Barrett, secretary of the gold cup and Harmsworth trophy committee. Two challenges already have been filed.

The committee, meeting here yesterday, approved the tentative draft of the gold cup and Harmsworth courses. A chart of the latter course is to be submitted to Sir Mackay Edgar of London, who will attempt to lift the trophy won at Cowes, England, last year by Gar Wood, for his approval.

A change in the rules to govern the Wood-Fisher 150-mile race was approved by the committee. The change will admit to the even boats with a piston displacement of 3,000 cubic inches. This will allow Edsel Ford's new boat to compete.

U. F. O. MEMBER NOT TO BE APPOINTED TO COMMISSION

Toronto, May 21.—W. H. Casselman, U. F. O. member for Dundas, will not be appointed to the Provincial Hydro-Electric Power Commission. The Drury Government so decided yesterday it was learned at the Parliament Buildings today.

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