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MANHOLE SIGNS WHEN TREATIES WITH RUSSIA

Hodges Held On Manslaughter Charge After Boy's Death

INQUEST IS CALLED IN DEATH OF KNOTT BOY

William Hodges, Formally Arraigned On a Charge of Manslaughter, DOES NOT PLEAD

Bail For \$10,000 Is Approved by Crown Attorney Judd.

William Hodges, 26 Yale street, held since yesterday noon by the county police on a charge of furious and wanton driving, was formally arraigned on a charge of manslaughter before County Magistrate Hawshaw this morning following the death of John Knott, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knott, Pipe Line road, who was knocked from his wheel on the Pipe Line road by a motorist on Wednesday night, and died in Victoria Hospital at 1:45 this morning.

Hodges, who, it is alleged, was the driver of the car, was not asked to plead when he was brought before the court by High Constable Wharton.

The prisoner was represented by no less than three lawyers, W. B. Henderson, J. G. Gillanders and Albert Murphy.

Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd approved of \$10,000 bail, with two sureties of \$5,000 each, one bond being arranged for by Frank Pearson of Hamilton, who employs Hodges as a salesman for his packing house.

Mr. Hodges suggested that Robinson as his other bondsman, and will be interviewed in the matter by J. G. Gillanders, who is attending to the matter of bail.

Jury Is Summoned.

A coroner's jury has been summoned by High Constable Wharton to meet at Victoria Hospital this afternoon to view the remains of the boy. Dr. Collins, coroner of Westminster Township, will have charge of the inquest, as the accident happened in Westminster Township.

Following are the names of the jury: Byron L. Dawson, 29 Elmwood avenue; T. W. Thomas, 55 Wharncliffe road; W. S. Crozier, 365 Victoria street; Fred Collins, 98 Dundas street; Harvey Thompson, 586 Elias street; John McLarty, 334 Princess avenue; George Tustin, 3 Victoria street; J. G. McLean, 2 Windsor avenue; Chris. Teale, 511 St. James street.

The inquest into the death was postponed until tomorrow afternoon at 12 o'clock. The jury will meet at the George E. Logan Funeral Home to view the remains.

High Constable Wharton states he has five witnesses who will tell all about the accident at the inquest, the date of which has not yet been set by Dr. Collins, but which will likely be tomorrow or Monday.

Remanded Eight Days.

"I'll make the remand for eight days," Magistrate Hawshaw told Hodges, who was quite collected, although very pale when he appeared in court. "That means," continued the court, "that you can be released any time your bail is approved of by the crown attorney."

Hodges wife was in court, and the prisoner smiled at her in a reassuring manner as he was led away by the high constable.

The accident occurred directly in front of the boy's home. His mother and father were both sitting on the porch watching him come down the road. Suddenly the car came down the road going at a fast rate, and before either of his parents could shout a warning the boy had been struck and hurled a distance of 30 feet. He was returning from an ice cream booth which is located a short distance up the street from his home and had an ice cream cone in his hand taking it home to his mother. She had been ill for several days and was not able to eat any food, and he volunteered to buy her an ice cream cone with money he had earned doing chores for the neighbors.

Funeral on Sunday.

The father of the dead boy says he would remember the car if he saw it again, but the mother said she was too much concerned with the condition of her boy to take any notice of the car.

S. Hessel, who heard the cries of the people and who was going along the highway in front of the other car, turned to look back and as he did this the car shot past him. He immediately started to follow the other motorist and passed him, taking note of his number.

He had his skull severely fractured, his right leg broken in two places and several deep cuts about the body. The funeral will be held from his home on Sunday afternoon at Dorchester Union Cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. George Young and Rev. J. Eckert.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Lorne, Lloyd and Stanley, and two sisters, Madeline and Kathleen, all at home.

LOCAL CLUBS PROTESTING CENTRAL LICENSE POINT

Rotarians and Kiwanians Want Motor Car Permits System Unhanged.

PLAN IS UNPOPULAR

Government Officials Contemplate Move To Save One Per Cent on Expenses.

The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of London have registered a protest against the motor licenses being issued from Toronto, rather than from different points throughout Ontario. The government's proposal to have all motor licenses issued from a central point to save one per cent revenue is not popular here. The protest from the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs has been handed to the London Motor Club.

C. E. Bernard of the London Motor Club said today that the proposal had aroused considerable feeling in London, and it is expected that further protests will be received. The secretary said that from the motorist's viewpoint the central system of issuing licenses will not be popular here because of the delay in getting the licenses. The matter of money orders and certified checks and other details of sending money, takes a lot of time and results in a loss of time and the subsequent inconvenience to the motorist. The one per cent saving would not warrant the change, all things being considered, is the opinion of the London Motor League.

Visit of Prince Ends In October

Expects To Return Home at Middle of Month.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 8.—The Prince of Wales, who will sail for the United States and Canada on the Berengaria on Aug. 23, and will spend some time at his ranch in Alberta, expects to return to England about the middle of October. He has several engagements in Scotland after his return.

While aboard the Berengaria the prince will have his breakfasts in private, but otherwise he will mix freely with the other passengers. His rooms on the Berengaria are the finest formerly used by the ex-king when cruising, and consist of a breakfast room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a veranda.

SCAFFOLD COLLAPSES, BURYING FOUR MEN

Walter and Edward Brier, Seriously Hurt, Removed to Hamilton Hospital.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Aug. 8.—Four men were buried when a heavy scaffold collapsed in the rear of the building this morning. Five men were at work on the fourth floor of the structure when it was damaged by fire when a defective timber gave way and the supports upon which they stood, fell to the ground. Walter and Edward Brier were seriously hurt and removed to the General Hospital. The other two men received first aid and were removed to their homes.

ARGENTINE AVIATOR ARRIVES AT CALCUTTA

Associated Press Despatch. Calcutta, Aug. 8.—Major Zanni, the Argentine aviator, engaged in an attempt to fly round the world, arrived here today from India.

Redskins Turning White

Bobbed hair, baby carriages, taxis and radio sets, are not confined to the cities and suburbs. The Ojibway Indians of the Nipissing reserve take kindly to the white man's ways.

Laura Prime Sneath, writing for The Advertiser's magazine section, unfolds a tale of life on the reserve, of the chiefs and their families, and the administration of the affairs of the first Canadians.

Tomorrow's magazine section will feature the story of a cruise along the Labrador coasts in a 30-foot motorboat. It is a thrilling story of a seaman by profession, as well as a writer.

Arthur Somers Roche is back to The Advertiser with another short story, "Teacher's Pet." Mr. Roche has a crisp method of telling a good story, and his humor is increasing his following among short-story readers.

Even the most ardent motorist likes to muse now and then on the days of long ago, when the little sorrel pony and the rubber-tired buggy were the pride and joy of those who travelled Ontario's shady roads. For tomorrow's Advertiser, Nina Moore Jamieson recalls some of the old days in seventeen verses of horses and horse trails.

Followers of E. C. Wodehouse will have the pleasure of reading "Parker and Pongo," a humorous story of Archie Pa's son-in-law. The illustrations are by Jefferson MacMahon.

"The First Tourists to Use the New Free Camp Site at Bird's Eye Center," is the title of the newest of Fris's Life's Little Comedies.

where they would spend several days.

SAYS BIRTH CONTROL LESSENS MARRIAGE

Eminent London Scientist Warns Convention of Serious Fall of Fertility.

20 PER CENT SINCE 1911

Sir Wm. Beveridge Declares Race Is Using New Power To Avoid Marriage.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—That the power of birth control will have an insidious influence on the future of the race and cause a decided falling off in the number of marriages rather than increase it, was a conviction strongly emphasized by Sir William Beveridge of London, England, in addressing the section on economics at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science this morning. The subject was treated by Sir William in dealing with the fall of fertility among European races, and he declared that his investigation had suggested that the exploitation of new powers over nature has been used, and is being used more and more today, to postpone or avoid marriage.

Sir William is vice-president of the economic section of the association. The fall of fertility, said Sir William, is found almost everywhere, but its extent varied greatly from one country to another, according to differences in race, climate, occupation and density of population.

For Europe as a whole, excluding Russia, the fall in thirty years was about 20 per cent, but in the neighborhood of 30 per cent in some countries. In Ireland, to more than 40 per cent in Saxony. These two characteristics, general and diversity, said Sir William, practically excluded explanation of the fall other than deliberate prevention of fertilization or what is commonly called birth control.

The number of children born in England and Wales in 1923 was about 750,000 as compared with 950,000 in 1903, a fall of 20 per cent. The reduction mortality, this meant that apart from increases in the school age, the total school population will be materially less in ten years.

One point was the possible effect of birth control on the institution of marriage and the family. The fall of the birth rate, he said, accompanied in many countries by a fall in the marriage rate, equally sudden and equally inexplicable by economic changes.

About Hydro-Electric. Associated Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 8.—The second day of the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the program had in all eighty addresses for scientific digestion—thirty in the morning and fifty in the afternoon. In the morning, Sir N. Shaw told the mathematicians.

JOHN DARCY IS KILLED AT FLINT, MICHIGAN

Former Biddulph Township Man Struck by C. N. R. Train in Yards.

Special to The Advertiser. Detroit, Aug. 7.—John Darcy, formerly of Biddulph Township, near London, was instantly killed at Flint yesterday when he was struck by a C. N. R. train on the new track terminus yards. Darcy was supervising the job at the terminus for the P. J. Sullivan Construction Company.

He was 65 years old and lived at 1071 Maryland avenue. Mr. Darcy is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Cleary, Westminster Township, and two sons and one daughter at home.

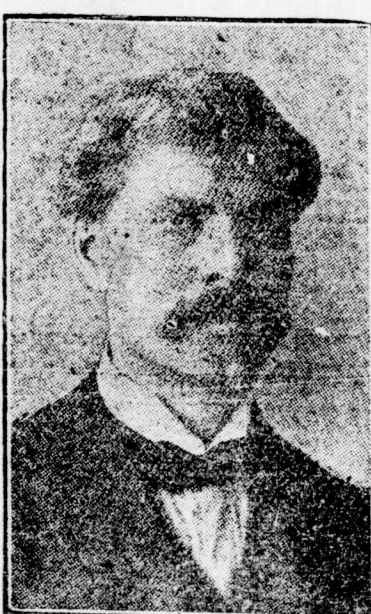
Funeral arrangements have not been definitely settled as yet, but it is expected the body will be forwarded to London for interment.

SPANISH PREMIER SAYS CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY

Associated Press Despatch. Madrid, Aug. 8.—Spain's rest rumors of a change in the military directorate. Premier Primo de Rivera issued a statement declaring that administrative conditions are satisfactory and that he intends continuing his program with firmness.

In a circular letter to the military commanders in Spain the premier denounced the "alarmist propaganda" which he alleged was being conducted by his enemies.

The premier announced that he had submitted various decrees to the king and that he would probably accompany him today to Santander, where they would spend several days.



RAMSAY MACDONALD, created a precedent today, when he asked the Anglo-Russian treaty, which was attached to no signature of His Majesty the King.

MRS. COFFEY DIES SUDDENLY TODAY

Widow of Late Senator Taken Unexpectedly Ill This Morning.

Mrs. Thomas Coffey, widow of the late Senator Thomas Coffey, died at her home, 514 Wellington street, early this afternoon, after an illness lasting but a few hours. Mrs. Coffey was 74 years of age, and enjoyed a large circle of friends, who will be shocked to learn of her sudden death.

Mrs. Coffey, who for years was a leader in London social circles, became ill shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and did not rally despite the best efforts of physicians.

She was extremely prominent in Roman Catholic circles and was always ready to lend a helping hand to any of the church organizations.

Her husband, the late Senator Coffey, died 5 years ago. He was one of the prominent Liberals of the city for years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. R. M. Burns of this city; three granddaughters, Mrs. Joseph Cortese of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Fallon of Hamilton, and Miss Mary Burns of this city; also six great-grandchildren.

DENIES COMMUNISTS DOMINATE VALHALLA

Majority of Residents Are Norwegians, Says Letter to Winnipeg Press.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—A report given circulation recently that the district in the neighborhood of Valhalla, Alberta, was dominated by a group of Communists, who were seeking to expel settlers of Anglo-Saxon birth, is denied by residents of that locality in a letter to a local paper.

The majority of the residents of this district, it is stated in a letter from Valhalla, "are Norwegians, and while there are some six different nationalities in the district, there has been absolutely no trouble at any time among the people of the district."

EXCHANGE MOUNTS TO NEW HIGH RECORD

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Aug. 8.—Responding to the continued progress of the exchange conference, sterling exchange today again mounted to a 1924 high record about \$4.52 3/8, an overnight gain of one cent. The initial advance brought the rate almost to \$4.50, a new high for the year.

Indications that the French cabinet was ready to discuss evacuation of the Ruhr also stimulated buying of francs, and led to a new high level on the current movement. Buoyancy of the European exchanges was in sympathy with the rally in sterling and francs.

WINDSOR RUM-RUNNER FINED \$400, LOSES CAR

Canadian Press Despatch. Sturtevant Falls, Ont., Aug. 8.—Guzulimo Zanotto of Windsor, whose rum-running expedition was upset by an accident near here on Monday night, appeared in police court yesterday and pleaded guilty to transporting liquor. He was fined \$400 and costs, and Magistrate Cockburn ordered the confiscation of his car.

Investigation Will Be Held Of Tender Plan Following Charges of Two Aldermen

Contract to Hayden Press For Printing Voters' Lists Delayed.

SLIGHT MISTAKE

Mayor To Call Special Session—Greer and Towse Protest Procedure.

Some time next week Mayor Wenice will call a special meeting of the council to investigate the letting of tenders for printing the voters' lists this year. The tender was let at the last meeting of the council to the Hayden Press at \$3.20 a page, and the usual three hundred copies were ordered.

"I am not satisfied with the way in which the tenders for this work were called for or let," said the mayor this morning, "and I shall call a special meeting of the council next week to investigate the matter."

Both Aldermen Towse and Greer are not satisfied with the handling of this tender, and yesterday called on the mayor to ask him in shedding more light on the matter, which he has agreed to do.

In the meantime and pending the meeting the order will not be sent out to the successful tenderer in view of the request of Aldermen Towse and Greer for an investigation, the mayor stated.

Clerk Calls Tenders.

The tenders were called for by the city clerk, and prices were submitted by the Hayden Press and the London Printing and Litho Company. There was such a large discrepancy in the two prices that the clerk followed up the matter, and found that there had been a misunderstanding as to the meaning of his specifications, which were, however, the same in both instances.

The company quoted a price for a 7-inch page, and the Hayden Press for a 6-inch page. The discrepancy in the price was more than a dollar a page, and in spite of this the unsuccessful tenderer claimed that his price was in reality the lowest. However, Ald. Douglass told the council that the accepted tender was the lowest in actual practice, though the figures were higher owing to the difference in the sizes of pages quoted on.

Union Label Tangle.

Another matter which will be discussed at this special meeting is the question of the union label.

"I," says Ald. Towse, "the council insists on the use of this label in spite of the advice of the city solicitor that it is illegal, then why call for tenders at all. There is only one firm large enough in the city to print the voters' lists and also use the label, that is the Hayden Press, so to call for tenders is to waste time and paper."

"It all backs up my contention," Please See Page 4, Column 3.



SIR JOHN de ROBECK, Commander of the Atlantic fleet, who is mentioned as the probable successor of Viscount Jellicoe as governor-general of New Zealand.

DUNWICH FARMER HAS CLOSE CALL

Patrick Campbell Escapes Injury When Auto Wrecked Near Iona.

Patrick Campbell, farmer and cattle buyer of Dunwich Township, 4 miles east of Dutton, had a narrow escape from death about 8:45 a.m. this morning, when the automobile in which he was driving was completely wrecked in a collision with a fast freight on the Pere Marquette Railroad, a mile and a half from Iona.

Mr. Campbell had stopped his car at the M. C. R. crossing just about 30 feet from that of the Pere Marquette in order to let a freight pass. He had started up his car and was crossing the Pere Marquette tracks at the time he was hit by the fast freight, which, apparently, had escaped his notice entirely, his attention having been taken up with the M. C. R. train.

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MAN BATTLES 20 MINUTES TO LAND 4-POUND BASS

Pond Mills Yields Record Catch to Alec Ingram of This City.

FISH BITING NOW

Specimen Will Be Exhibited in Advertiser Window Tomorrow Morning.

Alec Ingram, 15 Clarence street, was the proud owner today of a remarkably large black bass, caught at Pond Mills yesterday. The fishy wonder weighed four pounds, one of the largest ever seen in waters near London and it was the object of amazement for many expert followers of Isaac Walton.

The behemoth of bass of Pond Mills gave Mr. Ingram a merry 20-minute battle before it was finally landed. "It was great sport," the fisherman said afterwards, "as soon as he touched the bait he dropped to the bottom of the pond like a bullet. In cooler weather you couldn't have landed him in an hour. He struggled and perked and there wasn't any just yanking him out. It's astonishing how much energy a creature of that size has. They'll fight until the last ounce of energy is gone."

The lucky fisherman was one of a party, belonging to the Fishermen's Protective Association, who caught nine bass at the Pond yesterday. They were of various weight, several of them over two pounds.

Bass fishing there is good now. Members of the club which stocks the pond have been idle during the hot spell. A big rush is predicted to the fishing grounds. Mr. Ingram's biggest "catch" was seen by members of The Advertiser staff today, and there was no exaggeration of its weight and size.

This fish will be exhibited in The Advertiser front window Saturday morning, frozen in a solid block of ice.

KING IS NOT MENTIONED IN PACTS WITH SOVIET

Britain For First Time in History Omits Signature of His Majesty.

OPPOSITION BITTER

Agreement With Russia Will Allow Dominions To Participate If They Desire.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 8.—The treaty and commercial agreement between Great Britain and Soviet Russia, which were negotiated after the Anglo-Russian conference apparently had abandoned its work as futile, and which have caused a furore in British political circles, was signed at 8 o'clock this evening. Prime Minister MacDonald and Arthur Ponsonby, under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, signed for Great Britain.

Under the treaty, signed for the Russian government, the treaty does not contain the name of King George, because the Russians have no titular head of their government. Thus the Russians signed for their government as a whole, and the British only for their government, with no mention of the sovereign.

This raises the question of whether succeeding British governments will be bound by a treaty omitting mention of the King.

In the entire history of British treaty-making this is the first time the King has not signed a treaty, and it is creating a great deal of comment in London.

The omission of the King's signature is bitter in its assault on Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Ponsonby, and asserts that Mr. Joffe, who is the chief negotiator on behalf of the Soviet government, has "surrendered Russia to Germany" at Brest-Litovsk.

Great Britain did not sign the treaty on behalf of the dominions, so that no controversy can arise as to whether the dominions are bound by the provision in the commercial agreement that the dominions may participate in it if they desire.

COLONIAL SECRETARY LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 8.—J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, who intends to leave tomorrow on a trip to South Africa, was determined on some time ago when it was proposed that a parliamentary deputation should visit the Union of South Africa, has sent a message to the people there saying that his personal considerations at home necessitate his shortening his South African visit to a cordial welcome.

INSPECT 104 WHEAT CARS

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Wheat inspections yesterday totalled 104 cars, including 86 cars of contract grade. Last year, 20 cars were inspected. Coarse grains numbered 47 cars, against 40 a year ago.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Moderate southeast winds; fair and warm. Saturday — Fresh winds with showers and local thunderstorms. Pressure is high over the western provinces and the southern states, with a trough of low extending from James Bay to the southwest states. The weather has been fair in Manitoba and south-west Ontario, and showery in the other provinces.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 64. 50. Clear. Calgary. 64. 45. Fair. Winnipeg. 70. 44. Clear. Port Arthur. 80. 52. Fair. Parry Sound. 72. 58. Clear. Toronto. 82. 58. Clear. Kingston. 80. 58. Clear. Ottawa. 84. 55. Fair. Montreal. 78. 64. Fair. Quebec. 80. 55. Cloudy. Father Point. 64. 45. Clear. St. John. 80. 52. Fair. Halifax. 76. 60. Cloudy.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 78; lowest, 65. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68; lowest, 57.

Barometric Readings. Thursday, 8 a.m.—29.15. Today, 8 a.m.—29.17.