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WILLIAMS, GUILTY, SENTENCED TO HANG

JUDGE'S CHARGE COMPLETES CASE THIS AFTERNOON

Defence Counsel Asks Dismissal On Plea Of Insanity

HUGHES HEARD Crown Prosecutor Scolding Mentality Plea, Says Prisoner Heartless Wretch

BULLETIN. FREDERICTON, Jan. 29.—Williams was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on April 23rd. Jury out only 10 minutes. Williams showed no interest in proceedings or sentence.

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Jan. 29.—Pleading to the jury in behalf of his client, Harry D. Williams, K. C., described the commission of the murder, a transformation in his nature. It was a pure case of Jekyll and Hyde, he said.

The man known as Williams could not have committed the awful deed but another in the form of Williams had done it for him, all the evidence pointed that way. He tried to establish that Williams could not have realized what he had done, or he would have tried to escape. He played up the difference of the prisoner, as an argument in favor of his insanity.

Scotts At Insanity Plea. Mr. Peters spoke for an hour and fifteen minutes, and was immediately followed by Peter J. Hughes, K. C., who made an eloquent plea for conviction. Williams was heartless, he said, the same now, as he had been years ago, when he deserted his wife, after having spent all her money.

Opening his address to the jury, H. Peters said that it was necessary for the Crown to establish a motive for the murder. He then went back to where Harry Williams, then known as Dennis Thornton, entered the scene at Victoria Corner. He traced the history of his sojourn with the Foster's home up to the time he enlisted. He had found it impossible to get any account of his previous life.

All the information he could get was that Williams was a member of the French Mortar Battery. He came back and there was a reception for him. The Foster home was crowded and through consideration for them he had built a camp and gone there to live. His desolate situation was enough to affect his mind. He did not associate very much with the people of the community.

As part of the preparation it was advanced that he had invited the girl to come to the camp, but this was nothing unusual. It seemed to him ridiculous that a man contemplating a crime should tip his own dog. It was rather far-fetched that he should have secured the cords in April in preparation for the crime, when there was a late, abounding in fish, at his very door.

Says Evidence Contradictory. In addition to the crime of murder, the crime of rape would be set up by the Crown. He spoke of the contradictory evidence of Dr. Dougan and Dr. Turner, the first who could not swear one way or the other and the second who was convinced that there had been rape but who admitted that the conditions might have been brought about in another way. The only one who could clear up the matter was Mrs. Ward Foster and she had not been produced.

Williams had known what he is alleged to have done why did he not attempt to escape; why had he left the two empty shells on the floor; why had he come to the camp, (Continued on page 2, fourth column.)

\$30,000 DAMAGE IN KENT COUNTY FIRE

Fire Marshal Receives Word Catholic Church at St. Paul's Burned.

Word was received at the office of H. H. McEllen, Provincial Fire Marshal, this morning, that damage to an estimated extent of \$30,000 had been done by fire to the Roman Catholic church at St. Paul's, Kent County, this morning. It is understood about \$20,000 insurance is carried by local companies.

Mercury Again Nears Record Low Mark In Overnight Drop To 16 Below

\$1,500,000 DAMAGE IN MONTREAL FIRE

26 BUSINESSES BURNED OUT IN COSTLY BLAZE

Fireman Is Buried For Hours In Debris, May Die

7 OTHERS HURT Intense Cold, With Glass 20 Below, Impedes Fighting Operation

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—The most disastrous fire, occur in Montreal for some years, last night and early this morning caused loss in the downtown wholesale and business district roughly estimated at \$1,500,000, and completely gutted the premises of 26 firms which were so damaged by the flames, smoke, ice and water, as to cause almost total loss of property.

One fireman, Lieut. Desjardins, was buried for hours under a mass of beams and ice, and this morning lay at death's door in the General Hospital, while seven others were injured by flying timbers from an explosion of ether and chloroform in the premises of La Societe des Produits Francais, and by falling masses of ice.

Frost Work. The intense cold rising to 20 degrees below zero greatly impeded the work of the fire fighters, and added to the dangers with which they were threatened.

Loss sustained by the fur firm of A. J. Alexander Lt., to whose premises the flames spread, was estimated by the Company's officials at \$100,000.

WARSAW HEARS OF CZARIST MOVEMENT

Monarchists Reported to Have Received Assistance From America.

WARSAW, Jan. 28.—Great commotion has been caused among the Russian emigrants here by a report that Grand Duke Nicholas has issued an appeal to the former Czarist officers and that the Russian Monarchists have received material help from some Americans.

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CREW IS RESCUED Nineteen Newfoundland Fishermen Lost in Gale Are Still Unaccounted For.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 29.—The steamer Glencoe today took off the crew of the Rose Blanche fishing boat which found a haven at Little Miqouillon after having been driven to sea in a gale last Friday. One of the men rescued is so badly frost bitten that he may have to have both hands and feet amputated. The rescued men were taken to St. Pierre. Nineteen men are still unaccounted for.

\$50,000 Insurance Placed On New School

FREDERICTON, Jan. 29.—(Special)—The erection of the new high school building, has advanced sufficiently to place insurance to amount of \$50,000 on it.

20 Are Killed In Shanghai Clash

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29.—Twenty persons were killed and 20 injured today in a thickly settled section of the city, when a small contingent of victorious troops, representing General Lu Yung-Hsiang and the central Chinese Government, met resistance when they attempted to disarm about 1,000 defeated Kiangsu troops of Chiang-Yuan, deposed leader.

Pastor's Son Admits Holdup

ASQUITH STILL REMAINS HEAD OF LIBERAL BAND

Tells London Audience He Has Not Quit

QUIETS RUMORS Lloyd George, In Address, Declares He Is Not Seeking Leadership

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The rumour prevalent since the announcement of former Premier Asquith's elevation to the peerage that he would relinquish the active leadership of the Liberal party to Mr. Lloyd George, was set at rest, for the time being, at least, when speaking at the opening of the great convention of the Liberal party here today he said:

"I have not resigned my post. It is therefore in that character that I presume once more to speak to you."

Lloyd George Approves. Mr. Lloyd George, who followed the new Earl of Oxford in addressing the convention, also let it be known emphatically that he did not seek the long time leader's post.

"I accepted Mr. Asquith's leadership without reserve," Mr. Lloyd George said, "and I have no reason now to alter my views."

NEW GLASGOW FIRM GETS C. N. K. ORDER

Eastern Car Co. to Build 175 Automobile Cars—Other New Equipment.

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—The C. N. R. has placed the following orders: Eleven tourist cars from the National Steel Car Company, Hamilton, Ont.; 325 automobile cars from Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Montreal; 175 automobile cars, Eastern Car Company, New Glasgow, N. S.

HAD HARD PASSAGE

British Steamer Was Thirty Days Making Trip Across Atlantic.

LEWES, Del., Jan. 29.—(United Press).—In a 42-mile gale, the British steamship Port Augusta, Fowey, England, for Philadelphia, limped into port here during the night, 15 days overdue. The vessel had her steering gear out of commission, her coal supply was gone, and she was short of provisions. She was more than 30 days making this port.

TROTSKY GOES SOUTH

Former Russian War Minister, Seeking to Regain Health, Leaves Moscow.

MOSCOW, Jan. 29.—(United Press).—Leon Trotsky, deposed minister of War and the Navy, left Moscow today for a health resort in the south.

After having many times been reported a prisoner in the Kremlin and a patient in a Caucasus health resort, Trotsky's whereabouts now are learned from the above dispatch direct from Moscow. The former war minister will seek to regain his health, while working on a new book.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand rates: (In cents): Great Britain, 4 7/8; France, 54 1/2; Italy, 4 1/2; Germany, 23.80. Canadian dollars, 1-3/4 of one per cent. discount.

WINNIPEG TRADE BOARD STANDS FOR FULL USE OF CANADIAN PORTS

WEST FAVORABLE TO PLEA OF EAST

Premier Bracken and Creer Approve Mission of Maritimes

By A. M. BELDING Special Representative of the Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Western Canada in the interest of the Maritimes.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—The Winnipeg Board of Trade tonight unanimously adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with the Maritime Provinces and urging that, as rapidly and as far as possible, the policy of Canadian trade through Canadian ports be carried out.

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Pistol Fires Lethal Gas

CLAIM SEIZURE WAS OUTSIDE LIMITS

FRENCH SCHOONER CREW HELD IN BOSTON.

Customs Officials Say Half of Liquor Cargo Was Landed in Gloucester.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—When six members of the crew of the French schooner Selatrice, seized Tuesday as a rum runner, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Jenney, their attorney, Phillip Wemyer, declared that the ship had put into Massachusetts Bay in distress and that it was seized outside the three-mile zone while the captain was endeavoring to communicate with the customs in Halifax.

Say Cargo Landed. The Selatrice, he said, with her cargo of 1,500 gallons of alcohol, was bound from Halifax to Honduras.

The customs officials charged that the captain had landed half his cargo in Gloucester before the ship was seized, well within the three-mile mark. Total bonds of \$18,000 were set for the defendants and they were remanded to the Federal House of Correction.

Was in Trouble Before. HALIFAX, Jan. 29.—The Selatrice, formerly the "Lauenburg" schooner, Golden West, was arrested by federal customs officers at Lunenburg on January 5 for violation of the liquor law and released on payment of a fine of \$4,000. One of her crew was arrested here for bringing liquor ashore from the schooner and was fined \$200.

SUN YAT SEN BETTER

Chinese Leader, Reported Dead, Improves After Cancer Operation.

PEKING, Jan. 29.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the government of Southern China, who underwent an operation for cancer recently, spent a comfortable night and was not in pain this morning. Physicians pronounced his condition satisfactory.

Dr. Sun was reported dead Tuesday in dispatches received at Tokio. After Dr. Sun was operated on, it was expected his illness would prove fatal within 10 days.

LESS FISH CAUGHT

Harvest For December Only About Half of Same Month Last Year.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 29.—Sea fishing in Canadian waters netted a poor return in December compared with the same month a year ago, chiefly because on the Pacific coast the herring crop dropped from 48,000,000 pounds to 14,000,000 and the closed season for halibut came into force earlier.

In December last the total harvest of the sea was 32,649,400 pounds, valued at \$724,827, compared with 61,541,000 pounds in December, 1923, valued at \$1,890,374.

MAY RECALL SMIDDY

Irish Envoy to U. S. May Lose Appointment Over Dinner Incident.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Westminster Gazette says it is understood that the recall of Professor Timothy A. Smiddy, Irish minister plenipotentiary to the United States, is probable in consequence of the Sulgrave banquet incident in New York. In this event, adds the Gazette, it is doubtful whether the Sorstat will appoint a successor, at least for the present.

LONG NON-STOP TRIP

French Air Official Plans Flight Paris to New York, Says Papers.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The Under Secretary of State for Aeronautics is credited by the newspapers with organizing a non-stop airplane flight from Paris to New York. No details are given.

Alliance Branch Formed in Marysville

MARYSVILLE, N. B., Jan. 29.—A branch of the N. B. Temperance Alliance has been organized with about 50 enrolled. The president is Norman C. Cochran.

LONDON EDITORS EAGER TO HELP

McKenna Finds All Ready to Back National Ports

By J. D. McKENNA Special Representative of the Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Ontario in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 28.—National ports still occupy a prominent place in the press of this city, and leading editorials are strong in their support of the claims of Maritime ports for better treatment and more business.

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Britain Facing Possibility of Dearer Bread

Flour Prices Advanced Yesterday a Shilling a Sack

DOMINIONS HELP

Principal Relief Is Seen in Bumper Wheat Crop of Australia

LLOYD ALLAN, British United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The wheat boom in the United States had an immediate repercussion in England and throughout Europe and echoes of it were heard in Russia. Cargo boats are rushing to Australia to load up.

The price of flour here promptly advanced on hearing a sack.

Bakers have started agitation for a four-pound loaf at 11 pence and it is believed bread will soon cost a shilling a loaf.

Experts have revived discussion of some means to alleviate the present excessive cost of cereal grains, and of the possibility of returning to some form of limited rationing of such as was used in wartime.

Loaf Cost Goes Up. It is estimated that yesterday's advance in American wheat added a farthing (half a cent) to the cost of the British loaf.

Russia is buying heavily from the world's wheat supplies and "this has already caused a relative price here. The Food Commission is conducting a serious investigation of high prices for all foodstuffs and has turned its attention particularly to wheat.

Canada Wheat Pool. Testifying before this commission, Sir William Nicholls said today he believed any attempt to corner the Australian crop which would prove impossible. Two great wheat pools are in existence in Australia and Canada, and he said, but have made no attempt to coordinate their activity. Even if they tried, it would be futile, owing to independent action of sellers in the United States, Argentina and India.

Great Britain's main reliance for the present situation lies in the bumper Australian crop which is estimated at 50,000,000 hundred weight compared with 67,000,000 last year.

Winnipeg Wheat Price Takes Slump

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 29.—Wheat prices on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange declined 10 cents in the early trading today. The May future dropping to \$2.10. The tobygan came unexpectedly.

Denies Island Sunk

Portuguese Minister Says Only Sand Bank at Port Alexander Gone.

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 29.—Recent reports that Port Alexander, a small island in the Portuguese Colony of Angola, West Africa, had recently sunk in the sea, were denied yesterday by the Minister of Colonies. He declared that only an uninhabited sand bank 100 metres long, had been submerged.

15 HURT IN CLASH

Paris Communists Endeavor to Break up Patriots' League Meeting.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Fifteen persons were injured in a clash last night between attendants at a meeting of General de Castelnau's Patriots' League and communists who endeavored to break up the gathering. Three communist deputies taking part in the attempt were severely handled, and canes and umbrellas were freely used.

PEACE TALK FAILS

MADRID, Jan. 29.—Peace negotiations with Abd-el-Krim, the Moroccan rebel chief, have fallen through, says an official statement because of the rebels' refusal to deliver up their arms and Abd-el-Krim's attitude in assuming the role of victor.

Won Scholarship

MISS DOROTHY LATHE, 10 years old, of Aylmer, Quebec, who won a \$1,200 scholarship on Home Lighting, offered by the Lighting Educational Committee of New York. The competition was entered by over a million school pupils all over the United States and Canada.

BURGLARS CARRY GIRL FROM HOUSE

Victim Is Later Picked up in Street by Hospital Guard.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 29.—(United Press)—Mary Ellen Melton, 20, step-daughter of wealthy Oklahoma City apartment, was bound and gagged early today by two men believed by the police to have been burglars, and carried from her home. She was found an hour later by W. D. King, hospital guard, lying in a street. That Miss Melton was kidnapped by burglars in order to aid them in getting away from the belief of the police today.

KISS OFFERED FOR RETURN OF JEWELS

Pretty Artista's Model Holds Out Original Reward For Finder of Gems.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(Reward, one kiss.) "Post among a hundred more reward notices at detective bureau headquarters here, the above phrase is the cynosure of all eyes. A picture of Margaret, her lips in a passionate pucker accompanied the notice.

38 BELOW ZERO IS REGISTERED AT WOODSTOCK

Temperature Is Again Climbing; Warmer Weather Comes

FOG SHROUDS CITY

Ferry Has Two Slight Mishaps In Harbor Mist

Gliding down the tube to the 16 degree zero mark at 8:30 o'clock this morning, the mercury made another attempt at a low record for St. John this morning. It fell short of that accomplishment, however, as 19 was registered a few weeks ago. Throughout the province, the cold is again keen and as low as 38 below is reported. It was 18 below at Red Head.

There was not much wind this morning, but the frost was pronounced. A white vapor covered the city and for the first time this winter a heavy rime was noticeable on the wires and trees.

At the observatory in Douglas avenue, it was said that the mercury had risen 26 degrees to 10 above noon and that the probability was that the weather would be more moderate with northeast winds and snow tonight or tomorrow.

Ferry Has Trouble. The ferry service this morning was maintained under great difficulties, but despite these functioned as usual. Two slight accidents marked the operation this morning, but neither was serious.

On the 8:15 trip from the east side, while running very slowly and feeling her way into the west side approach, she touched on the Navy Island bar, but was able to back off and dock a few minutes later.

On the 10:40 trip from the west side she had trouble making the approach on the east side and bumped the steamer Grenville III, lying at Thorndyke wharf. Fortunately she was proceeding very slowly at the time and the damage to the Grenville will not be very great.

G. H. Waring, superintendent of the ferry, said the fog and vapor were the worst he has seen for many years, and that it was at its worst it was impossible to see the length of the boat.

Through the Province. Other places report as follows: WOODSTOCK—38 below at 8 a. m.; one fine.

STANDFALLS—37 below; clear.

ANDOVER—43 below; clear; ice.

ST. STEPHEN—Clear and cold; ice below lowest.

MONCTON—27 below; lowest; light west wind.

HALIFAX—Four below; lowest; northerly wind; clear.

8 Die In New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Eight deaths directly or indirectly attributed to cold waves, have been reported here during the last 24 hours. Fires, accidents and exposure were responsible.

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The Weather Report

SYNOPSIS—The weather continues very cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but has moderated in Western Ontario. Pressure remains high with very low temperature in far northern Canada.

Forecasts: Winds and Snow.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fine Friday, increasing northwest tonight, probably heavy, warmer Friday. Slightly warmer in the interior. Strong northeast winds tomorrow.

Temperatures.

TORONTO, Jan. 29. Lowest Highest during 8 a. m. yesterday, night.

Victoria ... 40 46 40

Calgary ... 4 8 18

Edmonton ... 14 16 18

Winnipeg ... 10 12 12