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NEARLY ESCAPE

Prisoner in Toombs Lets Saw Fall

PLAN FRUSTRATED

Becker in This Prison, But Not Near Scene of Operations—Sound of Steel Striking Floor Gives Plot Away

(Canadian Press)

New York, Aug. 29.—A jail delivery from the Toombs prison, where Police Lieutenant Charles Becker is awaiting trial on charge of murdering Herman Rosenthal, a gambler who was killed in the immediate vicinity of the scene of the shooting, was frustrated today by the accidental falling of a saw on the floor of a cell. The ring of the metal on the stone floor reached the ear of a guard in the corridor who started an investigation which led to the finding of eight finely tempered steel saws and a bottle of muriatic acid.

The saws were distributed in two cells occupied by four prisoners. Neither cell, however, was in the immediate vicinity of that occupied by Becker. It was not long after last midnight when the plot was detected. There was a sound of whispering and movements in a cell occupied by R. Trouby and A. Forbush, Trouby is to be sentenced for the part he played in a Brooklyn murder. Formally a waiting trial on a charge of slaying a Greenwich street jeweler. The prison lights flashed up, other guards were called and a search of the cell was begun. Four saws were found stuffed in the prisoner's pillows.

LOST MATE; TWO SEAMEN, STORES AND SUIT OF SAILS

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The British ship Port Patrick from New York has reached Adelaide, Australia, minus her mate, two seamen, a suit of sails, and a portion of her stores, according to advices received here. The Port Patrick, sailing August 2, met her first storm one day out, and her last one the day after. A north-east gale drove a wave over her stern and snapped off her wheel, carrying the two seamen to their death. Sweeping forward the current wrenched away the wheel box and two compasses, smashing the cabin skylight and flooding the ship's stores. The chart house was crumpled up and as the ship, free from her helm, rolled into the trough of the sea, the wind stripped her upper canvas and reduced the rest to ribbons.

NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 29.—(Special)—The Provincial Teachers' Association last night passed a resolution adopting without change the report of the committee on the courses of study in the common schools. The course is not very radical but, as one member of the association told your correspondent, it is more idealistic than what hitherto prevailed. It is the result of the work of a committee appointed by the government consisting of W. A. Greelman, of Truro, chairman; Inspector W. R. McKeown, of Truro; J. E. Barlow, of Truro; and J. McKay, of Halifax.

HOME AFTER CONVENTION

The St. John members of the A. O. H. returned home today after attending the annual convention in St. Stephen. They report it a great success, comparing very favorably with former years.

SURPRISE PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, 8 City Road, was the scene of a happy gathering last evening when friends of Miss Mildred Pope tendered her a surprise party in honor of her birthday. A delightful time was spent and during the evening she was made the recipient of a handsome silk umbrella, presented to her by Peter Lannoy, on behalf of those assembled. Games and dancing were enjoyed and the gathering dispersed a little after midnight.

THE LATE MRS. HANSON

The death of Mrs. Helen Louise Hanson, widow of Oscar Hanson, at her home on Aug. 27, was a great loss to her family and many friends. Mrs. Hanson was in her sixty-fourth year. She is survived by her seven children. They are Helen May, Priscilla Knight, Jane Knight, Oscar, Edgar B. Charles F. C., all of Little Leagues, and Mrs. E. Steiner, Phillips of New York. The funeral was held at two o'clock this afternoon in the family burial ground at Little Leagues.

THE WEATHER

Forecast—Moderate to fresh to north winds; fine today; and on Friday with much the same temperature.

BRITISH TERRITORY IN CHINA INVADED BY BAND OF MARAUDERS

(Canadian Press)

Hong Kong, Aug. 29.—British territory was invaded last night by a party of heavily armed Chinese bandits and marauders. Sixty of these desperadoes attacked and seized the customs station at Lofan across what is called the new territory belonging to the British colony. They captured, bound and gagged two Europeans and some Chinese, and then carried off a stack of receipts and small sum of money from the collector's office.

BAD MILK IN GREAT WELCOME TO NEW BISHOP

(Special to Times)

Antigonish, N. S., Aug. 29.—The reception to Bishop-Elect Morrison here this afternoon promises to be as hearty as it can be made by the citizens. Every building in Main street from the C. R. station to St. Francis Xavier College is almost covered with waving flags, with strings of flags across the street at short intervals. The public buildings and private residences all over town are gay with flags. Rev. Doctor Morrison will arrive here by special train at four-thirty this afternoon. The college where two addresses will be delivered, one on behalf of the citizens of the town, and the other on behalf of the parishioners of St. Nicholas' and the Catholic orders. The former will be read by D. C. Chisholm, barrister, and the latter by J. A. Wall, K. C., Rev. N. P. McPherson, administrator of the diocese, will preside. Mayor McLean, representing the citizens will have a seat on the platform.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE IS SENT UP TO FOUR PER CENT

London, Aug. 29.—The Bank of England today raised its minimum discount rate to four per cent as a protective measure against the in-rush of bills. Although the bank is in a strong position to meet the gold exports to Egypt, the increasing number of American and other finance bills being offered made the money market nervously raise its discount rates, thus forcing bills into the Bank of England. This necessitated the raising of the bank rate a month earlier than was the case last year. The indebtedness of the market to the bank, in consequence of the recent heavy discounting, is expected to enable the central institution to make its higher rate effective.

W.C.T.U. CONVENTION HELD IN CARLETON

The annual St. John county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of Granite Rock Division, S. of T. Market Square, West Side. There was a large representation from all the four divisions of the county. Mrs. James McAvity presided. The course is not very radical but, as one member of the association told your correspondent, it is more idealistic than what hitherto prevailed. It is the result of the work of a committee appointed by the government consisting of W. A. Greelman, of Truro, chairman; Inspector W. R. McKeown, of Truro; J. E. Barlow, of Truro; and J. McKay, of Halifax.

NEARLY HALF MILLION

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,732,083; corresponding week last year, \$1,241,082.

WOMAN PLANNED AN ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Had Two Knives Ready—Says She is Taft's Wife—Arrested While in Waiting

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 29.—Caroline Beers, Taft's, she told a detective when arrested, aged 40, who said she was from Greenville, Ohio, was arrested by Pittsburgh detectives at the Southern Hotel while waiting for President Taft. Two long knives were found concealed in her clothing. The woman said she was the wife of the president and she was going to punish him. She had been noticed yesterday afternoon waiting around the hotel and told employees that she was waiting for the president. A roll of \$200 was found in her pocket. She has the sacred knife for President Taft.

BODY OF THE GENERAL BY THAT OF WIFE

They Rest in Last Sleep in Albany Park Cemetery

(Canadian Press)

London, Aug. 29.—The body of General William Booth was laid today beside that of Catherine Booth, his wife, in Albany Park cemetery with signs of deep respect from men and women of all classes. Representatives of religious houses and presidents of religious bodies round the grave with many offerings from the masses. The public buildings and private residences all over town are gay with flags.

GROSS CONTINENT AUTO EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON

St. John Men Went to Hampton to Meet Man Who is Speeding Across Canada

Moncton, Aug. 29.—Thomas W. Wilby, of Quebec, arrived here last evening by automobile from New York to St. John. He is a member of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, secretary Harry Ervin and Mr. Carrivie will meet Mr. Wilby at Hampton and guide him to the city. Mr. Wilby made a record trip across the United States from New York to San Francisco, accomplishing the feat in ten days and eleven hours. The members of the local automobile association will probably have a meeting in the city this afternoon.

THE FUTURE OF THE CANADA BRUSH FACTORY

Commissioners Take up Matter of Site—The Marine Depot

At the meeting of the commissioners at noon today the matter a concession in favor of the "Canada Brush Factory" was under consideration but no action was taken, adjournment being until this afternoon when J. H. Dooly will be heard in reference to the proposal of the company for rebuilding.

AIMS A BLOW AT POLITICAL PATRONAGE

New Zealand Bill to Place Appointments and Promotions in Hands of Commissioner

Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 29.—A public service bill, aiming at the destruction of political patronage, has been introduced. It provides for the appointment of a commissioner who is to control all the civil departments except that of railways. The official may be removed on grounds of incompetence or misbehavior, by the governor, but can be dismissed only by a vote of both houses. His decision will be subject to review by appeal to a board.

WILL GIVE PEOPLE SOME CHANGE TO GET ACROSS THE BRIDGE

E. W. Green, contractor for the repairs on the suspension bridge, said to a Times reporter this morning that he had made arrangements for the bridge to be opened to pedestrians on Saturday and Sunday evening. He hopes to have the repairs on the bridge completed some time next week and is considering in the meantime a plan to permit Fairville people attending the exhibition to return to their homes, probably opening the bridge for an hour each evening about ten or eleven o'clock.

HON. ALONZO WHITE OF HALIFAX IS DEAD

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 29.—(Special)—Hon. Alonzo White, for many years registrar of deeds for Halifax county, died this morning at his home in Halifax.

THE BATTLE LINE

S. S. Pandora, Captain Wright, for Montevideo via St. Lucia, called from Norfolk, Va., today.

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DREDGING

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CONCERT TONIGHT

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GERMAN MILLIONS

Great Sum To Be Invested In Canada

(Canadian Press)

Quebec, Aug. 29.—An increased interest is to be taken by Germany in Canada with a view to offset the war talk in England. Herr Berthold Arons, president of the German house, and intimate friend of the Kaiser, will visit Canada early in September. Herr Ballin, president of the Hamburg-American line, will visit Canada at the end of next month and both will make an extended tour throughout the Dominion. Both come prepared to take more than a cursory view of the country and huge interests will be involved.

President of Bourse and Head of Hamburg-American Line To Visit Dominion Next Month—May Be Direct Steamer Line Established

Herr Arons announces that he will be prepared to invest \$25,000,000 in Canadian lands and projects. This enormous sum has been placed in his hands by wealthy Germans, and it is understood that the president of the Bourse has been in consultation with several eminent Canadian statesmen with a view to advising upon how such sums can be placed with advantage. Herr Ballin of the Hamburg-American line will visit Ottawa and confer with the government with a view to the establishment of a direct Hamburg-Canadian line.

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