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WILLIAMS SAYS NOT GUILTY TO MURDER

JURY SELECTION OCCUPIES ALL FIRST SESSION

Judge Declines Defence Application for a Postponement CHALLENGE MANY Only Two Out of First Twelve Called Accepted For Jury Service

By Times-Star Special Correspondent. FREDERICTON, Jan. 21.—Harry D. Williams, charged with the murder of his two half-nieces, Cynthia and Neeta Foster, pleaded "not guilty" when the charge was read to him this morning.

His reply to the clerk's question was uttered in such a low tone that it could hardly be heard. His Honor had to ask him to speak louder. His tone was a bit shaky when he replied, "not guilty."

Adjournment Refused. When court opened, F. H. Peters, counsel for the defence, asked for a further adjournment of one day, so that he might interview Rev. Dean Neales and better prepare his case.

At the opening of this morning's session, F. H. Peters who was yesterday assigned to the defence of Williams, made an application to Mr. Justice LeBlanc for a further adjournment of one day on the grounds that one person who had been in constant attendance of the prisoner since his incarceration had been unable to interview him.

Federal Officials Unable To Prevent Cornering of Cattle Space on Ships

Dentistry As Vocation For Girls Is Urged

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Girls seeking a career were advised to take up dentistry by Dr. Helen Mayon, a successful woman dentist, lecturing here recently before the Soroptimist Club.

INCORPORATE 3 NEW COMPANIES IN N. B.

ANGELIC CONCERT TAKES OVER PUBLIC HALL PROPERTY IN KINGS COUNTY. FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 21.—J. McD. Cooke Company, Limited, with capital stock of \$24,000 and head office at Moncton, has been incorporated to purchase and take over the business carried on in the City of Moncton by James McDonald Cooke & Co., chemist and druggist.

South Devon Fuel and Tubgot Company, Limited, is incorporated with head office at Devon and capital stock of \$24,000. The company is authorized to acquire the property in Ansgangue known as public hall property and to maintain and operate it.

George Lawrence said he also had followed the newspaper reports of the arrest of Williams and his preliminary hearing. The crime was a common topic for discussion in his neighborhood for some considerable time, but was discussed very little in his own home.

He had, however, formed an opinion on the matter and said that it would take very strong evidence to change his opinion. The triers found that he was not indifferent in the case, and the challenge was allowed.

Joseph A. Cain, examining, said he had followed the case through the newspaper reports. He had not formed an opinion on the prisoner's guilt. The triers found that he was indifferent. Mr. Peters then challenged him peremptorily.

John N. Inch said he had read the press reports, but had neither formed an opinion on the matter nor had he followed the case through the newspaper reports.

AUTO CHECK-UP IN FIRE SHOWS 26 DESTROYED

Names of Owners Are Found Out Today EIGHT ARE SAVED

Further Insurance Figures Given—Scene at Fire Site Weird One

Definite check-up this morning of automobiles stored in the burned St. John Garage, Princess street, reveals that 25 automobiles and one motor truck were totally consumed by the flames and that six passenger automobiles and two trucks were saved.

Those owning the cars that were destroyed are: C. B. Allen, Dr. F. C. Bonnell, A. L. D. Finley, C. J. Melliday, W. S. Elliott, Murray Vaughan, Dr. J. H. Allingham, Allan McAvity, two cars; Aubrey Snodgrass, Harold O. Clark, Miss Mignon Kerr, Lloyd Ryan, John Wright, Maurice Kroll, George M. Kincaid, H. C. Rainey, Rev. J. J. McErmott, C. E. Laline, John Russell, George W. Noble, Kenneth J. Bruce, and Dr. A. D. Hurley, a truck of the Townshend Piano Co., Ltd., and Mr. Fleming's.

A canvass of the insurance offices this morning reveals that, outside of the automobiles owned, there is practically every case were well protected, property owners were not so well insured.

88 Out of 90 Unions in Pennsylvania Fields Oppose General Walkout. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 21.—Unions announced last night that 88 of the 90 locals had voted to oppose the threatened general strike in Pennsylvania. The Eastern League of United Mine Workers and that of the strike of the 11,000 Pennsylvania Coal Company's men was in sight.

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CONCILIATION IN U. S. DISPUTE WILL PROCEED

Privy Council Decision Will Not Affect Mine Case

Appeal of Ontario Hydro Commission Is Upheld in London

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 21.—The Department of Labor will proceed with the functioning of the conciliation board recently established to deal with the dispute between the Nova Scotia Coal Miners, District 26, and the Dominion Coal Company, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and Acadia Coal Company, despite the official interpretation from London today that yesterday's decision of the Privy Council allowing the appeal of the Toronto Hydro Electric Commission, renders the Lennox Act invalid altogether as being ultra vires of the Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—John Duchanau Pirie, former captain of the Royal Air Force, yesterday was sentenced to hang on March 24 for the murder of his wife and two young daughters. Exactly five hours after the opening of the trial a jury found Pirie guilty, rejecting the plea of insanity on which the defence was based.

GOES UP FOR TRIAL. Frank Sheehan is committed in Check Case—Bank Official Testifies.

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New Airbase at Singapore Will Span Empire Defence. By H. BAILEY. British United Press. LONDON, Jan. 21.—Slowly the defence of the Empire, particularly the span of 10,000 miles between England and Australia, is being perfected.

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