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BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO,

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 1925

DOUBLE MURDER WORST TRAGEDY IN CITY'S HISTORY Bank Messenger Moon Remanded on Two Charges of Killing

SCOUTS STORMED CASTLE POWER TO EAT WITH KIWANIS

New Queen's Hotel Quickly Cap-
tured and the Position
Consolidated

FORESTRY EXPERT ON HAND

Tale of Improvements at Sand
Banks is Reviewed in In-
teresting Way

Stormed by a troop of Boy Scouts at noon today "Castle Power," otherwise known as the New Queen's Hotel, was quickly captured and speedily turned into a scene of big eats and lusty singing. In other words Kiwanis had invited the Boy Scouts to come and dine with them. They did, and they brought their appetites with them, so much so, that it kept Tom Power, his staff and a special waiter corps of Kiwanians, keeping the guests plates supplied. And when the dishes were laid away there wasn't even a visible sign of a pumpkin. The menu was made up of pumpkin and candy, being one of Tom Power's touches, for Tom is a big one of the boys who refuse to grow up. A la Peter Pan and most.

As a matter of detail Rev. Fred Mallott, chief scout master, occupied the chair; Rev. D. C. Ramsay, president of Rotary, said a few words, a Y. missionary from India expressed greetings from the Boy Scouts of Kipling's Kim-land, winding up with some excellent pictures of forests, log drives on the Ottawa, wrecks of forests, and examples of reforestation. The speaker was Mr. Arthur H. Richardson, of the Forest Department, Ontario Government, who told what the government was doing in regard to reforestation, to replace the forest wealth destroyed by the lumbermen and paper makers. Three government nurseries are maintained, one at the Sand Banks, Prince Edward County, and over six million trees will be sent out this year to be planted. These trees are furnished free by the government and this policy is being taken advantage of more every year.

The government will supply the trees to any county buying one thousand acres of wasteland to make a forest. Several counties have already taken advantage of this offer. Private forests are being laid out and planted under government supervision and many young trees sent out to farmers to make wind breaks.

Kiwanians have accepted an invitation from the ladies in charge of the bazaar to be held for St. Michael's church, to hold their luncheon at the bazaar next Tuesday evening, on which occasion a delegation of Kingston Kiwanian bowlers will be the guests of the local Kiwanis club.

ARRESTED FOR ARSON

CACHE BAY, April 7.—Tony Jacobellia, shoemaker, in whose premises the fire of last Tuesday morning started has been arrested in a charge of arson, as the result of the investigations of Deputy Fire Marshall Nealon of Toronto. The fire resulted in the loss of one life, and \$60,000 damages.

RAID VICE HEADQUARTERS

CHICAGO, April 7.—Evidence of a liquor and vice syndicate which the police said had been doing a business of millions of dollars a year was found yesterday in a raid on headquarters of the organization where eight men alleged to be subordinates were arrested.

Clayton McWilliams and Jack McGie Dead From Bullets Fired at Point-Blank Range Girl, Eye-Witness, Give Alarm to Police

Clayton McWilliams, aged 26 years, a drug clerk for the past five years in the drug store of Mr. W. H. Lattimer, Front Street, and John Cameron McGie 23 years, accountant at the Carthage Machine Co. were shot dead in Lattimer's Drug Store last night at ten minutes after ten o'clock and David Arthur Moon, aged 37 years, messenger and caretaker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was arrested shortly after by the police for murder.

Moon was today arraigned on two charges of murder preferred by Chief Constable Kidd, and appearing before Magistrate Masson this morning, was remanded for a week on two charges of murder.

CROWDS LINGER AT SCENE

The double tragedy occurred just before the theatre crowds came out on the street and in a few minutes the main street was the scene of great excitement, the store having to be locked to keep out the crowd which lingered for hours before the place. Numbers of people were on the street at the time of the shooting, and several men made their way into the store on the alarm of three girls that a shooting had occurred.

MISS COUSINS' STORY OF THE TRAGEDY

According to the story related to the police by Miss Eva Cousins, James Street, who was in the store at the time behind the refreshment counter, Moon entered the shop and walked to the middle counter on the south side. McWilliams, who was in the dispensary on the west end of the counters, came out to attend to his wants, and when he reached the middle counter, it is alleged Moon flourished a thirty-two Webley-Scott revolver, belonging to the bank, and fired two shots. One took effect in the chest of McWilliams, who staggered back into the dispensary. Moon, according to the story went to the west end of the counter approaching the dispensary, whither McWilliams had made his way apparently for shelter or to get away from the police. Moon is not certain, but it is believed that he made an attempt to save his friend. Another shot was fired and McGie fell on the floor behind the counter.

SLAYER WALKED CALMLY OUT

Moon did not enter the dispensary after that but calmly walked out of the shop. Meanwhile one of the girls in the shop had almost collapsed but a girl clerk and two girl customers, who were in the store at the time in the refreshment section hurried out after the retiring man and shouted to people on the street to stop the man. Some thought it was a joke at first, but it was realized in a moment that a tragedy had occurred. Two men ran all the way to the police station to give the alarm. In a few minutes police officers were on the scene with car and ambulance and in ten minutes the entire force with provincial men had arrived.

McWilliams was lying, his feet to the west and his head towards the east just below the telephone. He was quite dead when the police and doctors arrived. McGie was found still breathing by a number of the men who had rushed into the store on the alarm. His clothes were opened, but it was seen he was fatally hurt and death ensued in a few minutes. McGie was lying on his side in a position in which he would have been had he been asleep. He lay behind the west counter on the south side of the drug store.

MOON WAS SOON ARRESTED

Police learning the story of the affair went to the rooms of Moon on the third floor of the Commerce Bank building. The story of the shooting had been given by the girls and officers lost no time in going to the apartments where Moon was living alone. The statement of the young women was that they saw the man go to the back of the bank but it was apparently the north entrance he took.

The officers climbed the winding stairway and reached the third floor. Knocking at the door, they were answered by Moon who opened it. He was told to throw up his hands and did so. He made no attempt at resistance and seemed quite impassive. He was taken to the police station.

FOUND EXPLODED SHELLS

No weapon was found in his room but the revolver, alleged to have been used, was discovered downstairs in the bank in a drawer of the accountant's. Moon as messenger had access to the entire bank.

The gun was completely empty of shells, but two exploded shells were found later in the drug store behind the counter, by City Engineer Campbell, who had been called in by the police to take measurements. No third shell was found, although the girls say that three shots were fired.

Where the two bullets went is apparent. The first shot after penetrating McWilliams' chest, struck the edge of one of the shelves chipping it, and passed through the top of a package lodged in the back of the shelving. This shot had been fired apparently almost point blank and nearly straight ahead. The other bullet took a course to the right and was pointed downward and it is surmised after passing through the second victim struck the ledge of the shelving.

THROUGH THE HEART

McWilliams' wound was drilled straight through the chest passing through the heart without touching a rib. The lead that passed through John McGie after entering the same spot took a course to the right as if he had been turned slightly

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"JOHN M'GIE DIED HERO'S DEATH TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FRIEND" TRIBUTES TO BOTH MEN WHO DIED

It would appear today from latest police investigation that McWilliams was shot as he stepped behind the middle counter. As he staggered away, apparently the second shot was fired at him, but missed, lodging in the woodwork. It may be shown that he made his way in slowly to the dispensary and that John McGie rushed out of that room as Moon was making his way through the opening at the end of the counter. If this version is correct, McGie was likely shot while grappling with the prisoner. No trace of this bullet has been found and it may be located in the front of the store.

Asked today if there were any further hopes of finding the bullet, Chief Constable Kidd said: "We have no more leads to follow. The bullet was fired from a .32 Smith & Wesson revolver, and the only one of this make for sale in Belleville was the one we found in the store."

"He was one of the best boys I ever had in the place," said Mr. Lattimer today, of the late Clayton McWilliams. "He was born with me for five years and was always reliable."

"JOHN M'GIE DIED THE PART OF A HERO, TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FRIEND," said a police officer today.

Moon has often been in the Lattimer drug store and was almost a regular visitor every four

or five days. He seemed to be on the best of terms with McWilliams.

Moon is an ex-service man. He is married and has two children. Mrs. Moon is not living at his apartments but at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, in Thurlow, where the children are also staying. In February the wife accused Moon of pointing a revolver at her and brought an action in the police court but Moon was acquitted of the charge.

Clayton McWilliams was a son of Mr. Norman McWilliams of this city and resided with his parents on Pinnacle Street near the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. He was a noted athlete and for some years played

John McGie, who was in his 23rd year, was like his slain friend a native of Belleville. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGie and has two sisters, one, Mrs. W. E. Peacock, who resides in California. He was one of the most popular young men in the city, and a fine musician. He was an officer in the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment.

The tragedy was the sole topic of conversation today on the streets.

M. J. HANEY HELD ON \$100,000 BAIL

TORONTO, April 7.—Arraigned before County Judge Emerson Coatsworth in criminal sessions here today on charges laid under the Bank Act of making false returns concerning the Home Bank condition, Michael J. Haney, former President of the defunct institution, pleaded not guilty. Election was reserved and will be submitted to Crown within a week. Haney was admitted to bail in the sum of \$100,000. Although considerably recovered from his illness he did not appear to be in the best of health.

No Filibuster On Church Union

TORONTO, April 7.—In spite of many forecasts to the contrary it is not now anticipated that there will be any attempt at a filibuster when the Church Union Bill comes before the Legislature for discussion. From a reliable source it was learned this morning that word had gone through the Liberal and Progressive ranks that there would be no use in discussing the matter further, as it had been threshed out for weeks by the committee on Private Bills.

REVOLT IS SPREADING

LONDON, April 7.—Despatches from Constantinople reports that the Kurdish Insurrection has spread over the Turco-Persian frontier. The Teheran Government has sent troops to that locality.

FIRE AS REPRISAL OHIO CITY POLICE SAY

STEBENVILLE, Ohio, April 7.—That the Stanton Motor Co. garage fire here this morning which resulted in the destruction of the building and thirty automobiles with estimated loss of \$200,000 was started by former associates of Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, is the belief of city authorities who are investigating. The garage is owned by William Snyder and Miss Katherine Bourne who were state witnesses against Chapman at the Hartford trial which resulted in his conviction and sentence to death.

TORONTO LIVESTOCK

TORONTO, April 7.—Cattle market—Receipts light, trade strong, heavy beef steers 7.50 to 8.75, butcher steers choice 7 to 8, butcher cows medium 4 to 5, calves 11 to 13, lambs ewes 15 to 16, hogs select 15.15 to 15.52.

CONSERVATIVES MET IN TRENTON ADDRESS GIVEN BY R. D. PONTON

The Conservative Association of Trenton last evening had an excellent meeting with a very large audience. Major R. D. Ponton of this City was the speaker for the occasion and discussed the issues and the policies of the Mackenzie King Government and its disastrous effect on the conditions existing in Canada and on which issues the people of Canada will soon be called upon to express their opinions. Mr. Howard D. Graham and Mr. George Crowther moved a vote of thanks to the speaker. Mr. Egan James was in the

More Welsh Coal For this District

MONTREAL, April 7.—Announcement was made today that the Canadian Welsh Anthracite Coal Company had contracted to bring here this season a total of 170,000 tons of coal from Wales an increase of 70,000 tons over last year's shipments. This will constitute a new record in shipments to Canada via the St. Lawrence route. Most of the coal, it was said, will be distributed between Montreal and Toronto.

MARKETS AND FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG MARKETS

WINNIPEG, April 7.—Opening quotations, wheat May 2 1-4 to 3 1-4 higher at 1.49 to 1.50, July 2 1-2 to 3c higher at 1.49 1-4 to 3-4, Oct 1 1-4 higher at 1.30. Oats May 1 1-5 to 1 3-8 higher at 47 1-4 to 47 1-4, July 1 3-8 to 1 7-8 higher at 49 1-4 to 34, Oct. 7-8c higher at 48 1-4.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Wheat May 1.48, July 1.37 1-4, Oats May 40 1-4 to 42 1-4.

EXCHANGE RATES

NEW YORK, April 7.—Sterling exchange steady, demand rates in Col. Great Britain 4.78 1-4, Canadian dollar 1-16 of one per cent.

PEN. WARDEN SUSPENDED

MONTREAL, April 7.—Word has been received from Ottawa that Lieut. Col. Girouard, Warden of St. Vincent De Paul Penitentiary, has been temporarily suspended pending an investigation into certain matters. The cause of suspension has not been disclosed.

VOTES FOR FRENCHWOMEN

PARIS, April 7.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening passed the bill giving the women right to vote in municipal elections and also making them eligible for municipal office if elected. A similar bill was passed by the Chamber in 1919 but was defeated in Senate.

McMASTER IS CHAIRMAN

Ottawa, April 6.—A. R. McMaster, Liberal member for Brome, Que., was chosen chairman of the committee of fifteen members of the House of Commons which today began its investigation on ocean freight rates generally, with particular reference to the Petersen ship subsidy contract.

HERE FROM HALIFAX

Mrs. E. S. Creelman and daughter, Dorothy, have arrived here from Halifax, N.S., and will reside at 14 Patterson Street.

Peter Smith Tells of Offer by Late Col. Mason of \$15,000, Which he Did Not Accept.

TORONTO, April 7.—Evidence of Peter Smith and Charles Matthews, former Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of Ontario, respectively, who are now serving terms in Portsmouth Penitentiary, relating to the charge that a "toll gate" existed at the Parliament buildings, was read in full this morning before the Public Accounts Committee. It was taken yesterday at the penitentiary by the sub-committee of the Public Accounts Committee.

One of the features of the Matthews evidence was that a rumor was current during the last days of the Hearst Government that there was a mysterious cigar box in the building containing a large sum of money.

Mr. Matthews, on the advice of Counsel declined to state from whom he had heard the rumor. Matthews also stated he had heard Thomas McGarry, former Provincial Treasurer or had received money from somewhere.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader proceeded to question Matthews about this rumor but Mr. McCrea, Minister of Mines, interrupted to say that in witness to the men in public life, who should confine themselves to what he actually knew. The committee decided not to take any further evidence was taken by Peter Smith that he had been offered \$15,000 by the late Col. Mason of the Home Bank. He declared he refused it and had never received anything from the Home Bank.

NINETY FOUR GRADUATED

TORONTO, April 7.—(By Canadian Press).—Ninety-four nurses from all parts of the province graduated in the class of 1925 at the Toronto General Hospital School for nurses. At the first graduation in 1883 five nurses received diplomas.

HOTEL FIRE IS COSTLY

New London, Conn., April 6.—Fire which started on the fifth floor of the Crocker House this morning swept through upper storeys causing damage estimated at \$225,000. The guests reached the street in safety.

COMING EVENTS

VALLEY FARM TO BE PUT ON by Christ Church Dramatic Society in City Hall in aid of St. Julien Chapter has been postponed from April 21st to 23rd. 7-11

RESERVE FRIDAY EVE., APRIL

24th for Tabernacle play. 7-11

THE POSTPONED ANNUAL MEETING of the Belleville Cemetery Company will be held at the office of the Secretary Treasurer, 228 Church Street, on Wednesday, April the 8th at 3 p.m. B. Mallory, Sec. Treas., S. Masson, President. 28-4-7

THE CRUCIFIXION WILL BE SUNG on Good Friday evening, 8 p.m., in Bridge St. Church by a large choir with soloists. Voluntary Offering. a3,4,7,9

BRIDGE ST. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY Society Easter Thank-offering Service, Wednesday, April 8, 8 o'clock. Mrs. James Hales, Toronto, will give an address. All welcome. 11a

CITY HALL TONIGHT (TUESDAY), illustrated lecture by Frank Yeigh, Toronto, on "The Save the Children Fund" and "Greek Refugee Children. Public invited. Auspices Ministerial Union. 11 PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT 7.45 at Alliance Gospel Tabernacle. Gospel Service Thursday 7.45 — Subject, "Calvary." 11

DOUBLE MURDER SHOCKS BELLEVILLE

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PRISONER REMANDED FOR ONE WEEK

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to the right. The former bled profusely and the latter scarcely at all.

No sign of the course of the alleged third bullet has been found, although every search has been made for it.

Photographs were taken of the store today by Mr. E. McCormick, photographer, at the request of the police.

INQUEST WAS BEGUN

been carried to the undertaking rooms of the Tickell Company, Ltd. Coroner Dr W. W. Boyce opened an inquest on the two bodies, the investigation of the tragedy will be at seven o'clock Monday night in the police court.

The jurors are R. J. Wray, foreman, C. J. Symons, T. D. Ruston, E. R. Wells, R. H. Ketcheson, P. Harrison, A. R. Schryver, Charles May, Queen and C. M. Hall.

Sergeant of Police, Arthur Harman, is coroner's constable. He, with Inspector F. J. Naphin gave evidence, the latter of identification of the bodies of the men.

PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY

Dr. Stobie and Dr. Tower later performed an autopsy to determine the course of the bullets which had caused the deaths of the men.

Mr. Charles A. Payne has been retained by the prisoner to defend him. When he was brought into court today, a large number of spectators were present. Moon was a blue suit and a blue shirt without a collar. He merely looked tired.

Immediately after his appearance he was whisked off to the county jail under guard and handcuffed.

That there was no preliminary talk before the shooting is the belief of the police from the evidence which they were able to gather.

TOOK AWAY WEAPON

Last night about eight-thirty Moon came to the door of the Walker Hardware Company and tapped at the door. Mr. Sidney Dawkins, who was in the office at the time had him come in. There, it is stated, that Moon flourished a revolver and said 'somebody was going to die.' There was considerable talk with Moon. Mr. Dawkins thinking that Moon, who seemed as if he had been drinking would become quiet, suggested that they take a ride over to the bay bridge as Mr. Dawkins wished to buy some fish. Moon got in Mr. Dawkins' car and together they drove to the bridge. They remained there half an hour or so and then returned, Moon was quiet and they went to Moon's apartments. Moon still had the weapon that he had shown in the store, but Mr. Dawkins got it away from him in the room and hid it. About fifteen minutes before the tragedy, Mr. Dawkins left Moon. Not long after he heard of the tragedy.

In the excitement of the shooting, varied accounts were given. Miss Irene Woodley, who was one of the customers, related her story today.

Irene Woodley and Isabella Morris were being waited on in the ice cream parlor by Miss Cousins, when Moon walked into the drug store carrying what may have been the gun in his right hand. No attention was paid as Miss Woodley thought he had a glove in his hand. Soon a report like that of a gun was heard and Miss Woodley remarked that something must be wrong and got up, walking to the front store in time to see Clayton McWilliams falling from the effects of he shot and then he got up and staggered as far as the dispensary where he again fell. She ran out on the street calling for help, shouting that a man had shot two men in the store and to detain him. Moon after the shooting looked hard at the girls and then slowly walked out of the store and walked diagonally across the street to the Campbell Street corner and disappeared from view. Miss Woodley then ran to Dr. Stobie's surgery but he was not there. She then went to Dr. Robertson's and found he was at home and immediately went to the scene of the accident.

Moon was not intoxicated, in the opinion of policemen on duty in the case. That he had been drinking some alcohol is practically admitted, for an empty bottle was found in his place.