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CONFESSES THAT HE KILLED FLORA GREY

FIRST TRIED TO ASSAULT HER

Omar Roberts Makes Clean Breast of His Part in Re- volting Crime.

Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 5—Omar Roberts has confessed to the murder of Flora Grey. The aged guide and trapper admitted as early as Thursday of last week that following the attempted assault of his nineteen year old housekeeper at his hunting edge in Kemptonville a week ago last Monday night he sprinkled her bed and room with gasoline and then set them afire.

His first statement were made to Arthur Sims the keeper of the county jail. This morning upon the return of the crown prosecutor, R. S. McKay, from Boston, Roberts McKay and the sheriff of the county were closeted together for several hours and it is believed that the law officers of the crown obtained at this interview a full statement of the crime.

Tonight, according to the jailer the prisoner having made a clean breast of the whole affair is resting more easily than he has at any time since his incarceration following the tragedy on Tuesday morning last. For the first few days of his imprisonment the old man neither ate nor slept and gave the appearance of being in stupor. Wednesday evening two of his daughters came to see him and he broke down completely. The following day he attempted to say something whenever the jailer went near him but not being encouraged to talk he held himself quiet until the evening when unable to contain himself any longer he blurted out on the jailer's last round, "Oh, I wish some one would take me out and shoot me," and followed this up with the statement that he had committed the crime with which he was charged.

Roberts' story according to the statements made by the jailer to night differ very little from the story as pieced together at the inquest. The main facts are that Roberts was infatuated with his housekeeper that he had proposed marriage to her and had refused that on the night of the tragedy while the two were spending the evening at their neighbor's the William Randalls, he asked her to go home with him that she declined and walked home instead with young Ransom Randall.

The old man had preceded the pair to his home and after young Randall has left the house went to the girls room and attempted to assault her. Having failed in his purpose and being told by the girl that she intended telling her father he left the room went downstairs and got gasoline. Returning he poured it about the room and then touched a match. The young girl thinking to escape the flames climbed under the bed where she was found terribly burned when Roberts returned with the neighbors he had aroused. The jailer believes from what the prisoner told him that Roberts twice set fire to the house. The original fire he says was out when help arrived. "Jealousy," is the old man's explanation of the motive which impelled him to commit the crime.

Visited The Potato Belt.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau Minister of Agriculture who drove by auto to Edmundston with a party of friends to attend the opening of the International bridge, returned home last evening. He says that the celebration was a great success and he enjoyed every minute of his stay in Edmundston. The Minister on the uptrip drove through the Aroostook County from Houlton to Van Buren and saw the famous potato belt for the first time. He says there are many fine farms in Aroostook and he saw some wonderful potato and oat fields. He says that just now prices are away down and very few potatoes have been marketed. On most of the farms which he saw the potatoes seemed to be badly affected by rust. The Minister added that on the way down he saw some fine potatoes in the counties of Carleton and Victoria which appeared to be thrifty and free from disease.

HEARING IN TWO CASES POSTPONED

William Chase of South Waterville appeared this morning before Police Magistrate Limbrick on two charges. One of the charges was laid under the Inland Revenue Act and the other under the Intoxicating Liquor Act. The charges were laid by Sub Inspector Fraser Saunders, upon information obtained by him some two weeks ago, when he made an extensive tour of that part of York County.

Chase was charged with having a mash in his possession and operating a still without the necessary permit and with having intoxicating liquor in his possession contrary to the Prohibition Act. His hearing was postponed until the 15th. J. J. F. Winslow appeared for the defence and P. J. Hughes for the prosecution.

A BIG LIQUOR CRAFT DODGES DRY AGENTS

The Crew Left \$30,000 Worth of Booze on the Dock and Decamped.

New York, Sept. 6—A large high powered motor launch manned by a crew of seven men and landed with liquor escaped from six prohibition agents early Tuesday when they tried to raid it in dock at the foot of Bay Thirty second street and Cropsey avenue, Bath Beach.

Prohibition Agent Garson and a party of five had been tipped off that the vessel would unload a large quantity of wet goods at that pier and they arrived at midnight. After hours of waiting they heard the throb of a motor and the launch drew in. While agents watched the crew began to carry large cases of liquor from the cabin to the pier. About twenty cases had been removed and laid out on the dock when Garson and his men came from ambush. They ran toward the launch but the crew heard them coming. Abandoning the liquor on the pier which was worth about \$30,000, the men jumped back into the launch untied it and raced out into the bay.

The prohibition agents opened fire and for some fifteen minutes the waterfront echoed to the crack of many revolvers. It is thought that some of those on board may have been wounded.

Garson sent a general alarm to the marine department of the prohibition forces and throughout the morning rum chasers were combing the waters of New York and vicinity for the vessel.

Owing to the darkness the agents were able to give only a vague description of the vessel. They said it was larger than the average launch or motorboat. It has a large cabin and judging by the speed of its motor was equipped with driving power that could propel a boat twice its size. The agents estimated that the \$30,000 stock was but a small part of the boat's cargo.

MILLTOWN BEAT NEPONSET

St. Stephen, Sept. 5—With Phinney pitching great ball and the team playing errorless ball behind him Milltown defeated Casey's Neponset All-Stars in an eight inning twilight game on the Milltown diamond this evening by a score of 5 to 1.

Score by Innings:
Milltown 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—5
Casey's All-Stars 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
Batteries, Phinney and Casey; McNeill and Buchanan.

To Dispose of Assets

At a meeting of the creditors of David V. Storm, of Woodstock, yesterday afternoon at the office of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Ltd., St. John, authority was given the assignee to dispose of the assets. Inspectors were appointed.

Turkish Cavalry Division Wiped Out by the Greeks

WAS HEMMED IN BY TWO OF THE ENEMY FORCES ON THE BILEJK-DRUSA FRONT—AN OVERWHELMING DEFEAT FOR THE TURKS—AN OFFICIAL STATE- MENT CONCERNING THE BATTLE ALLIES MAY SEND TROOPS TO TURKEY.

Constantinople, Sept. 5—A Turkish cavalry division has met disaster near the Bilejk-Drusa front. Caught between two Greek forces, it was totally wiped out.

The Turks made careless by their successes did not reckon with the Greek third army corps, which had retreated unhampered in the direction of Brusa. This corps extremely well led was attacked by a division of Turkish cavalry west of Bilejik. The division was driven between the Greek wings and completely annihilated. The Greek military mission here made public today the following official communication:

"The northern group reports a great victory for our army. The enemy made an attack which was repulsed. The Turks retreated in disorder with great losses. The military situation has improved after the junction of all corps in the southern group."

WILL LAND FORCES

Constantinople, Sept. 5—The Allies appear to be agreed that it is necessary for them to land naval and infantry forces in Asiatic Turkey for the protection of their nationals and to maintain order.

From the way the operations are being conducted there is no expectation that the Turks will permit the Greeks time for a breathing spell.

An order of the day issued by Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, which has just been received here, after congratulating the Turkish army on its spirit and sacrifices, concludes as follows:

"We must face other battles. You will show the traditional endurance and bravery in which the nation takes pride. Your next move must be Smyrna."

Bucharest, Sept. 5—Nine British warships belonging to the Malta squadron, have arrived at Kustendje, about sixty miles southwest of the delta of the Danube, to protect shipping in the Black Sea.

ARMISTICE TALK

Paris, Sept. 5—The French government today received through the British embassy a note from the British government requesting consideration of the possibility of taking steps to bring about an armistice between the Greeks and the Turks. The French replied in a note sent by the foreign office this evening. Although the terms of the notes exchanged were not disclosed, it is inferred from the promptness of the French reply that an agreement between the two governments will rapidly be reached.

With the arrival of reinforcements from Greece the Greeks are confident that they will be able to dispute the advance of the Turks.

MID-WEEK MARKET.

Well Attended—And Produce Offered In Great Variety.

The midweek market today was one of the largest in the season and large quantities of green stuff potatoes and apples were offered. Corn was particularly abundant and sold as low as 10 cents per dozen. Some good looking potatoes were in evidence and also carrots, squash, cabbage, etc.

Prices were about as follows:—
Eggs, per doz., 35 to 40 cents.
Butter per lb., 35 cents.
Cucumbers, per doz., 20 cents.
Apples, per bbl., \$2.00.
Potatoes, per bbl., \$1.50.
Corn, per doz., 10 cents.
Lamb, per lb., 15 to 20 cents.
Veal, per lb., 10 to 14 cents.
Mutton, per lb., 7 to 9 cents.
Beef, per lb., 6 to 8 cents.
Chickens, per pair \$2.00.
Live pigs, each \$4.00.
Carrots, beets, etc., 10 cents per bunch.

Business College Opens.

The first fall term of the Fredericton Business College opened yesterday, with the enrollment considerably in advance of that of last year. The college has been completely painted and renovated and presents a very attractive appearance and today the student body is hard at work. The students are drawn from practically all parts of the province. The second class will open on October second and it is expected that a large number will be enrolled before that time.

A party composed of Mrs. A. G. Baily, Mrs. F. B. Carvell, Mrs. H. B. Carvell, Weldon Carvell and Edwin Hand motored from Woodstock this morning and are guests at the Barker House.

PROBATE PROCEEDINGS.

Letters of Administration in two Estates from the County.

Letters of administration have been granted in two estates. One is that of the late James Rex Cliff, of Queensbury. The deceased resided at McNally's Ferry, and the letters of administration have been granted to his son, Harold Cliff. The amount of the real estate is placed at \$1500 and of the personal at \$2700 making a total value of \$4200. G. T. Feeney acted as proctor.

Next is that of the late Thomas George Caponer Cook, who recently died at the home of his daughter Mrs. George Danby in Devon, Mrs. Danby was executrix and sole devisee and the estate probated at a total valuation of \$3700. This was composed of \$3200 in cash and a life insurance policy for 112 pounds sterling. The policy was valued at \$500 in Canadian money. Winslow and McNair acted as proctors.

Maritime Board of Trade.

Ald. Joseph A. Cain, President of the Fredericton Board of Trade, and Dr. C. C. Jones, a member of the executive of the Board will leave this evening for St. John to attend the convention of the Maritime Board of Trade. The convention will extend over two days and delegates are expected from all parts of the maritime provinces.

Has New Position.

Mr. William J. Robinson formerly of this city, who lately resigned from the staff of the Boston Globe, this week entered on his duties as advertising manager of the Bio Food Company of New York. The position is an important one and carries with it a salary of \$6000 a year.

RESIGNATION OF PATROLMAN ACCEPTED

The Police Commission met yesterday afternoon and it was decided that the resignation of Patrolman Edward King should be accepted, to go into effect on Saturday, Sept. 9th. It was rumored that Patrolman William Simcock was also intending to resign but the Commission has received no intimation to that effect.

A meeting of the Commission was to be held at noon today but owing to the inability of Mayor Reid to attend the meeting was postponed until Thursday.

Patrolmen King and Simcock were engaged at \$75 per month which is a lower rate of pay than that of senior patrolman. That fact caused dissatisfaction.

GIRL TAKES POISON WHILE ON THE STAGE

Member of Burlesque Co. Ended Life While Sweetheart Waited for Her.

New York, Sept. 6—There was no matinee for the "Whizz Bang" girls at the National Winter Garden yesterday. The burlesque roof at Second avenue and Houston street was "dark" this afternoon because 19 year old Lillian Gay of the chorus drank a bottle of cyanide off stage during the morning rehearsal.

Lillian died half an hour later with half the burlesque show's cast hysterical and weeping crowding around and trying to tell her that everything was O. K. that her sweetie was waiting for her down stairs with his car.

But Lillian didn't hear them. It is doubtful whether she knew when the doctor from Gouverneur Hospital arrived and began to use his stomach pump. Cyanide works with a wallop and Lillian had taken a stiff dose of it.

So after they had taken her away and the company had gathered in awed little groups to discuss it and after Lillian's sweetie, Dominick Rango had been led away raving and threatening to kill himself. Manager Elliott decided that the cast was in no condition to go on with the show this afternoon and gave all hands a vacation.

BRILLIANT WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

There has been a great influx of invited guests for the nuptials of Miss Hilda Florence Lefevre Gregory daughter of Albert J. Gregory, K. C., and Mrs. Gregory of this city and Nicholson Ian Murray MacLaren M. C., of McMasterville, Que., son of Col. Murray MacLaren C. M. G., and Mrs. MacLaren of St. John which will be celebrated at 4.30 at Christchurch Cathedral. Rt. Rev. John Richardson Bishop of Fredericton assisted by Very Rev. Scovell Neales, Dean of Fredericton will perform the ceremony.

The bride will be attended by four bridesmaids Miss Lucy Morrison and Miss Mary Gregory of this city the latter sister of the bride. and the Misses Elspeth and Margaret MacLaren of St. John sisters of the groom. E. Brydone Millidge, M. C. of East Angus, Que., will be groomsmen and the ushers are to be Anthony Gregory brother of the bride, Stewart MacLaren of Montreal and G. F. Gregory Bridges, Fredericton cousin of the bride. Little Miss Mary Gregory niece of the bride, daughter of Philip Gregory of Montreal will be flower girl.

Magnificent floral decorations have been placed in both church and home following the ceremony a reception will be held at Acadia Grove the home of the bride's parents. After that the young couple will motor to Fredericton Junction to take the C. P. R. to Montreal and the Saguenay where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride is a well known young

THE LABOR HORIZON IS BRIGHTENING

CONFERENCE AT THE CAPITAL

Representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments Meet at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Sept. 5—Canada's labor horizon for the coming winter is brighter than it has been for four or five years. There will be little unemployment unless something unforeseen happens. Also those who will need public assistance to tide them selves over the cold months need look for no doles. Some form of productive work will be provided and not at trade union wages.

These facts and this policy came to light at the first sitting this afternoon in the Liberal committee room of the parliament buildings of the conference on unemployment between representatives of the federal and provincial governments.

There was full attendance of those invited and a hearty welcome was extended to them by the prime minister, who in a short address outlined the attitude taken by the present dominion government toward unemployment and other problems.

This evening an informal dinner was given to the attending conferees by the federal government at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club.

Hon. James Murdock was chosen chairman of the conference.

The United States government is interested in the deliberations and O. T. Mallory, member of President Harding's special board of unemployment and also a member of the industrial board of Pennsylvania, is in attendance.

Optimistic reports were given by Joseph Alney for Quebec and Hon. C. W. Robinson for New Brunswick.

"I can share the optimism of the other provinces," said Premier Murray of Nova Scotia. Crops were never better and the various industries were showing marked improvement. "As to mining we have had our spree and I think the immediate prospects are encouraging indeed," He was opposed to doles.

STATISTICS REPORTED BY HEALTH DEPT.

Dr. G. C. Melvin of the department of public health has issued the following returns received in the month of July of births, marriages and deaths. The numbers are not applicable to the month of July but are for the month preceding the date of receipt. Thus they include figures for part of June and part of July. They are as follows:

Sub District	B.	M.	D.
Albert	20	7	9
Carleton	36	25	16
Charlotte	49	13	17
Fredericton	16	5	12
Gloucester	149	19	26
Kent	47	10	18
Kings	31	7	14
Madawaska	68	16	9
Northumberland	101	22	30
Queens	39	7	9
Restigouche	91	18	14
St. John (City & Co.)	112	48	78
Sunbury	13	4	6
Victoria	29	12	12
Westmorland	88	32	44
York (exclusive of Fredericton)	46	10	16

Total

Births	926
Marriages	255
Deaths	330

The returns for the City of St. John show 92 births, 39 marriages and 47 deaths and for the City of Moncton 29 births, 18 marriages and 21 deaths. The total returns for this year may be compared with those of the same month of 1920 and 1921. They are as follows:

1921, 1008 births, 298 marriages, 424 deaths.
1920, 908 births, 371 marriages, 382 deaths.

lady of this city and the groom attended the university here being graduated in 1921 as B. S. He is now with the Canadian Explosives Company as chemical engineer.