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Moderate north to northeast winds mostly fair and cool today and on Saturday, a few scattered showers.

BENNY SWIM WAS HANGED THIS MORNING

EXECUTION NOT A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

Hangman From Quebec Was Evidently an Amateur—Job Done Over Again.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 6—At five o'clock this morning the trap was sprung that sent Benny Swim into eternity for the murder of Olive Swim at Benton last March. Besides the four doctors and law officers very few were present. The hangman bungled the job and it was nineteen minutes before the condemned man was pronounced dead. Carrying out the provisions of the law an inquest was held and the body given over to relatives and at once taken to his father's home in Rockland where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

The condemned man slept at intervals during the night and while in a very weak state was able to ascend the gallows with little assistance. He prayed continuously and was praying when the trap was sprung. In conversation with Rev. H. V. Bragdon he admitted that he feigned insanity at the suggestion of two prisoners who were in the jail at the time and who also advised him to attempt to escape.

Swim's Confession
Since his arrest the condemned man has not made any statement concerning the crime for which he was convicted. To Rev. H. V. Bragdon he has made the following confession over his own signature. "When I arrived at the house at Benton Ridge Trenholm came to the door and began to abuse me and I jumped on me, in the scuffle the revolver fell from my raincoat pocket and Trenholm picked it up. I took it from him. Trenholm then went into the house and returned with a piece of paper with an address to put on a trunk at my home and to be shipped to him at Benton Ridge. He then asked for the revolver and said he would fix me. I said no". He stepped up to me and caught me by the shirt collar and started to back me in the woodshed and I shot him in the temple. Olive came to the door and said "Bennie I have ruined you, we all deserve it." She turned and I shot her in the back first, I followed her in the house and shot her again. Then I thought I was doomed and put the revolver back of my ear and pulled the trigger and fell alongside of Olive. I laid there just a few minutes when I got up and went to the hen-pen and sat down in the door. You know the rest."

"Sgd. BENNIE SWIM."
Was Hanged Twice

Woodstock, Oct. 6—Owing to many conflicting reports in connection with the execution of Benny Swim, in justice to Sheriff Foster, the real facts should be made public. After much difficulty M. A. Doyle, who is the official executioner of the province of Quebec, was secured on the recommendation of Sheriff Lemieux of Montreal. That no hitch would occur another man was also engaged and brought here.

Doyle gave the gallows a thorough test on Tuesday and pronounced everything working satisfactorily. When the trap was sprung all was in order. In four minutes Doyle cut Swim down and he was pronounced dead. Four doctors were present and in twelve minutes they detected signs of life and Swim, totally unconscious, was taken up and the execution completed. He was taken down in nineteen minutes, when of course life had vanished.

The whole trouble can be attributed to Doyle who cut the man down too soon. It was here that the wisdom of bringing the second man was manifest as he did the work in the way it should have been done. While it is horrifying, it can be said that poor Bennie Swim was absolutely unconscious during the whole proceedings.

Swim's Last Hours
The condemned man slept well last night and seemed resigned to his fate. A rather peculiar incident in connection with his case occurred when he requested that a woman who had been very kind to him since his sentence be sent for. The sheriff complied with his wishes and the woman at once came to the jail and had a long talk with him, in which he ex-

DEATH LIST IN ONTARIO NUMBERS 33

Great Damage Caused by Forest Fires—Fifty Lives May Have Been Lost.

Cobalt Ont., Oct. 5—Thirty-three persons are known to be dead as a result of one of the most devastating fires in the history of Northern Ontario, railway between Englehart on the north and a place just outside Cobalt on the south a distance of approximately thirty eight miles.

In addition to the known dead a great number of people in the fire ravaged districts are reported missing, but it will be some days before an estimate can be made with any degree of accuracy. It is thought that possible fifty persons have met death either from burns suffocation or from drowning.

Fifteen bodies had been found in and around Haileybury up to a late hour this afternoon. There are fears that the number will be exceeded. Several of the dead have not been identified. Mrs. T. A. Cobbold wife of the country court clerk lost her life when she and her husband attempted to rescue an aged uncle. Mr. Cobbold was successful in getting the old man out, but both the rescuer and rescued were badly burned. One of the bodies since identified was that of H. Elthie forty-five. He was once president of the Porcupine Mining Company.

The fire which consumed Haileybury started in a potato patch where the potato tops and other refuse were being burned. Once it was caught up by a wind that howled along at eighty miles an hour the fire fighters were powerless to stop the rush of the flames.

Of all the beautiful town only about twenty residences remain. Hundreds perhaps thousands of people owe their lives to the veering of the wind changed and the choking of the lake, water on one side and fire and smoke on the other, the danger grew greater and greater. Then the wind changed and the choking frightened people were saved. The town of Cobalt had a narrow escape last night. The flames were within half a mile of the town and the buildings of the Hudson Bay mines were consumed. The courage of the people of Haileybury is enthusiastic.

"Sure we will rebuild" said Ray Gibson. "We will build a bigger and better Haileybury than ever before." Word has just reached here of the deaths on farms between the towns of Heaslip and Charlton of seven teen people. The bodies of Robert Bold his wife and eight children and his hired man, John Marshall were found suffocated in a root house on an adjoining farm. A man named Fleming and his son also living in that district sought safety in a ditch and are dead.

Making Good Progress
Boone & McDonald contractors on the new hall being built for Christchurch Cathedral, are making good progress. The lantern on the ridge of the building which will provide the ventilation is now being constructed. The sides and roof have progressed so far that an excellent idea of the appearance of the finished structure can be obtained. It is the intention to open the new building December 10th.

The choir of the Brunswick street Baptist Church was entertained by the Women's Auxillary of the church Thursday night.

pressed his warmest thanks for her great kindness and asked if she would remain at the jail until the end. She consented to stay and it seemed a great comfort to the condemned man, Rev. H. V. Bragdon, who has been his spiritual adviser and has constantly carried out his duties, will remain all night, as will Rev. P. J. Quigg.

Parent's Farewell
On Tuesday Swim's mother and father made their last visit and their farewell was pathetic in the extreme. Benny told them he was prepared to go and asked them to be charitable and remember the great strain under which he labored when the crime was committed. He had previously said "good-bye" to his brother and sisters who were greatly affected.
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The Conference at Mudania Came to a Halt Yesterday

ADJOURNED RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY TO ALLOW DELEGATES A CHANCE TO CONSULT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENTS — INTERESTING RUMORS IN REGARD TO CONSTANTINOPLE — REPORT THAT EVACUATION HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY THE TURKS.

Constantinople, Oct. 5—Abruptly, though not unexpectedly, the Mudania conference came to a halt this afternoon. When it will be resumed is a matter of conjecture.

Brigadier-Gen. Harington, commander of the Allied forces and head of the Allied delegation, returned this evening on the battleship Iron Duke and the Italian delegation also came to Constantinople. It is understood that the Allied generals will go into conference with the high commissioners on certain serious difficulties which have arisen at Mudania.

Various explanations for the separation of the delegates are given in the rumors which quickly developed here. The one most generally credited relates to the evacuation of Constantinople.

CONCERNING CONSTANTINOPLE

According to unofficial information, Ismet Pasha, the Nationalist representative, suddenly raised the question at the afternoon conference of the evacuation of Constantinople. General Harington replied that that would come after the conclusion of the peace treaty, as set forth in the joint Allied note. Ismet Pasha insisted heatedly on an earlier evacuation, and it was found impossible to reach an agreement for the present on this important point.

General Mombelli, of Italy, supported General Harington, but the French delegate, General Charpy, was non-committal. At this juncture M. Franklin-Bouillon, the special French envoy, intervened, declaring that he had been instructed by the French government to support the Turkish demand. The discussion grew very warm and the Allied generals adjourned to confer with the commissioners at Constantinople.

Both General Harington and General Mombelli have asked for further instructions from their governments. If these are received in time it is possible that the conference may be resumed at Mudania tomorrow afternoon.

Another report was current, but accepted as only a partial explanation, that the stoppage of the conference session was due to the necessity of the Greek delegates referring all matters for decision to their government at Athens.

NOT FULLY INFORMED

London, Oct. 5—The Mudania conference has separated, not finally, but in circumstances of serious difficulty. An important despatch from General Harington reached the government this evening. It was sent by ship's radio and said with reference to Thursday's proceedings that the conference had adjourned, and asked for instructions.

The despatch arrived in a very imperfect state, the conclusion of it being altogether missing. It was sufficiently obvious, however, that a very unsatisfactory state of things had developed at Mudania and the prime minister hurriedly summoned a late meeting of the cabinet.

A HUNTING ACCIDENT OCCURS OVER NORTH

Campbellton, Oct. 5—While hunting partridge on Sunday afternoon last Henry Corrier, aged eighteen, of Eel River Cove, was fatally shot through the head when a rifle in the hands of his younger brother was accidentally discharged as the younger boy fell while climbing over a fence. The unfortunate young man, who is a son of Frank Corrier, of Eel River Cove, started out Sunday afternoon, accompanied by his brother, who is about fourteen, and two other boys of that place. Upon deciding to precede the party for some reason or other the victim of the accident handed his gun to his brother. When a ragged bush fence was reached the young brother made an unsuccessful attempt to scale it and fell headlong, simultaneously discharging the rifle. The barrel happened to be pointed in the direction of the older brother, who was as yet only a short distance away, and the shot entered behind the ear coming out on the opposite side. Death was almost instantaneous.

An inquest was held by Coroner Dr. Ellis, of Jacquet River, and the jury gave a verdict of accidental death.

Addressing I. O. D. E.

Mrs. Cortlandt Robinson of St. John who is reporting on the National I. O. D. E. convention address a gathering of members of the order at the Parliament Buildings this afternoon.

CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE POST OFFICE

Campbellton, Oct. 5—Patrick Doyle laborer and Reuben Dickie, an employee of the post office in Campbellton, were arrested today and brought before Magistrate MacDonald, charged with being concerned in the post office robbery at Campbellton on Sunday and the amount of money involved is said to be large. It is contended that one of the missing packages contained \$500. After the discovery of the robbery on Sunday, W. F. Griffiths, of the district superintendent's office in St. John, was sent to investigate. As the result of his investigation the arrests were made today, and Doyle and Dickie appeared before the magistrate. Doyle was sent up for trial at the next session of the court and the preliminary hearing in Dickie's case will begin tomorrow. Dickie has been employed in the Campbellton post office for a number of years.

MARKS HAVE FALLEN AGAIN

London, Oct. 6—Owing to what is believed to be heavy purchases of foodstuffs and raw materials by Germans, marks fell as low as 8,400 to the pound here this afternoon, after closing at 7,900 last night.

The fall is causing much anxiety in the foreign market here, and there is fear that the economic situation in Germany is becoming rapidly worse.

BIG MONEY WAS LOST ON GERMAN MARKS

Nearly a Billion Dollars Was Put up by American Investors and Lost.

New York, Oct. 6—America has invested the colossal sum of \$960,000,000 since the war in German paper money now almost worthless. America paid 10 cents, 5 cents, 1 cent a mark. America bought 80,000,000,000 paper marks at an average of 11-5 cents a mark, \$12 a thousand today paper marks sell around 60 cents a thousand. America has left what may be worth \$56,000,000. Not more.

The victims in America of this stupendous folly the most gigantic financial delusion in history, have lost \$904,000,000. About one third of the loss is represented by stocks and bonds bought in Germany with marks. The buyers have given to Germany more than twice as much gold as Germany has paid in gold in war reparation payments to date, \$365,637,000.

A COLLISION NEAR MONCTON

Moncton, Oct. 5—Half a dozen cars were smashed up, one engine badly damaged and the main line of the C. N. R. blocked for several hours as the result of a rear-end collision between way freights in the old N. T. R. yards about two miles west of Moncton at 4 o'clock this afternoon. None of the train crew was injured, the engine in the wrecked locomotive jumping to safety before the crash came. The freight run into had stopped suddenly on account of an accident to the engine and the second freight following closely was unable to hold up in time to avoid the collision. The east-bound Ocean Limited was delayed about three hours on account of the wreck.

BRACKEN HAS BIG MAJORITY

The Pas, Man. Oct. 5—Premier John Bracken, was elected for this constituency in the Manitoba legislature today by an overwhelming majority. The election was deferred when the general election was held on July 18, last. At the main poll, the premier had a majority of 131 over his nearest opponent, Herman Fingar independent. Dr. P. C. Robertson and R. H. MacNeill, both independents, polled only a small vote.

It appears certain that Mr. Bracken's three independent opponents have lost their deposits. With four polls to hear from, the premier had 353 votes; Fingar, 79; Robertson, 65 and MacNeill, 26.

THE UNUSUAL IN LOCAL EVENTS

Lots of Peaches

A young man who is employed in a Queen street store near the Normal School, and also has been keeping tabs on the lady students for a number of years, says that this year's crop of girls is above the average for looks. "In fact" he says enthusiastically "there are lots of them peaches."

Used Car Market Active

More used autos are being sold in Fredericton than ever before states an auto dealer. This does not mean there are fewer new cars being bought, but that more people are buying autos in order that they may fit into the modern scheme of civilization, as the family without a machine is sort of out of the picture, so to speak.

A Mixed Cargo

The steamer Digby, which arrived at Halifax recently, had on board among other things, 310 cases of whiskey, 1 cask of whiskey, 130 cases of gin, 4 cases of pills, 10,000 fire bricks and one live dog. That portion of the cargo consigned to Fredericton according to a Halifax paper, was "one case of hose."

C. N. R. BOARD WILL SOON GET DOWN TO WORK

WILL MEET IN TORONTO TUESDAY

All of the Lines of the System to be Inspected at Once.

Ottawa, Oct. 6—Another proof that the dominion government and the new Canadian National Railways board mean prompt and effective business lies in the fact that within thirty minutes after Sir Henry Thornton had signed his contract yesterday afternoon with the government to act as president a call was sent out by Hon. George P. Graham acting minister of railways and canals to all the other members of the new body to meet in Toronto next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock for two pieces of business. One is the replacement of the old Canadian National board with the new one and the other is to arrange for an immediate inspection of the entire National system.

Certain rigid rules of board procedure determine the course that must be pursued in having one board of directorstake the place of another in the matter of the Canadian National Railways. It can only be done by a process of elimination a member of the old board resigning and a member of the government named board taking his place.

The old board is composed as follows: D. B. Hanna, chairman; Robert Hobson, Hamilton; Sir Hormides Laporte, Montreal; Gerard Ruel, Toronto. Thomas Cantley, New Glasgow and A. T. Mitchell, Toronto. As each of these submits his resignation one of the new joint board will be named in his place.

Old Board Assisting.

Every assistance is being given by old board especially by Mr. Hanna and Mr. Mitchell to expedite the reorganization of the directorate.

Then comes the matter of the system's inspection. It is expected that all the members excepting the president, Sir Henry Thornton; Tom Moore, who is in Geneva, and Frederick G. Dawson of Prince Rupert will form the inspection party together with the principal officials of the two main roads. It is intended that their inspection will be completed by the time Sir Henry Thornton returns from England which will be within thirty days.

A report of what they have learned will be submitted to the new president to guide him not only in the tour he himself will immediately undertake, but will serve along with his to aid the government in preparing financial estimates for the coming session of parliament. As to rolling stock and rails next year's needs must be learned now so that orders can be given at once.

NEW X-RAYS DISCOVERED

Paris, France, October 6—The discovery of a new rays in "yellow stars" much more penetrating than the most penetrating X-Rays, was announced today to the French Academy of Science by M. Deslandres, director of the Lucon Astronomical Observatory.

The luminosity of these giant stars which are more similar to our sun but much larger, is attributed by Deslandres to the incandescence of ions of stellar atmospheres under the influence of powerful cathodic rays or X-rays of a kind hitherto unknown on our earth.

FOREST FIRE IN MAINE

Augusta, Me., Oct. 5—High winds gave much trouble today to forces fighting the numerous forest fires in Maine which led Governor Baxter yesterday to suspend the hunting season. Considerable timber and pulpwood has been destroyed but thus far the flames have been kept away from buildings. Some of the fires were reported under control today, but new ones had started in various sections in the northern part of the state.