

The Insull Mail Fraud Trial Has Been Handed To Jury

Small Business Men Are To Decide Fate of Man Charged with Frauding the Public Out of Over One Hundred Million Dollars.

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CHICAGO, Ills., Nov. 26—The one hundred dollar mail fraud case against Samuel Insull is now before the jury. Swinging into the final Government summation, Prosecutor, Leslie E. Salter, told the jurors that the former utility chieftain had proved himself just as crafty as he ever was. They had heard only a few hours before in the final defence plea, that the principal defendant was a business wizard overwhelmed by the depression.

Citing part of Insull's testimony about a stock deal, Salter admonished the jurors to "remember that Insull himself tried to drag a red herring across the trial".

It was the prosecution's final effort to convict Insull and his 16 aides. Court adjourned before Salter finished but U. S. District Attorney Dwight H. Green said that there was still a possibility that the case would go to the jury today.

Salter, a veteran Government prosecutor, at 39, belabored Insull and H. L. Stuart, Chicago investment banker, with words as heavy as clubs.

"When Stuart told you that", he thundered to the jury at one point, "he hung his head like a sheep-killing dog!"

He had one moment of praise for Insull. Recalling the character witnesses brought in by the others—they included George Cardinal Mundelein, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago—Salter said:

"Insull sat there and took it on the chin. He could have marshalled 1,000,000 influential friends. Just remember, gentlemen, that character is what you are, while reputation is only what people think you are".

He declared that Insull "slipped up on the blind side of the investors" and sold them shares in a "bubble blown to the bursting point long before the depression."

"They tell you they could have said brown paper just on their reputation", said Salter. "Well, gentlemen, that's just what they did".

Insull, who had refused grumpily to talk about the case at the noon recess, rubbed his white moustache as the prosecutor's blows fell. Mrs. Insull who wept earlier when defence Attorney Floyd E. Thompson begged the jury to "send this old man home", was not in court.

Thompson told the jurors that Insull was a victim of the public's wild speculation in 1929—"That crazy boom period".

"Value didn't count then", he declared. "People bought only because they could sell the next day. When that wild market crashed, it carried away real values, as well as false ones—the real values these men were trying to protect".

The jury is composed of small business men, whose financial problems never before extended beyond four figures, was a judgment on clashing "systems" of handling the public's money in huge investment manipulations.

The defense, through which ran an oft-repeated plea, "We May Have Been Guilty of mistakes but never of dishonesty", set up a claim that Samuel Insull and his associates adhered to a system that was common practice in the financial world.

The government, whom spent two years in building its case and brought more than a ton of exhibits into the courtroom, countered with charges that the system not only was fraudulent.

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Britain Protects Suckers

The Briton, in his code and his laws, is inclined to give play to the incurable weaknesses in the nature of man, and his attitude toward gambling has in the main been one of indulgence. He recognizes that it is a prevailing instinct to back an opinion or guess with money, and in Britain there is no lack of occasions and facilities for permitting the millions to do so.

The position of the Government, in its bill just passed by the House of Commons, which outlaws the sale of lottery and sweepstakes tickets is a break in the accustomed attitude, and must grow from considerations which make this type of gambling less defensible and tolerable than others. From this country's experience with British sweeps it is not hard to deduce what one of these considerations is. More than any other type of gambling, they emphasize the extent of the occasional winner's luck, which may involve a fabulous sum, without dwelling on the mathematical certainty that much more than the sum won must have been taken in from losers.

Again, no question of conflicting judgment is entailed, and those who would not risk a penny on opinions of their own can not resist the allure of pure chance. Thus its public is infinitely larger than the one with the mean and disposition to indulge itself in betting which requires a decision of the bettor. Betting on issues of skill or the form of contenders in sport, leave something to the discretion of the bettor, but in sweeps no thought is demanded. One puts himself at the mercy of the Fates and a hard-headed management which removes a sizeable cut from the pot before it is divided.

The good works which are financed by some of the sweeps have been supported in the past by those in a position to share their own good fortune with the less fortunate. There is still no lack of these in England. Wherever a sweep operates in the name of charity, it is, in essence, a scheme to have the poor support the poor.

BURIAL TO BE MADE AT THE HUB TUESDAY

Body of I. F. Avard, C.N.R. Official on Way To Moncton

MONTREAL, Quebec, Nov. 26—A funeral service was held here yesterday for I. F. Avard, chief supervisor of scales and weighing, Canadian National Railways, who died here Saturday after a short illness.

Following the service, which was held at an undertaking parlor, the body was placed on board the Ocean Limited which left last night. Burial will be made at Moncton at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday.

Mr. Avard, who reached the age of 70 five days ago, was born in Shemogue, Westmorland County, N. B. and was first engaged in commercial life at Shemogue and other New Brunswick points. In February, 1907, he was appointed weighing clerk on the International Railway at Moncton becoming weighing inspector in June, 1908. In May, 1923, Mr. Avard was appointed superintendent of the weighing department at Moncton and in January, 1932, was transferred to headquarters of the national system at Moncton as chief supervisor of scales and weighing.

H. Wooland and A. D. MacRitchie of the C. N. R. accompanied the body to Moncton, where, it is understood, the funeral service will be Masonic in character, as Mr. Avard was a member of Keith Lodge. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and several clubs both here and at Moncton.

Mrs. Avard survives, with a son, Galus L. Avard, and a daughter, Mrs. Gordon M. Miller, both of Moncton. Norman T. Avard, Amherst, N. S., is a brother.

Many expressions of sympathy were received by the family during the week-end from friends and railway associates here and throughout the Maritime Provinces.

CHILD KILLED BY TRAIN WHILE HE PLAYED WITH PET

Followed Canine Down Track Near Newcastle, Killed Instantly

Newcastle, Nov. 26—A sad fatality occurred at Beaver Brook, Northumberland County Saturday morning, when Leo Degrasse, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Degrasse, was hit by the C. N. R. Maritime Express and killed instantly.

The child followed a dog down near the railroad track and was playing there. The engineer of the train, Frank Hogan, Newcastle, noticed the child along the side of the track when the train was about 18 pole lengths away and he immediately put on the brakes but could not get the train stopped in time, the locomotive striking the child. The train was stopped and the baby picked up, dead. The train was in charge of Conductor L. Melanson, Moncton.

The R. C. M. P. detachment of Newcastle investigated. It was not known whether an inquest will be held.

APPROVAL GIVEN BY RATEPAYERS

Town of Chatham To Borrow \$9,000 For Relief and Public Works.

Chatham, Nov. 26—A special meeting of the ratepayers of the Town of Chatham was called recently by the Town Council to obtain endorsement for the further bonding of the town to the extent of \$9,000. The meeting was presided over by Mayor H. S. Murray and after considerable discussion it was agreed that the town borrow to the extent of \$9,000, including \$7,000 for relief purposes during the coming winter and \$2,000 to be expended on public works in the town.

All programmes over radio in each night's Daily Mail.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF YORK - SUNBURY END MEETINGS

Conference Older Boys Young People's Soci- eties at Junction

A Questionnaire

Dow Alexander Elected As Grand Praetor of Conference

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Nov. 26—The week-end Conference of the Order Boys of the Young People's Societies of York and Sunbury, held in the United Baptist Church here came to a close last night, when a full house attended the last session, which was in charge of the boys. The boys, aided by several men of the local choir, provided the music. George Little was organist, and Arthur Sewell sang a solo. Douglas Rouse, Stuart Clarkson, Kenneth Perry and Ernest Moffatt all had in the programme, Dow Alexander presiding. Rev. I. Judson Levy, field secretary of the M. R. E. C., the principal speaker at all the gatherings, gave an earnest address on "The Boy in Our Midst".

The conference opened on Friday, with Dow Alexander of Fredericton Junction, Registrar.

The following officers were elected: Grand Praetor—Dow Alexander, Deputy G. P.—Douglas Rouse, Grand Scriptor—Ernest Moffatt, Grand Comptor—Kenneth Perry.

The following questionnaire was filled out by each boy and formed the basis of subsequent discussions:

1. What do you consider to be some of the greatest evils that we are facing in our world today?
2. Make a number of practical suggestions as to what we can do in our Boys' groups to remedy these evils?
3. What principles should guide a boy in the selection of his life's work?
4. Name several things our groups should attempt this year as a means of serving our churches and our communities.

The following boys registered from outside districts:

McAdam—Earl Barr, Stuart Clarkson, Ernest Moffatt.

Fredericton—Donald Belmont, Malcolm Brewer, Paul Burden, Vernon Hall, Stuart Kitchen, George Little, Douglas Rouse, Arthur Sewell, Mac Murray VanWart.

Devon—Kenneth Perry, Robert Watson.

Barker's Point—Milton Dunbar.

Divorce Court Sits Here Tuesday, Eight Cases on Slate

The New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes will open here tomorrow morning with eight cases scheduled for hearing. Mr. Justice W. C. H. Grimmer of Saint John will preside.

Of the eight cases, seven are undefended and one defended. The session is therefore expected to be a brief one. Three are from the County of Saint John, two from York and one each from Northumberland, Carleton and Charlotte counties. The session was originally set for October but was postponed on account of Mr. Justice Grimmer's illness, to November 27. The Divorce court judge has recovered and will officiate at tomorrow's sitting.

JOIN SACKVILLE BRANCH

Baie Verte, Westmorland Co., Nov. 26—Ten members of the Sackville branch of the Canadian Legion visited Baie Verte on a recent evening to assist the war veterans to form a branch here. About 50 men attended the meeting. J. R. Maxwell was chairman. It was decided to join the Sackville branch.

Mussolini has started to build two dreadnaughts—dreadful for the taxpayer.

Catholic Laymen Asked to Aid Clergy

MAN WOUNDED IN WOODS, DIES IN FEW HOURS

25-Year-Old Son of Col- lette Couple, Found in a Serious Condition by a Companion, Succumbs In Chatham Hospital.

CHATHAM, N.B., Nov. 26—Tragedy claimed Francois Doucette over the week-end, the young man dying here this evening at Hotel Dieu Hospital, to which institution he had been brought Saturday, suffering from gunshot wounds received in an accident while hunting.

The young man was spending a brief vacation with his parents at Collette, Northumberland county, and with a friend had started off on a day's hunt. It could not be learned exactly how the accident occurred but the two had become separated in the woods and when his friend again came on Doucette he said he found him prostrate on the ground, his rifle having been discharged, the bullet entering his chest, passing through his body and coming out under his left shoulder.

Help was immediately sought by his companion and the wounded man was brought by car to the hospital. Little hope was entertained from the first for his recovery and his condition became steadily worse until last evening, when death occurred. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Doucette, of Collette. Funeral arrangements were not completed and decision regarding an inquest had not been reached.

CANADIAN BUFFALO LEAVE FOR POLAND

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 26—"Jean", "Joan", "Lillian" and "William Douglas" have embarked on the Cdynia America liner Kosciuszko from Halifax bound for Poland. They have special quarters to themselves on the deck of the liner and special feed was taken along consisting of hay, oats, and other fodder. The "passengers" are four Canadian buffalo from Wainwright National Park, Alberta, and are going to Dr. Ignace Moscicki, Spalna, Janen, Poland, to be placed in a national park there, their future home. Local Canadian National Railways officials were on hand when the buffalo were loaded into the liner. They made the journey across Canada in a cattle car each in a special crate, and the crates were transferred by motor trucks from the car to the ship. They are being accompanied to Poland by an attendant, Mr. Zedjak.

LATE FLASHES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26—Immediate suspension of the service of the Los Angeles Railway Company was voted almost unanimously at a mass meeting of 2,000 of the 2,500 motormen and conductors of the street car company today.

PARIS, Nov. 26—Former King Alfonso of Spain will announce the engagement of his 22-year-old younger daughter, Infanta Maria Cristina, to Guido Colonna, an attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington.

DOVER, Nov. 26—Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, regent of the Balkan kingdom since the assassination of King Alexander, arrived from Calais today to attend the wedding of Princess Marina of Greece to the Duke of Kent.

To Work Against Com- munism and Pagan Spread—Delegates Or- ganize Here—Catholic Action League Aims Defined.

The aims and objects of the Catholic Action movement were discussed yesterday before an audience which completely filled Saint Dunstan's Hall. The audience was composed of the members of St. Dunstan's congregation and also of delegates from the Catholic Action Societies of Devon, Chipman, Minto and Kingsclear and other places in the Fredericton branch of the Debec deanery. Right Reverend Msgr F. L. Carney, V.G., D.P. administrator of the Diocese presided and seated on the platform were Rev. W. M. Donahue of Devon; Rev. Father Fraser of Chipman, Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R. of St. Peter's Church, St. John who is the diocesan organizer of the Catholic Action movement and Joseph Cain, president of the local branch. Very excellent papers dealing with the aid which lay workers in the church are giving and may give to the clergy in both a spiritual and a temporal way were read by Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan of St. Dunstan's and by Rev. W. M. Donahue of Devon and also by Joseph Cain. Rev. Father Fraser gave an account of his social work amongst the miners and others at Minto. A large number of these people are foreigners and people representing no less than thirteen nationalities are located in Father Fraser's territory. He pointed out how it was impossible for one priest to do any social work under conditions such as these and that this was just where Catholic Action on the part of the laymembers of the church would work out.

At the meeting officers for the Catholic Action League in this district were elected as follows:—President Joseph Cain, Fredericton; vice-President Miss Mary McManus Devon; Secretary Miss Catherine McCann, Fredericton and Treasurer Leo Connelly of Chipman.

At St. Dunstan's Church

At St. Dunstan's at the morning Mass, Rev. Father O'Sullivan the provincial organizer of the Catholic Action League addressed the congregation pointing out the aims and objects of the work. He said that nowadays when Communism and the like were working hard to upset the teachings of Jesus Christ it was necessary for Christians both lay and clerical to work together and to present a united front against the enemies of all Christian thought and action. In the Catholic Church, he said, the bishops were working under the Pope and the priests were working under the bishops. But the aid of the laymen to work under the priests was needed. There was much work especially of a social nature that the word working priest was unable to accomplish alone. In other churches the laymen by their church societies and clubs did a wonderful work in aiding their clergy. They were active workers both in the social and spiritual side of their church activities. The Catholic man thinks that if he attends church once a week that he has done his duty. He leaves to the priest the whole burden of the parish work in much of which he could assist in many ways. If the Catholic layman would become active in the Holy Name Society; the St. Vincent de Paul Society and in similar organizations he could be of much help to the pastor of his church. The Catholic layman, said the reverend gentleman, should also study up on the doctrines and on the ceremonies of his church and be ready to give an intelligent answer in regard to his religious beliefs when he is asked to do so by those who do not belong to his church.

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