

ALLEGED CONFESSION IN COHEN MURDER

CAN. UNIVERSITY
STUDENT'S CON.
OPENED TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WINNIPEG, Dec. 28 — The third conference of Canadian university students opened this morning with delegates present from nearly every University in Canada. The principal speaker at the opening session said, among other things, that all democratic nations who are working for peace against war are likened to the characters in a great tragedy. The struggle against war is involving those who are taking part into war which they are trying to avoid.

SEVERE 'QUAKE AT EL SALVADOR

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, Dec. 28—An earthquake of severe intensity rocked seven towns near the western frontier of El Salvador last night, causing at least one death and widespread damage, according to fragmentary reports received here today. The quake was apparently centred in the Sierra Apaneca range and chief damage was reported at Ahuachapan city of 30,000 population, where a woman was killed and five others injured and many slightly hurt. Public buildings were damaged.

CAROL TAKES HAND IN CABINET TANGLE

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 28—King Carol assumed personal charge of Rumania's tangled political affairs today in an effort to end the confusion caused by failure of Premier George Tatarescu's Liberal party to win a majority in the Chamber of Deputies election last week.

As the mine operators of Minto refused to appoint a representative on the board proposed by Hon. Mr. Rogers, that gentleman appointed a man to represent that body. Harold B. Colwell of this city was the man appointed by Hon. Mr. Rogers. The two gentlemen named Messrs. Colwell and Whitebone will appoint the chairman. It is understood that the chairman will receive twenty-five dollars per day and the other members of the board twenty dollars per day each.

So far Mr. Whitebone seems to have the say. Mr. Colwell did not have much to say when spoken to today in regard to the formation. He did not seem to be as familiar with the situation as is Mr. Whitebone, who has naturally made a study of it in connection with his work as labor leader. Mr. Colwell did say however that he expected that a chairman would be appointed during the day. This is the last day allowed for the appointing of a chairman. Mr. Colwell gives great credit to the Provincial Fair Wage Board for the work of that body in investigating conditions at the Minto mines.

Mr. Whitebone stated to The Daily Mail that all the sessions will necessarily be held at Minto the scene of the coal mining operations.

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Weather — Cloudy with occasional snow, turning to rain, south. part.

CENTRAL CAPITAL WOULD BE BONE OF CONTENTION IN PRAIRIE PROVINCE MERGER SCHEME

Robicheau Charged With the Murder of Aaron N. Cohen

Frances Ward, Youth's Girl Friend, Relates Story Of Slaying — She Hid The Gun

ROBICHEAU'S CONFESSION

Witness After Witness Build Up Strong Case Against The Accused

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SAINT JOHN, Dec. 28 — William Robicheau, aged 24, is held on charge of the murder of Aaron N. Cohen, Saint John merchant. Robicheau was charged with murder following a session of the coroner's inquest which found a verdict to the effect that the merchant was slain by the youth. Robicheau was arraigned at Saint John today on a charge of murder. An alleged confession made by Robicheau was read into the evidence by Detective Patrick F. Biddiscombe, who has charge of the case.

Witnesses were also made for the purpose of holding in custody Miss Frances Ward and Louis Frateur as material witnesses. Miss Ward gave damaging evidence against Robicheau last night when she said she endeavored to hide the gun with which the murder was alleged to have been committed. Frateur is also held, as he swore that he had driven to Loch Lomond with Frances and together they had hid the revolver. He also admitted that he had sold Robicheau the revolver and that after the murder he had been worried about the consequences to himself.

Robicheau did not take the stand himself. "I have nothing to say," he replied, when Dr. C. L. Emerson, coroner, explained to him that he could testify or not as he pleased. During his brief appearance in the crowded courtroom he was handcuffed to Detective H. J. Kilpatrick.

The hundreds packed into the room sat so tense and silent that it was almost impossible to hear the clock tick as they sought to catch the faltering words of Robicheau's girl — Frances Ward, 23, of Delhi street.

Pale and nervous, on the verge of tears, she testified that Robicheau had told her he shot Cohen, and that she had induced him to give her the revolver with which the crime was committed.

Then she had gone, she said, with Louis Frateur, 43, Prince Edward street, junk dealer, who sold Robicheau the murder weapon and hidden it in some woods out the Loch Lomond Road.

There were long pauses—sometimes a question was asked two or three times before she answered—as statement by statement she branded as a killer the youth she had gone around with.

She was not the only witness who showed signs of emotion. There

PORT OF SINTAO IS ISOLATED BY JAPS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 28—The port of Sintao is being isolated. There are only a few Chinese located in the town, which is being gradually closed in by Jap troops.

U. S. Samoan Clipper Ends Auckland Flight

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 28—Its crew overhauled the flying boat Samoan Clipper today for a take-off Wednesday to inaugurate four-day mail and express service between the Antipodes and North America. The 19-ton plane, skippered by Captain Edwin Musick, arrived here yesterday after a three-stage journey from Honolulu.

PARTY HEADQUARTERS
The Citizens Party composed of Mayor Kitchen and the different city Aldermen who were seeking re-election in the approaching civic contest have opened a committee room and headquarters at the Chestnut building in Phoenix Square. Ralph McFadgen is chairman of the committee, and J. Stanley Scott is acting as secretary. The committee will be pleased to meet all friends of the candidates. See their ad. in The Daily Mail today.

were the murdered merchant's two attractive daughters.

Sixteen-year-old Minna Cohen told how her club, a group of her school friends, had met at her house on the evening of Dec. 17. A few minutes after the last girl had gone off laughing Minna heard a shot. She dashed to the window of the Cohen flat, over the store at 203-205 Prince Edward street, and looked out just in time to see her father's killer disappearing over the fence across the street.

Her older sister, Jennie, her father's assistant in the store, also gave evidence.

Two of Minna's youthful school friends, obviously ill-at-ease on the witness stand, told of the man they had seen lurking outside the store when they left her home after their club meeting.

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NEARLY ALL JAPANESE GOODS ON HAND NOW HAVE BEEN SOLD

TORONTO, Dec. 28—Heads of retail organizations especially interested in toys, notions and similar goods easily recognized by the average buyer as being made in Japan state that there has been no noticeable curtailment. In a few individual stores, probably as a result of local campaigns, and to a minor extent along the Pacific coast some resistance has been encountered but not enough to materially influence volume.

In fact, slightly more Japanese

goods of this sort than a year ago have been handled this Christmas season. Importers placed their orders months ago. Actual goods had already been delivered in Canada and had been paid for before Canadian feelings were aroused by alleged indiscriminate Jap bombing in China. Canadian merchants in any case had the goods on their hands and now they report that practically all of them have moved into consumption.

Conciliation Commission

JAMES A. WHITEBONE of Saint John, who was recently appointed to represent Labour on the Conciliation Board formed by Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Federal Minister of Labour, states that the Board will investigate wages, hours, conditions of labour and all other matters relating to the coal mining industry in the Minto area. It was pointed out to Mr. Whitebone that the miners' union had only suggested the recognition of the union and the check-off and that this was the reason for the strike which started on October 12th and which still continues. It was also pointed out to Mr. Whitebone that the Fair Wage Board had already made an interim report after investigating wages and economic conditions at the Minto mine, and that this Board was prepared to make a further report. Mr. Whitebone who seems to be the spokesman of the newly appointed commission stated that they would proceed with a thorough investigation notwithstanding any previous investigation which had been made by the Provincial Fair Wage Board. He stated that all investigations to be conducted by his Board would be open to the press and that this was according to the instruction given them in connection with their appointment. This latter statement is as it should be.

Whilst the public will be glad to have a thorough investigation in regard to all matters connected with the Minto strike, still, it must be borne in mind that the gentlemen composing this committee are receiving twenty dollars per day each and the Chairman twenty-five dollars per day for services rendered. Therefore why is it necessary to go over again the ground already covered by the Fair Wage Board. The Fair Wage Board investigated all the conditions surrounding the coal mining areas at Minto, and any extra investigations along the same lines would only parallel what has been done in the first instance and be a useless expense. It would seem to be the better proposition for the Commission to confine its duties to the matter which caused the strike at Minto, namely the recognition of the U.M.W. and the C.I.O., and the matter of the check-up. This is all that has been asked for by the Union leaders and the mine workers. The other conditions have been thoroughly and impartially investigated by the Fair Wage Board and any additional investigation such as suggested by Mr. Whitebone would seem to have no result other than to provide twenty dollars a day each for the commission. However we have yet to learn the final arrangements in regard to this investigation. Justice should be done to all. But useless expense of duplication in the investigation should be avoided.

PROVINCIAL CABINET WILL BE REPRESENTED AT FUNERAL TOMORROW

Premier A. A. Dysart and Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., To Be Present

Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier of New Brunswick, and Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General will go to Saint John tonight and will attend the funeral of the late Sir Douglas Hazen which will be held at that place tomorrow. The funeral for the former Chief Justice will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. with service at St. Paul's Valley Church. The rector Rev. A. F. Bate will officiate. His Grace the Archbishop of Fredericton and Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead, a former rector of St. Paul's, will take part in the service. The St. John Law Society and various other organizations will attend. Tributes continue to pour in to the family of the late Sir Douglas. Last night Hon. R. B. Bennett paid a tribute to New Brunswick's former Chief Justice and to the latter's long and distinguished career. He referred to the fact that the Hazen family had rendered public service to New Brunswick from the time of the creation of the province. Tributes in addition to those mentioned yesterday were also sent from J. J. F. Winslow, K.C.; Chief Justice Barry of the Kings Bench; Dr. C. C. Jones, President of the University of New Brunswick; Judge H. O. McInerney of Saint John, and others. The tributes were as follows:

J. J. F. Winslow, K.C.
J. J. F. Winslow, K.C., said:
Sir Douglas Hazen was outstanding in the life of New Brunswick. As mayor of Fredericton, prime minister of this province, minister of marine and fisheries in the government of Canada and chief justice of New Brunswick, he was always respected for his ability and integrity.

Along with these activities he will always be remembered as what is known as "a gentleman of the old school." Hospitable, kindly and at all times dignified, he will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Dr. C. C. Jones
Dr. C. C. Jones, president of the University of New Brunswick, from which Sir Douglas Hazen graduated with honors and an arts degree in 1879, paid the following tribute:
Sir Douglas Hazen was a member of the university senate for over 50 years, and was acting in that capacity when I assumed presidency of the university. I have always looked upon him as friend and also valued his advice very highly.

He was really interested in the university which has been expressed in many tangible ways and he was always ready to serve in whatever capacity he was asked. He was a perfect Christian gentleman in every way.

Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren
Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren said:
Canada has lost a foremost citizen in the death of Sir Douglas Hazen. In affairs of state, of the judiciary and of social life he ever took a most worthy part and brought distinction to his native province. As a very young man, he was mayor of the City

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Conciliation Board To Probe Everything Says J.A. Whitebone

Will Investigate Wages, Hours and Surrounding Conditions, Says Labor Representative Who Is Spokesman

OPEN TO THE PRESS

Whitebone Suggests Name of Chairman to Commissioner Colwell — No Decision Yet

JAPANESE GOVT. APOLOGIZES TO GREAT BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily Mail)
TOKIO, Dec. 28—The Japanese government has apologized to the British Government for the sinking of the gunboat "The Ladybird" two weeks ago in the Yangtze river when one British seaman was killed. The Japanese government has made the statement that the incident was a mistake.

BRITISH FLYING BOAT ARRIVES IN AUCKLAND

(Special to The Daily Mail)
AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 28—The Imperial Airways flying boat Centaurus, on a 30,000-mile trial flight from England to New Zealand and return, arrived here today from Australia.

The ship, commanded by Captain J. W. Burgess, covered the 1,300 miles between Sydney and Auckland in 8 hours.

Western Writers Express Opinion Separate Prairie Provinces an Error

Public Reaction to Consolidation of Three Prairie Provinces More Favorable Than Expected

REGINA, Dec. 28—Public reaction here to the proposal made to the Rowell Commission to merge the three Prairie Provinces has been more favorable than anticipated.

While businessmen are convinced that substantial savings in the cost of government would result from the merger, the principal argument used in favor is that it would enable the West to speak with a united voice in the councils of the nation. As a result the West would have greater influence in molding Federal policies, some of which it is claimed are at present a heavy burden on the West.

There is, however, a section of opinion that regards the proposal as not practical. Persons in this group are willing to admit that some economies might result and that the efficiency of certain departments would probably be improved. They feel the establishment of three separate provinces in the prairies was a mistake, but are of the opinion that it is a mistake that cannot be rectified.

In view of the difficulties which

TUXIS AND OLDER BOYS PARLIAMENT OPENS TONIGHT AT ACADIA UNIVERSITY

At the opening session of the 15th Tuxis and Older Boys Parliament of the Maritime Provinces which takes place this evening at Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., the leader will be Ralph C. Young, Maritime Boys Work Secretary and Rev. Waldo C. Machum of Kentville, N. S., chairman of the Boys Work Board. The latter is a former resident of Fredericton.

The New Brunswick representatives called this morning in the C.P.S. Princess Helene for Digby and thence to Wolfville. The included: Lawrence Hall, Douglas Rouse, Linden Peebles and Robert Watson; Warren Colpitts, Sussex; Neil Ganter, Woodstock; Kenneth Logue, William Cox, Douglas Costello, Allison London, Donald Thomas, Frank Murchison, Lawrence Munde, Glendon Vincent and J. Arthur Covey, Saint John.

He expressed the opinion that the same disadvantages are inherent as in the proposal for larger municipal units and pointed out that decentralization would add materially to the cost of individuals and organizations

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