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with showers.  
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## Suspected Of Witchcraft Woman Slain By Friend

Accused of Sending  
"Fireballs" to Plague  
Murderess and Hus-  
band.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, August 5—Mrs Matilda Waldman, a staid, matronly woman walked into the delicatessen of her former friend Mrs. Ida Rose Cooper, and shot her dead yesterday because she believed she was a witch. Mrs. Waldman had complained to police that Mrs. Cooper had bewitched her with "fireballs" which for three years danced before her eyes, played about her bedroom and burned her husband's legs.

Mrs. Waldman readily admitted the slaying. She was calm as she underwent questioning. She was secure in the belief that her troubles had ended with Mrs. Cooper's death.

"She was a witch. I shot her. She witched me", Mrs. Waldman kept repeating. This was her answer to every police question.

### COMPLAINED TO POLICE

It was two days ago that Sam Waldman, her husband walked into the office of Assistant Police Prosecutor William Schneider and asked for a warrant against Mrs. Cooper.

"She practices witchcraft against me", he complained. "She chases me with fireballs at night. She has been doing it for three years. The fireballs come at night. I nail them to the wall, but still they keep coming. I can't sleep. I can't stand it any longer".

Schneider, thinking the man's remarks were based on a neighborhood row, issued the requested warrant. Mrs. Cooper did not respond to the summons, but her husband appeared in the Prosecutor's office.

Waldman repeated his witchcraft accusations. He even pulled up his trousers leg to show wounds he said had been caused by the fireballs. He said doctors had told him that they were ordinary burns, but he knew better.

Finally the two husbands departed together.

At almost the same moment, Mrs. Waldman walked into the Cooper delicatessen. She found the slight, gray-haired Mrs. Cooper alone. Apparently she demanded that her one-time friend stop "witching" her and receiving no satisfaction pulled out the gun and fired.

### Sought to Force Release

Five minutes after the husbands left the police station, officers were called to the delicatessen. Neighbors who heard the shots were holding Mrs. Waldman, although she made no effort to flee. Nearby police found a note, which Mrs. Waldman apparently had attempted to force Mrs. Cooper to sign. It reads:

"I, Ida Rose, or Ida Cooper, agree to release Mr. and Mrs. Waldman and his children and family from the witchcraft I have done till now, and I will never do witchcraft to Waldman family any more all my life."

Cooper arrived just as police were taking away the slayer of his wife. He was stunned and speechless with grief.

At the Waldman home, police found all blinds and windows shut tight. Newspapers covered every window and glass surface. There were, however, no marks on the walls where "fireballs" might have been nailed.

Mrs. Waldman was held on a first degree murder charge. Her husband was ordered held in the probate ward of county jail pending filing of an insanity warrant.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, August 5—Most Rev. George Thorne, former Metropolitan of the Anglican Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, died here yesterday at the age of 86. Burial will take place at Lennoxville, Quebec. He was taken seriously ill Wednesday.

## Judgeships And Senatorships

A despatch from Ottawa on Friday suggests the names of Hon. B. Frank Smith of Carleton County, Hon. Mr. Leger of Westmorland County, Hon. Dr. Taylor of Charlotte County for Senatorships, and Hon. L. P. D. Tilley and Hon. W. H. Harrison for Judgeships. It states that these appointments are to be made at once.

The principle which allows any government, Conservative or Liberal, to appoint to office for life, men who have in many cases been cast aside by the electors of the country, is absolutely wrong and should be abolished. This wrong condition is exaggerated when the party making such appointments have practically lost the confidence of the country. The House at Ottawa is practically dissolved and the Bennett Government will go to the people within the next few weeks. Every unbiased person, whether he be a Conservative or a Liberal will agree that, to say the least, it is extremely doubtful whether or not the Bennett party will return to power. This being the case it has practically lost the confidence of the people of Canada and should not be allowed to make appointments such as Judgeships and Senatorships. No one will question the legal right of the party in power to make such appointments, but the law should be so amended as to prevent any government making appointments such as these just previous to a general election. If the party were endorsed by the people and returned to power the case would be different. As things stand at present common decency should make Mr. Bennett hesitate to do this thing even though he may be within the law in doing so.

As regards the individual appointments, Hon. B. Frank Smith has served his party faithfully and well over a long period of years, and has to a more or less degree retained the confidence of his section of the country as expressed by the electors.

Hon. Mr. Tilley, whilst he was defeated in Saint John recently, has worked hard not only for his party but for the province in general. Even his political opponents will be pleased to see him rewarded.

Hon. W. H. Harrison is a gentleman of considerable ability and should make a good judge. The position was promised to him some time ago, if he would step aside when Mr. Baxter went on the bench, and allow Mr. Tilley to be provincial premier. The appointment was therefore all cut and dried months ago.

In regard to the appointment of A. J. Leger, former Secretary-Treasurer in the Tilley Government, one wonders why or on what grounds this should be made. Mr. Leger has absolutely no claims from a party standpoint. True, he was elected in 1930 by a small majority in Westmorland County and was taken into the government as the representative of the French Acadians, because there were only two Acadians supporting the Baxter Government, and the other was not of Cabinet calibre. He was the better of the two and that was nothing to brag about. He nominally represented the Acadians, but he did just as he was told to do. Westmorland already has four Senators, Hon. Messrs. Black, Copp, Robinson and MacDonald—the latter an importation from Nova Scotia. There is absolutely no reason for adding another one down there. So far as Hon. Mr. Leger representing the Acadians goes, that excellent body of our people who form a large proportion of our population, have two good representatives from New Brunswick in the Red Chamber, Hon. Dr. Bourque, appointed by the Conservatives, and Hon. Mr. Tourgeon, appointed by the Liberals, both of whom are in the same section of the province as Hon. Mr. Leger. If he does not represent the French any better at Ottawa than he did in Fredericton, he will be doing nothing to write home about. Politically speaking, while here he was a fizzle!

Hon. Mr. Taylor of Charlotte county, while defeated in that county in the last election, has nothing to be ashamed of. The best man in the world would have been defeated running down there as a Conservative. Dr. Taylor, who was the senior member in the House in point of years of service had held the confidence of his home county for over a quarter of a century. He is one man who should be recognized when Senatorships are being passed around as kind of farewell gifts from Mr. Bennett to his departed and departing comrades.

### BIG DAY WEDNESDAY

The Dominion Experimental Station here is busy preparing for the big field day on Wednesday, at which, it is anticipated, there will be at least 1,000 people in attendance. C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the station, is making arrangements to have Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, speak in the afternoon, the proceedings probably to be broadcast. During the day talking pictures of agricultural work will be shown.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., August 5—Irvin B. Winrod, 20, a tourist, from Wichita Kansas, was drowned here in the Trent Canal.

## FIFTH ARREST IN LABATT CASE

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## BROKERAGE FIRM CASE IN COURT TOMORROW

Charged With Illegal  
Gaming — Hearing at  
Campbellton.

The prosecution of Ernest A. Willis, Toronto and Edward A. Malone, Campbellton, president and manager of the E. A. Willis Co., Ltd., operating brokerage houses in Saint John, Moncton, and Campbellton will commence tomorrow before Magistrate Andrew Campbellton. The pair are charged with keeping a gaming house by illegal dealing in shares.

E. B. McLatchey of Campbellton is appearing for the Attorney General's department.

## ESCAPES PRISON BY SIMPLE RUSE

CHICAGO August 5—Police yesterday scoured old haunts of Henry "Midget" Fernekes, diminutive "Public Enemy" of a decade ago, who walked out of Joliet penitentiary in one of the most audacious escapes in its history yesterday.

They sought a woman who visited him a few days ago. They suspected she might have had some part in smuggling the civilian clothes which Fernekes donned to elude the warders.

Amazingly simple was the undersized killer's exit from the old prison. An attendant in the interview room was handed a slip reading "Amenn, 4408" by a small man in street garb wearing black glasses. The attendant told the pseudo visitor Amenn had been transferred to the new prison at Stateville.

Uttering not a word, the pint sized 30-year-old convict turned away. The attendant affably touching his cap, pressed a buzzer signalling the entrance guard that a visitor was leaving. Thus the "midget" vanished.

## INDIANS REJECT OTTAWA RULING

TRURO, N. S., August 5—Micmacs of the reservation near here went back to pre-Confederation days and recalled their old friend Joseph Howe in efforts to prove Indians had the right to cut basket-wood on any unenclosed lots in the province.

"It's a poor dog that won't fight for his bone," declared Chief Joseph Julien in announcing his tribe was determined not to accept the ruling of the department Indian affairs, Ottawa, regarding the case of Michael Thomas, convicted here last week on a charge of stealing wood from property of Gordon Kennedy.

He was supported by Joseph Cope, one of the oldest Indians in the province, who recalled that when Confederation was in the offing his father, Isaac Cope, was delegated to England to represent the Micmacs and safeguard the interests of Indians of British North America. With Hon. Joseph Howe, Sir Charles Tupper, Isaac Cope was assured by the prime minister and officials of the colonial office that wood-cutting rights of the Indians would be safeguarded, Joseph said.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 5—An eastbound Transcontinental and Western Air luxury airliner was forced down yesterday east of Otto, New Mexico. None of the ten passengers was injured. The plane was damaged, however.

where the wealthy brewer was held captive a year ago this month.

Nicholson's arrest came as a surprise. His name had not been mentioned in the case heretofore. He is the fifth man to be arrested in connection with the kidnapping.

## To Announce Date Of Election Within Next Few Days

### F. H. S. PUPILS AMONG LEADERS IN MATRICULATION

While the results of the recent Matriculation Examinations have not yet been announced by the Department of Education, the marks and other information are being given out around the city. It is understood today that John Coombes of this city, and a recent graduate of the Fredericton High School, came second in the province making a total of 775 marks. Miss Grieve, another graduate of Fredericton High School, came third. A Woodstock pupil is said to have led the province.

Young Coombes has been a leader in both the city and the province ever since he started to go to school. He is a son of Mrs. Jean Coombes and of the late Leonard Coombes of this city.

## WELL KNOWN N.B. UNDERWRITER IS HONORED

MONCTON, August 5—Mr. C. McN. Steeves, C.L.U., manager of the North American Life Assurance Company office in Saint John, who has been a patient in the City Hospital for the past two months, was honored by his company yesterday afternoon when Mr. V. X. McEneaney, superintendent of education at the head office, who is at present occupying Mr. Steeves' position while he is ill, and Mr. G. P. Bolton, company's representative at Sussex, visited Mr. Steeves and presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and read an address on behalf of the company expressing regrets of his illness and the hope that he would soon recover.

July's business was dedicated to Mr. Steeves, and it is interesting to note that Mr. Bolton was the salesman who produced the greatest volume of business during that period.

Mr. Steeves was stricken with a heart ailment while a guest at the Brunswick Hotel on June 1st. He was taken to the City Hospital and has been a patient there since that time. His condition has greatly improved within the last few weeks and it is expected he will be able to leave the institution during the weekend for his home in St. John. It will be necessary for him to remain quiet for some time after his arrival home but within a few months he will be able to resume his duties.

## YOUNG MAN KILLED BY AUTO AT TRACADIE

TRACADIE, Gloucester county, Aug 5—Lange Chiasson, 23, a deaf mute, died in hospital here today of injuries received last evening when he was struck by a car near his home at Boise Hebert. An inquest will be held here tomorrow afternoon by Coroner J. A. McLaughlin.

The car was driven by Orval Carter locomotive engineer, who was returning to his home in Bathurst after having his train at Tracadie. He said he was swerving "to avoid an ox cart on the wrong side of the road" at Boise Hebert when Chiasson suddenly appeared from a gateway and "attempted to cross the road without noticing the approaching vehicle."

### As Soon as Election Lists Are Ready — New Brunswick Appoint- ments Expected Daily.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
OTTAWA, August 5—While the election date will be fixed this week there is nothing sure as to the day on which the announcement will be made. Hon. C. H. Cahan, the Secretary of State is absent from the Capital and until his return and his announcement as to how far the election lists now being printed stand, the date cannot be announced.

The reorganization of the Cabinet is another matter that will have to be attended to before the election is held.

Both these announcements may come this week. In the cabinet the portfolios of marine, finance, post office, national revenue and fisheries are vacant through retirement of ministers. Change in other portfolios are expected in the general reorganization and Prime Minister R. B. Bennett will go to the electors with a new cabinet.

The Liberal opposition provided most of the material for political discussion during the week as Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, unfolded his policy in two radio speeches. He will make the third and final one Monday night (it will be carried over CHSJ from 9 until 9.30 AST) and on Wednesday night will speak at Kingston. Mr. King said his party would stand by the platform propounded in 1933 and offers "no armful of promises."

Appointment of A. U. G. Bury, Conservative member for Edmonton East to the bench as district judge in the northern Alberta judicial district, was announced over the week-end. Other appointments to the bench and seven appointments to the Senate are yet to be made and will likely be announced in a few days. Several of these are in New Brunswick.

The long standing controversy over damage caused by farmers in the State of Washington by fumes from the smelter at Trail, B.C., was formally brought to an end last week by the exchange of ratifications of the Trail Smelter Convention. Canada is to pay the United States \$350,000 for damage up to January 1, 1932, and an international tribunal is set up to arbitrate any later damage.

### TARANTULA BITES MAN

The dreaded tarantula—or banana spider—made its appearance here on Saturday. Alexander "Sandy" Burt while arranging a bunch of new bananas in his father's Queen street store felt a bite on his hand. Looking down quickly he saw the spider walk right out on his hand. Mr. Burt was naturally upset, all sorts of stories occurring to his mind of people dying from the sting of this big black spider. He didn't lose his presence of mind, however, and applied iodine and applied pressure on the spot of the bite to clear out the venom. He is none the worse of the incident today. These banana spiders have been more noticeable in recent months than formerly. Only recently a railway employee was bitten under circumstances quite similar. Mr. Burt is exhibiting three bites on his hand today, feeling more or less proud that he has debunked Mr. Tarantula's reputation as a killer.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Liberal leader, is to speak this evening over a coast-to-coast hookup of the Canadian Radio Commission. Listeners to CFNB, will hear Hon. Mr. King from 9 o'clock to 9:30, Atlantic Standard Time.—ad.