

CRIPPEN MURDER TRIAL OPENED THIS MORNING

Very Little Difficulty Experienced in Securing a Jury—Prisoner Entered Plea of Not Guilty—Lord Chief Justice Alverstone is Presiding—The Trial will Undoubtedly be a Protracted and Memorable One.

London, Oct. 18.—Dr. Hawley Crippen, the American medical practitioner and agent, today was put on trial for his life, charged with the murder of his wife, Cora Belle Crippen, the actress known in the profession as Belle Elmore.

The jury, a typical body of middle-class tradesmen and clerks, was secured without much trouble, objection being made in but three instances. Crippen pleaded not guilty, and then listened intently and with an anxious expression on his face as Richard D. Muir made the opening statement for the prosecution.

LORD ALVERSTONE PRESIDING

The trial, which is being held in the New Bailey, promises to be one of the most historic in the annals of that famous court. No less a personage than Lord Justice Alverstone is presiding and he was accompanied into court today by Sir John Knill, Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Vessy Strong, Lord Mayor-elect, and the sheriffs in their robes of office. The counsel is distinguished. Richard D. Muir, K. C., conducts the prosecution with the assistance of Solicitor Travers Humphreys, who represented the crown at the preliminary hearings. Crippen is represented by Alfred Aspinwall Tobin, K. C., United ist member of parliament and Huntley Eugene Jenkins.

Crippen is charged as the principal in the murder of his wife, and Ethel Clara LeNeve, the doctor's typist has been indicted as an accessory after the fact. Miss LeNeve was not in court today. Her trial will follow in the event of Crippen's conviction.

MANY SPECTATORS PRESENT

The character of the audience which was waiting on the Lord Chief Justice when he took his seat on the bench suggested a social event rather than a murder trial. The spectators included many persons prominent in society and on the stage. Many were fashionably attired women.

The court room accommodates only one hundred and fifty persons and admission was limited to ticket holders. Several thousand men and women had applied for these tickets, but in most instances those who were successful in securing seats exercised political or social influence. The place reserved for the barristers was crowded and several visiting judges were

seated on the bench. Outside a great throng waited to witness the arrival of the principal in the proceedings. When the prison van bringing Crippen and several other prisoners drove up, it was quickly surrounded by curious ones, but there was no demonstration.

CELEBRITIES IN COURT

A number of celebrities arrived in their private carriages and used umbrellas to shield themselves from the photographers as they hurried up the steps of the New Bailey.

Crippen entered the dock wearing a black frock coat and light trousers, escorted by the policemen. It was well on toward noon when Lord Chief Justice Alverstone took his seat. From that moment the proceedings moved expeditiously. The indictment was read at once and Crippen replied to the usual questions and pleaded "Not Guilty." "My Lord."

Mr. Tobin for the defence objected to three of the jurors who had been summoned and these stood aside, being replaced by as many more. A hush fell as Counsel Muir arose and made the opening statement for the crown. He recited the familiar story of the tragedy so far as it had been learned by the prosecution and the public.

THE CASE OPENED

London, Oct. 18.—Mr. Muir pointed out the motive for the crime. Crippen's affections he said, were fixed upon Ethel LeNeve. The presence of his wife and a lack of money were obstacles to his happiness. These would be removed by the death of his wife with whom his relations were strained.

Reviewing the defendant's accounts of his wife's disappearance, counsel said that he would refute the last story told to the effect that Mrs. Crippen had gone to join Bruce Miller of Chicago, by the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Miller that they had not seen Belle since 1903. Counsel dealt at length with what he described as the doctor's "campaign of lies in an effort to stifle the suspicions of Belle Elmore's friends until 'finally he fled from the headless, boneless and limbless remains of his wife in the Hilldrop Crescent cellar, which he alone had opportunity to place there'."

Mr. Muir concluded a speech of two hours by stating that up to the present moment Crippen had given no explanation of his flight to Canada.

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NOTED AUTHOR PASSES AWAY AT COLORADO SPRINGS

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Private advices received here announce the death of William Vaughan Moody, one of the foremost American men of letters. He died at Colorado Springs, Colo., after an illness lasting more than a year.

Mr. Moody was born at Spencer, Ind., in 1869. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1893, taking a master's degree in 1894. He became an instructor in English and Rhetoric in Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges coming to the University of Chicago in 1902.

As a play-wright and author he has been best known. Among his best works are *Masque of Judgment*, *A Lyrical drama*, *A History of English Literature*, *The Great Divide* and *The Faith Healer*.

The malady which caused Mr. Moody's death manifested itself while he was on a cruise with his wife, off the South Atlantic coast. Specialists pronounced it to be tumor of the brain.

SITUATION AT CAMPBELLTON LOOKS SERIOUS

Campbellton, Oct. 18.—(Special).—George G. McKenzie, chairman of the Relief Committee, has given out a statement showing the condition of affairs here. The total subscriptions to date are \$105,201. There has been paid to the building committee \$60,000 and to the poor committee \$30,000.

The fact that the Hazen government has not yet announced its intention of assuming the interest on the bonds has somewhat complicated the situation. The sum of \$12,920 is needed for this purpose and the failure of the government to act has caused a falling off in land sales.

The sum of \$115,000 will be required to establish education and lighting systems on a proper basis.

MONCTON GETS CUT IN INSURANCE RATES

Moncton, Oct. 18.—(Special).—As a result of the recent improvements made in the water system here word has been received from Mr. Peter Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, that from this date twenty cents will be taken off the extra forty cents placed upon Moncton risks sometime ago.

GREAT CONSUMPTION OF PULPWOOD

Washington, Oct. 18.—More than our million cords of wood were used in the manufacture of wood pulp for paper making in the United States in 1909 as shown in the annual report on the industry issued today by the Census Bureau, of which there were 4,092,000 cords. The cost of the transformation of the wood was \$24,378,000. This was an increase of about 650,000 cords over the consumption of 1908, but of only about 38,000 over 1907.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE

The organization committee of the Canadian Branch of Daughters of the Empire will arrive in the city tomorrow afternoon by steamer Elaine. On Thursday at 3 p. m. the committee will hold a meeting in the City Council Chamber. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will preside. While in the city the members of the committee will be the guests of His Honor at the Queen Hotel. On Thursday he will give a luncheon in their honor.

BOWLING LEAGUE GAMES AT ST. JOHN

St. John, Oct. 18.—(Special).—The Provincial Bowling League matches opened this morning in the Victoria alleys. The Y. M. C. A. played against the Victorias and the Black's alley team against the Marathons. The Y. M. C. A. and Black's team were successful.

MEN AND WOMEN LOST THEIR LIVES IN ELECTION RIOTS

Fasse Torre Guadeloupe, Oct. 18.—Five men and three women were killed and at least 25 other persons were wounded six of whom will die, during rioting at the election here. One of the dead is a woman of 70. It is supposed that many others that were injured fled to the woods after the fighting. The roof of the town hall in which the balloting took place was riddled with bullets.

The rioting occurred in the Petit Rouge district of the city, the capital. The trouble began through the election of the radical party at the moment that the voting ceased and the inspection of ballots was to begin.

The radicals who charge fraud against Governor Gautret and the government party at the elections of last April protested against this action, and when outsiders stoned the building, finally rallying their forces and declaring their right to be present at and assist in the canvass of the voters, the radicals attempted to force an entrance and assaulted the 12 gendarmes who stood in their way.

The gendarmes fired a volley over the heads of the radicals and then shot indiscriminately into the crowd. The wounded are receiving medical attention. Late last night a prosecuting attorney and magistrate arrived here and began an investigation, a detachment of 25 soldiers was also brought here from Pointe-Au-Pitre as the situation is still threatening.

McBRIDE GOVERNMENT AFTER IMMIGRANTS

Victoria, B. C. Oct. 18.—(Special).—The McBride government is adopting a vigorous immigration policy for the province of British Columbia. The Minister of Public Works, Hon. Mr. Elhson, is to go to England to study colonization. The government will endeavor to duplicate for British Columbia the emigration policy carried out by the Laurier Government for Canada.

PRESIDENT HAYS EN ROUTE TO ST. JOHN

Montreal, Oct. 18.—C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk road, will leave Montreal for St. John this evening. During his visit there he will be the guest of the board of trade at a banquet, and it is expected that he will make an important announcement regarding the relations of the Grand Trunk Pacific to St. John and the maritime provinces generally.

WELLMAN AND CREW SAID TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP

New York, Oct. 18.—It is reported that Wellman and his crew have been picked up by the Royal Mail Steamer Prince.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 18.—No tidings of the whereabouts of the airship America has been received here up to 8 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Walter Wellman who is at the California Hotel, said she had heard nothing and added that she really had not expected news of Mr. Wellman during the night. She believed the airship was out of the track of steamers and did not expect to hear from him for a day or two.

New York, Oct. 18.—In the absence of definite word from the America this morning, it could only be assumed that she was still pursuing her flight somewhere in the broad Atlantic, presumably well to the east of the mainland and out of the path of ocean liners.

WELLMAN PICKED UP.

New York, Oct. 18.—The wireless message received by Sanderson & Son, local agents of the Royal Mail Steamship Pacific Line, plying between New York and Bermuda, was signed by Commander Down of the steamer Trent, and read as follows: "At 5 a. m. today sighted Wellman's airship America in distress. Signalled by Morse code that she required assistance and help. After three hours' maneuvering in fresh winds got Wellman with entire crew and cat. They were hauled safely on board. All are well. America was abandoned in latitude 35.43 north long. 68.13 west."

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Oct. 17.—Mrs. Nicholson, of St. Stephen, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Reid.

Miss May Rowley sailed from New York on Thursday to spend a few months in Kingston, Jamaica, the guest of her brother, Mr. Fred Rowley.

Mr. Harry Robinson, son of Alderman Duncan Robinson, is ill at his home with pneumonia.

The new building on the eastern side of the river, which is going to be used for moving pictures, is to be completed about the 1st of November.

Ald. W. G. Clark and Mrs. Clark arrived home today after a trip to the Pacific Coast.

HURRICANE IN WEST INDIES

Cable Communication With the Main Land Has Been Shut Off

Conditions Along the Florida Coast are Very Serious, But No Loss of Life is Reported.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 18.—At 4.20 this morning, the Associated Press wire from Jacksonville to Tampa, the last thread of communication with any point in the storm swept territory south of this place, was severed. Local officials of the Western Union reported that the prospects of re-establishing communication this morning were slight.

Jacksonville, Oct. 18.—With a sinking barometer and winds slightly more violent than it was last night, it is evident that the West Indian hurricane will pass to the Atlantic south of Jacksonville. The wind has changed from northeast to east, indicating that the centre of the storm is somewhere off the middle peninsula.

No loss of life has been reported. The strong northwest winds last night have increased and caused tides on the east coast higher than in years. At St. Augustine the ocean was making a clean sweep of the sea walls and the houses near are in danger according to the last message from there. Along the east coast, several miles of track are under water and other sections are washed away. The last message from Key West Western Union office was that water was beginning to pour into the building. As practically every wire in South Florida is down, it is impossible to ascertain the damage to property and the possible loss of life. However, a conservative estimate places the damage to the fruit trees of the east and west coast at over a million dollars.

Savannah, Oct. 18.—At 7 o'clock this morning the wind had reached 33 miles an hour and was apparently increasing steadily. The barometer at 9 o'clock read 29.75, having steadily declined since yesterday. Shipping in the harbor is preparing for the expected blow and the local wireless station is trying to warn vessels at sea.

Kingston, Ja., Oct. 18.—News from the interior of the island shows that a large area of banana fields were devastated by the severe rain and wind storm last week. The spring crop of bananas, however, has not been very seriously affected.

MEXICAN BANDITS CAUGHT AFTER STUBBORN CHASE

Douglas, Ariz. Oct. 18.—Pursued by special officers three Mexican bandits who raided the Lucky Tiger Mine last Thursday and escaped with \$10,000 worth of high grade silver ore, have surrendered.

For four days the robbers had gone without food or rest to escape the close pursuit and were glad to give up. The robbers with a pack train of 12 burros, appeared at the mine loaded their animals with 25 sacks of ore valued at \$400 each and drove away before the men of the mine realized what was happening. The ore was recovered.

PORTUGUESE ADMIRAL WAS ASSASSINATED

Lisbon, Oct. 18.—That Admiral Camillo Reis, the Revolutionary Chief, was assassinated, is now practically confirmed. Admiral Reis was one of the leaders in the recent rising which ended in the proclamation of the Portuguese Republic.

Owing to the failure in the signals for a general movement against the monarch as the original account of the Admiral's death, Reis committed suicide, but during the last few days rumors have been current that he was the victim of an assassin's bullet. Today five men were arrested on the charge of being concerned in his

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN C. P. R; NEW YORK MARKET STRONG

New York Oct. 18.—Wall Street—Stocks were pressed for sale in large volume to realize profits with the opening of the stock market. Prices of the prominent issues receded before these heavy offerings but there were sharp advances in some of the less prominent stocks. Southern Pacific and Inter-Met. Pfd declined 1 and Union Pacific, Gt. Nor. Pfd., Reading, U. S. Steel and Amal. Copper large fractions. Can. Pacific advanced 1½. The Texas Company 1½, and National lead 1.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.)

	Open	Noon
Amalgamated	70½	70½
Atchison	104½	105
Brooklyn	75½	76½
Canadian Pacific	197½	198½
Gt. Northern, pfd. ex-div.	130½	130½
Northern Pacific	121	121
Pennsylvania	132	132½
Reading	152½	152½
Soo	133	133½
Southern Pacific	118½	119½
Union	175½	176½
U. S. Steel, com.	61½	61½
Iron, pfd.	102½	102½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.
Asbestos, com., 415 @ 15, 35 @ 15½, 25 @ 16.
N. S. Steel, 210 @ 85, 250 @ 85½, 50 @ 85½.
Iron, pfd., 105 @ 102½.
Cement, com., 55 @ 19.

Bell Telephone, 10 @ 145.	
Ottawa Power, 20 @ 116.	
Soo, 100 @ 132½, 235 @ 132½, 335 @ 133, 75 @ 133.	
C. P. R., 100 @ 197, 100 @ 107½, 100 @ 197½, 25 @ 198½, 2 @ 198½.	
Iron Corporation, 100 @ 61½, 50 @ 61, 50 @ 60½, 50 @ 60½, 960 @ 60, 350 @ 60½, 125 @ 59½, 175 @ 59½, 125 @ 59½, 75 @ 59½.	
Quebec Railway, 276 @ 48½, 3 @ 48, 5 @ 48½, 25 @ 48½.	
MacKay, 50 @ 76.	
Ogilvy's 7 @ 125.	
Penman's, 30 @ 59½.	
Detroit, 25 @ 57½, 100 @ 58, 50 @ 56.	
Winnipeg Street, 100 @ 194½.	
56½.	
Rio, 10 @ 102½.	
Montreal Power, 50 @ 142½, 25 @ 142.	

New York, Oct. 18.—Noon.—Money on call easier at 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½ to 6 per cent. Exchanges \$44,746,751. balances, \$16,494,833.

London Oct 18.—The Clearing Cross Bank with headquarters in London and several country branches, closed its doors yesterday. An official receiver has been appointed. The deposits amount to \$5,000,000. The bank is of no importance in the financial world, as it is a private concern, doing an extensive loan business.