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COLLINS' TIME SHORT

Albert County Murderer will pay the Penalty of his Crime To-morrow

Clergymen think he is making Preparation to Meet his Maker--Prisoner has Broken down and a Confession Expected.

HOPEWELL CAPE, N. B., Nov. 14.—(Special).—As the hour approaches when Thomas Collins must pay the penalty for murdering Mary Ann McAulay, the unfortunate man shows he realizes fully his awful position. The light heartedness and perfect self control, which marked his demeanor up to a few days ago, have gradually left him.

As his hopes for commutation have from time to time fallen, Collins has been more serious. Of late sleep seems to have forsaken him.

Today he broke down completely, and while a confession has not been made it is hourly expected.

He was visited this morning by Mrs. Isaiah Steeves of Hillsboro, who has all along shown a keen interest in him and when she started to talk to him of his approaching end he broke down and sobbed bitterly.

Rev. B. H. Thomas also called upon Collins this morning and had a long talk with him.

The doomed man was greatly affected during the clergyman's talk.

Collins slept but very little last night and has eaten but a small portion of his meals. All nourishment that he has taken today has been two cups of tea.

The sheriff today received word from Ottawa that there would be no reprieve, and Collins has had no hope held out to him along this line, and is consequently spared the disappointment.

The hour of the execution is not known, this being left entirely to Radcliffe, the executioner.

OTTAWA, November 14.—The Dominion government has had an alienist examine Collins, under sentence for murder. He has reported Collins sane and the execution will take place on Friday without government interference.

This explains the mysterious visit to Collins by an unknown man a few days ago.

HOPEWELL CAPE, N. B., November 14.—Preparations for the execution of Collins, the condemned murderer, made good progress yesterday, though the work was set back somewhat by a change in the plans of the gallows, which was ordered by Executioner Radcliffe.

Radcliffe, who will officiate, reached here yesterday afternoon and at once went to the jail to inspect the work at the gallows building, which was in progress. The executioner at once condemned the beam and drop arrangement which was expected to be used, and ordered the erection of a scaffold and trap.

Radcliffe's reason for the change is because he considered the horizontal beam and swing would have the effect of throwing the man too far in the air with the probability of his striking the beam over head, though the scaffold and trap idea was thought by many to be obsolete. The hangman appeared to prefer it. This will consist of a scaffold eight feet square, supported on posts and eleven feet from the ground. In the centre of the platform of the scaffold is a trap four feet square on which the condemned man will stand and through which at the fatal moment he will drop to his death. The work of erecting the scaffold has already been begun and everything will be in readiness by to-morrow.

In the quiet of his prison cell, the prisoner, apparently repentant and fully realizing his position, patiently awaits the end, while just outside the prison walls the carpenters are busy preparing the place on which he is to die in a few short hours.

Collins was visited yesterday by the Salvation Army officers and last evening the Rev. William Lawson, Methodist clergyman of Hillsboro, and a friend, made quite a lengthy visit to the prisoner in his cell.

VICTIM OF HUNTERS

Seven Year old Boy found Dead in Ontario Forest.

TORONTO, Ont., November 14.—(Special).—In the woods about seven miles from Pembroke, Ont., a lad was found with a bullet hole through his heart.

It is thought he was hit by a stray shot by hunters who were in that vicinity.

Mr. Lawson expressed the belief that the condemned man was making proper preparations for his last hour, and was gradually reaching a satisfactory spiritual condition. He stated to the clergyman who talked and prayed with him, that he was willing to trust the Saviour and await the end with confidence. The preacher did not ask him as to his guilt or innocence. So far no confession has been learned of.

Before leaving the prisoner last evening the clergyman and the lady who was with him, sang several hymns in the doomed man's cell and the prisoner was greatly affected. Some of the hymns were unfamiliar to him, but one of them he was acquainted with and in this he joined in the singing.

The exact hour of the execution is not yet known, but it will be announced today.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, chaplain of Dorchester penitentiary, was with Collins until midnight. Mr. Thomas feels gratified that the prisoner is preparing to meet his death. He will remain here with the doomed man until the end.

HILLSBORO, N. B., November 14.—Rev. Mr. Lawson, in the course of a sermon here this evening, made special mention of the Collins case by referring to the judgment which must necessarily follow sin.

Speaking of his personal knowledge of Collins during the last few weeks, he said the prisoner's eyes had been opened to the truths of religion and he told him he knew nothing about religion till after his conviction. He was now, Mr. Lawson added, showing great attention to his spiritual advisers, and devoting his thoughts to serious things.

During the last seven weeks Rev. Byron H. Thomas, chaplain of the Dorchester penitentiary, has been a frequent visitor to Collins and has had many serious talks with him. The chaplain arrived last evening and was closeted with Collins in the jail until past midnight.

The death warrant for the execution has arrived. It was issued by Judge Hanington to Myles D. Dixon, clerk of the peace for Albert, on Monday last in Fredericton. The document, after referring to the trials and conviction of Collins, recites his sentence as delivered by the judge and directs the sheriff of the county of Albert to cause execution to be done on November 15th.

Collins has shaved himself during the last two days and his appearance is greatly improved. He inquired last evening if the executioner had arrived, and on being informed that Radcliffe was in the village, expressed his satisfaction. It is surmised that he had a dread of any hitch occurring at inexperienced hands.

During the day Collins ate a little stew for dinner and drank a cup of tea for supper, but refused any solid food. He complained of want of sleep, saying that he felt he needed it.

In an interview with your correspondent on his return from the jail, Rev. Mr. Thomas spoke with much satisfaction on the way Collins had received his ministrations. "I am much impressed," he said, "with the progress he has made in preparation for eternity. I have been dealing with men for twenty-five years and I am convinced he is dead in earnest in his inquiry after salvation. If he will only open up his heart it will sustain him and make him happy even until death."

Rev. Mr. Thomas was asked at what hour the execution would likely take place. "If I have any influence with the sheriff," he replied, "it will be done in daylight."

It is understood this matter and other details are in abeyance until the last word has been received from Ottawa.

COURT TO ADJOURN.

When the Supreme court adjourns tomorrow evening, it will stand adjourned until Wednesday of next week. The Equity and County court appeals, and three cases on the special paper remain to be argued, and it is thought they can be disposed of next week. Common motions will be heard tomorrow morning.

"Is that young woman an authoress?"

"No," answered the man who dislikes affected forms of speech; "she is a newspaper reporteress."

THE STOCK MARKET.

Quite a Break in Prices, some Issues Reaching Low Level.

MONTREAL, Que., November 14.—(Special).—Prices were considerably depressed in the stock market this morning, selling being well spread over the list.

There was little trading, but prices broke sharply. The cause is believed to be the continued pressure on the money market.

Montreal Street Railway was conspicuous, going off to 163½, and Montreal Power sold at 82, while Bell Telephone broke to 117, the lowest on record. Dominion Steel was fairly firm at 16½, and Pfd. at 38½.

Other features were: Twin City, 74; Detroit 32½; Mackay pfd. 53½; Nova Scotia Steel 74; Toronto Railway 85; Lake of the Woods 70.

OBJECTS TO SLANG

An Ontario Judge who trips up Lawyers and Witness.

TORONTO, Ont., November 14.—(Special).—Justice Riddell is evidently determined to do what he can to have the English language respected in this court, both by the bar and by witnesses.

Yesterday when William Proudfoot, K. C., asked a witness if he meant by his action to "throw down" his firm, his lordship said "throw down." What does it mean? Don't let us have any slang here, please.

Later in the day, when the same witness replied in answer to a question regarding a certain accusation with the words, "It's perfectly absurd," Justice Riddell said impatiently, "No, it's not absurd, it's either true or untrue, which is it?"

SMUGGLING CHINAMAN

Six Celestials Arrested on United States Border.

BROCKVILLE, ONT., Nov. 14.—(Special).—Four more Chinamen, who had crossed the river between here and Prescott, were arrested near Ogdensburg, yesterday, closely huddled together in a thick wood.

These, with six captured last Friday, are now at Ogdensburg, awaiting trial, but stoutly refuse to state who ferried them over the river.

The price per head has ranged from \$10 to \$25, and simply means landing the Chinamen on the American shore, but United States detectives have failed to catch the smugglers in the act.

A CASE OF SMALLPOX

Lumber Camp on the Batholomew under Quarantine.

Advices from Blackville are to the effect that a case of smallpox has lately developed in one of the Gibson company's lumber camps on the Batholomew river, six miles from this place. The victim is a Frenchman, hailing from the parish of Carapet, Gloucester, and had only been in the camp a short time.

The local health authorities have taken charge of the case, and isolated the patient. The lumber camp, where the disease broke out has been placed under quarantine, and all the necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Dr. Fisher, secretary of the provincial board of health, in an interview this morning, stated he had heard of the outbreak, and had understood that all the usual precautions had been taken to prevent the disease from spreading. The patient was being cared for in a shack fitted up for him a short distance from the lumber camp.

MR. DIBBLEE PLEASSED

Former Rector of Oromocto Settled in California under Agreeable Conditions.

Rev. H. E. Dibblee in a note to the editor of The Herald from his new home at Fowler, California, writes in part:

"I find the town growing up rapidly and solidly since I went back to New Brunswick last May, and the fruit growers report the most prosperous year within the space of 18 years or more. As a consequence the times are good and a general hopefulness is in the very air.

"The climate at this season is delightful, beyond words; not hot enough to be enervating, and not cool enough for fur coats. Pomegranates, oranges, olives, etc., are now being picked now. The grapes and early fruits are all harvested.

"In short this is just about the time to visit this ideal country."

Few men forget to be good to their wives, for their wives won't let them.

GIBSON 'PRENTICE BOYS

Held Successful Entertainment at Gibson last Evening.

Last evening the Prentice Boys of Gibson held a very enjoyable entertainment in their hall at that place. Mr. Harold Logan, master of the lodge, presiding, and at the presentation of a copy of Macaulay's History of England to the lodge by His Worship Mayor McLeod, the following very interesting program was carried out:

Recitation, Miss Titus. Solo, Charles Mabie. Recitation, Miss Logan. Solo, Miss Brewer. Solo, Mr. Nichols. Solo, Miss D. Schleyer.

Recitation, Miss Francis Logan.

During the course of the program, a very interesting address was delivered by Mr. William Rossborough, who was the first to organize a lodge of Prentice Boys in this part of the province. He pointed out the different benefits derived from the lodge, and also spoke to some length on the early history of the Prentice Boys, and concluded by remarking that he would like to see the Fredericton lodge revived in the near future.

After the program, which was so well rendered that each selection received unbounded applause, refreshments were served, including ice cream, cake and coffee, and the large crowd in attendance left the hall, one and all voting the Prentice Boys capital entertainers.

MOTOR CAR SERVICE

Likely it will be Introduced on Gibson Branch next Spring.

Montreal Herald: The C. P. R. is likely in the spring to make another experiment with the introduction of the motor car for suburban service which was tried with only partial success on the line between Montreal and Vaudreuil. This time the experiment is to be on the Gibson branch, which connects Fredericton, the New Brunswick capital with Woodstock. The matter has been brought under the notice of the management by General Superintendent Downie, of the Atlantic division, who has been moved to action by delegations of local residents. The motor cars which have been introduced on the I. C. R. are giving success and the result of their introduction in the neighborhood of St. John has stimulated the Fredericton people to make representations to the C. P. R. (The matter was brought to Supt. Downie's attention by the Fredericton Board of Trade a few days ago, and at the time he expressed himself as impressed with the advisability of the proposition. From the Montreal Herald's report it is evident he has favorably recommended the scheme to the management at the head office of the C. P. R. and there is every probability of the Board of Trade's representations being carried out.

RAILWAY DEAL

C. P. R. Taking over the New Brunswick Southern Road.

Sun: The transfer of the New Brunswick Southern, between this city and St. Stephen, to the C. P. R., is likely to be announced today. Col. McLean, president of the N. B. Southern, is at present out of the city completing the deal.

Ever since the death of Russell Sage the owner of the road, there have been rumors that the C. P. R. were attempting to gain control. It was for a time thought that the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford railroad, having gained control of the Boston and Maine, and with it of the Main Central and Washington Co. railway, would attempt to gain an entrance into Canada.

During the last summer, extensive repairs have been made to the line in ballasting, new equipment has been supplied, and the road in other ways put up to date. For this work, C. P. engineers, crews and equipment have been supplied, and it has come to be generally understood that the C. P. R. were to become masters. Today however, is likely to bring any uncertainty to an end.

MURDER CHARGE

VAACOUVER, B. C., November 14.—(Special).—Robert Venetto, a negro, suspected of having committed the murder of seven-year-old Clement Nahu, of Moodyville, whose body was found hacked to pieces with a razor, was arrested at the railway station today and held.

MORE SNOW.

There was a light flurry of snow between the hours of eight and nine o'clock this morning. The weather continues cold and the probabilities promise more snow for tomorrow. There is now good bottom and a few inches of snow would make sleighing

Absolute truth telling is a good thing, but not every good thing goes in politics.