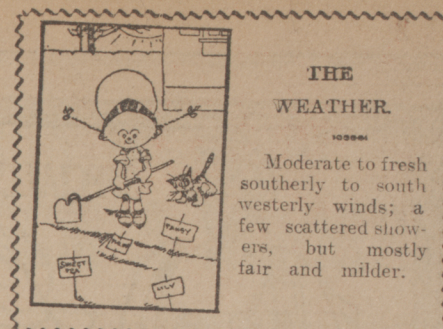




AROSHA AND SEPPEPIL EXECUTED AT ANDOVER EARLY THIS MORNING UP TO THE LAST THEY CLAIMED THAT MURRAY AND THE HATCHES PLANNED PADDY GREEN'S DEATH

Execution Was Carried Out Promptly at Six O'Clock—Both Men Went to the Scaffold Bravely and Suffered the Penalty Without a Murmur—Their Last Night on Earth Mainly Spent in Prayer With Father Ryan—Bodies Interred at Indian Point Cemetery



Antonio Aroscha

Andover, N. B., May 4.—(Special)—With the words "Good-bye, boys," on his lips, Tony Aroscha stepped on the trap and met his fate without flinching, at the hands of Radcliffe, the executioner, in the jail here at six o'clock this morning.

His companion, Leon Seppel, said a word or two in Italian, which, however, could not be understood by those on the scaffold. The men died together, Radcliffe springing the trap as Rev. F. Ryan, who had ministered to their spiritual needs since their conviction, uttered the closing words of the Lord's Prayer, "But deliver us from evil."

An inquest was held in the jail at 8 o'clock and a formal verdict that the Italians died by process of law, was returned. The bodies were taken to Indian Point for burial.

The condemned men were engaged in devotions with Fr. Ryan until 3 o'clock this morning, when they lay down together on the bed in Aroscha's cell and slept peacefully for two hours. They were roused in time to make their final preparations and receive the Holy Communion half an hour before being summoned to the scaffold. They maintained to the last that Sandy Morris and the two Hatches were the instigators in the murder of Edward Greene, the peddler, and under the earnest exhortations of the priest, forgave them for what they regarded as the others' share in the crime. Radcliffe reached the jail at 5:30 a. m., and was busily engaged for about twenty minutes adjusting and testing the ropes over the drop. At 5:45, accompanied by Sheriff Tibbitts and the two guards, Wm.



THE SCENE OF THE EXECUTION

Andover Court House and Jail Where the Execution was Carried Out—The Fence Surrounding the Scaffold can be Seen at the Right of the Picture.

Johnston and Jacob Kilburn, he entered the corridor in which the cells are situated. The handcuffs were quickly adjusted on the wrists of the condemned men, and without further delay the melancholy procession started on its way to the scaffold. The executioner appeared first, and Fr. Ryan, reciting the Litany to the Virgin, with the sheriff by his side followed. Aroscha, in charge of Kilburn, came next, with Seppel and Johnston a few paces behind. Dr. R. W. L. Earle, the doctor in attendance, brought up the rear.

As the procession crossed the hallway of the court house, Aroscha glanced up at the spectators who were standing on the stairway, but made no sign. Passing through two rooms and the kitchen, the men were taken to the gallows where the scaffold stood. The condemned men walked up the scaffold unaided, and were quickly taken in hand by the hangman. Seppel uttered a few words in Italian as he was placed on the trap. When Aroscha's turn came, he said "Good-bye, boys," to those standing round, and took his place about a foot behind his companion. The legs of both were pinioned and then the black cap was pulled over Aroscha's head and the noose adjusted behind his left ear. He was heard to speak some words in a low tone, as if in prayer, and shivered

slightly, but showed no signs of collapse. While these preparations were in progress, Seppel turned half round and a look of horror came into his eyes as he caught sight of his companion. But a moment elapsed before his head was covered with the symbol of death and the noose was fixed about his throat. Fr. Ryan at this time began the Lord's Prayer, but was stopped by the executioner, who was not yet at his post at the lever. A moment later and the words familiar to all Christians, "Our Father who art in Heaven," reached the ears of all those within the enclosure. The strain on the spectators became intense as the priest proceeded. As he reached the words, "but deliver us from evil," the executioner pulled the lever, towards him. The doors of the trap swung downwards. The black-hooded figures, which had been standing motionless, shot below, out of sight. There was a sharp tang of the ropes and all was over. The sentence of death had been carried out.

There was a perfect dislocation of the neck in both cases, and death was instantaneous. Dr. Earle examined the bodies and reported that the pulsations had ceased twenty minutes after the execution. Aroscha, who was the lighter of the two, was given a drop of nine feet, nine inches. Seppel had a drop of nine feet, four inches. The bodies were placed in the coffins half an hour after the sentence had been carried out. At the inquest, which was held at eight o'clock by Dr. Welling, the coroner, William Johnston, one of the guards, and Dr. Earle were the only witnesses. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died in process of law. At 8:45 a. m., the estates were taken in a double team to Indian Point, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ryan before burial.

Andover, N. B., May 3.—The gloomy surroundings and the knowledge of the impending fate of the prisoners played havoc today with the nerves of Frank, the Italian who is undergoing a sentence for illegal liquor selling. He broke down completely this evening and being highly superstitious, like many of his countrymen, begged and prayed that he might be taken elsewhere before the execution took place.

Frank is sensitive and excitable and as it was thought the man's fears might have a demoralizing effect upon the two prisoners he was removed from his cell about 9 o'clock and given in charge of Constable Craig, who took him to his home for the night. Aroscha and Seppel are bearing up bravely and their appetites show no sign of failing. They ate a hearty dinner of beefsteak and other things at midday and given in charge of Constable Craig, who took him to his home for the night. Aroscha and Seppel are bearing up bravely and their appetites show no sign of failing. They ate a hearty dinner of beefsteak and other things at midday and given in charge of Constable Craig, who took him to his home for the night. Aroscha and Seppel are bearing up bravely and their appetites show no sign of failing. They ate a hearty dinner of beefsteak and other things at midday and given in charge of Constable Craig, who took him to his home for the night.

Andover, N. B., May 4, 1:30 A. M.—A crowd of lads and young men has been gathering during the last hour near the enclosure in which the scaffold is erected in the rear of the court house. The guards have been out and dispersed them.



Leon Seppel

One man was discovered hiding under a barrel close to the fence. Another man in a fur coat was found by Deputy Sheriff Armstrong, of Carleton county, who is here for the execution, lying on all fours under the veranda. The Sheriff caught him by the coat and hauling him out handed him over to the guard who promptly lodged him in one of the cells.

The prisoner, who was a young man and well dressed, entreated to be let go and offered to pay any money to secure his release. After getting him badly scared he was turned out again and told to inform his companions that if caught round the jail again they would not get off so easily. The man captured said he was a barber from Fairfield.

The guards found others prowling outside the windows on the side of the building nearest the cells doubtless hoping to catch a glimpse of the prisoners. There are several teams standing in the roadway. Their occupants are said to be Americans who have driven across the border.

No serious trouble is looked for by the authorities. As far as can be ascertained there are no Italians in the crowd and the Sheriff and his officers do not anticipate anything in the nature of a demonstration.

The murder of Edward or "Paddy" Green near Plaster Rock on Dec. 19 last, was a cold blooded affair. Green had been selling liquor in the construction camp of the G. T. P. and was known to be carrying about a large sum of money. On the morning of the murder he was walking down the right of way in company with Alexander Panarsky, a Hebrew pedlar, when they were shot at from behind a pile of logs by Tony Aroscha and Leon Seppel.

The Jew was nearest in the line of fire and the bullet, glancing off his pocket book, went through Green's heart. The frightened Hebrew took to his heels, one of the Italians firing several times in his direction but without effect.

On the following day the two Italians were arrested by A. R. Foster, chief of the G. T. P. police, in a shack on the right of way not more than two miles from the scene of the tragedy. They have been wandering about in the open all night and their hands and feet were badly frozen. They denied all knowledge of the crime and only a small sum of money was found in their possession.

After the preliminary examination at Andover, at which T. J. Carter appeared for the crown, they were committed for trial at the March sitting of the court. This opened on March 2, Judge Landry presiding. Panarsky positively identified Seppel as the man who pointed a rifle at him. He also said that Green had about \$2,000 at the time of the murder, and also between 100 and 110 watches. C. H. Elliott of Andover was assigned by the crown for the defence but the result of the trial was a verdict of guilty.

While lying in jail under sentence of death Aroscha made a statement in consequence of which Sandy Murray and Andrew and James Hatch were arrested charged with being accessories to the murder. There was a great array of counsel at the trial but under grueling cross-examination the statements of the two condemned men were discredited and the jury were directed to bring in a verdict of not guilty, and the three men were discharged.

Just before the trial of Murray and the Hatches, Constable Macrae went to the camp in which Aroscha and Seppel were arrested and found \$2,600 under the floor. This was the plunder taken off Green's body. Some of the watches were also recovered.

NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN, MUCH PRACTICAL MATTER IN THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Bullock in Inaugural Today, Reviews the Work of the Year and Makes Some Recommendations—First Meeting of the New Council—Boards and Committees Appointed for the Year.

The city government has been organized for another year, and six new men this morning took the oath of office along with the aldermen who were re-elected for another term.

The organization of the various boards and committees, as determined in caucus, was affected and the usual formalities incidental to the first meeting of a new council were carried out.

The proceedings were very harmonious, several of the retiring aldermen delivering farewell addresses, while the new men made their maiden speeches.

His worship the mayor delivered a very interesting address, reviewing the work of the year and making a number of recommendations for the future.

It was decided to abolish the harbor facilities committee as it was claimed its duties would be performed by the new harbor board.

The following ladies were present, as well as a number of other citizens: Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. C. B. Allan, Mrs. E. C. Elkin, Mrs. J. W. Vanwart, Mrs. J. H. Frink, Mrs. F. S. Thomas, Mrs. R. T. Hayes, Mrs. W. A. Christie, and the Misses Kelly.

His worship the mayor presided, and called the meeting to order about ten minutes after 11. Ald. Willett, McGowan and Hamm were the only absentees.

The first matter taken up was the report of the salaries committee, which was left over from yesterday's meeting. The report was taken up section by section.

The first section, salaries, was with reference to the salaries in the public works department.

It was decided that the engineer's salary be \$2,500, the chief clerk's \$800, with a maximum of \$1,200; superintendent of streets \$1,000, maximum \$1,200. The harbor master's salary was fixed at \$1,200, and the harbor master, north, \$900.

In the safety department the salary of the director was fixed at \$1,200, maximum \$1,400; chief of fire department, minimum \$1,200, maximum \$1,600; superintendent of fire alarm, \$800, maximum \$1,000; clerk of the market \$720 a year.

In the water and sewerage department the chief clerk's salary was fixed at \$900, with a maximum of \$1,200, and foremen at \$35 to \$40 a month.

The superintendent of the ferries salary was fixed at \$800 a year.

Ald. Elkin moved that the salaries of the captains on the ferry steamers be increased to \$70 a month, the same as the engineers.

After some discussion the matter of the salaries of all ferry employees was referred to the ferry committee.

Ald. Holder thought Mr. McIntyre, the police clerk, should have an increase in salary. The matter was referred to the safety board.

Ald. Baxter gave notice that he would move for an issue of debentures for paying for water pipe now lying on the Millford road. The amount is \$6,500.

Ald. Baxter moved the appointment of officials for the ensuing year.

Harbor Master R. H. Fleming was re-appointed. Geo. S. Gorham was re-appointed harbor master for the north end.

The appointment of the portwardens was moved, the names being the same as last year, with the exception that Nevin Emerson was appointed in place of R. H. Fleming, now harbor master.

The measurers of lumber and surveys were re-appointed.

The following constables were appointed: W. A. Smith, Guys ward; William Smith, Brooks; J. W. Weatherhead, Sydney; Duke; E. V. Godfrey, Queens; Frank McRiarity, Kings; Geo. A. Blair, Wallington; W. Stanley Cody, Prince; John T. Stephenson, Victoria; John Bond, Dufferin; Wm. D. Morrow, Lansdowne; Henry S. French, Lorne; Thomas X. Gibson, Stanley.

Additional constables—Richard Heffer, Henry W. Logan, Henry McIntyre, A. M. Sherman, and Wm. Grannon.

Ald. Pickett moved that the council reconsider the section of the safety board report recommending a renewal lease in Prince ward to the administrators of the late J. G. Jordan. It was decided to grant a renewal of the lease.

Ald. Baxter moved that the common council for the ensuing year be now organized. This was the opportunity for the retiring aldermen to deliver their valedictories.

Ald. Baskin thanked the members for the courtesy they had shown him. He also conveyed his thanks to the electors, especially in his own ward. He thought a mistake had been made in returning to the at-large system.

Ald. Rowan referred to his pleasant relations with the members and said he had always tried to do his duty while in the council. He thought it was a surprise that he was defeated. Many canvasses had been used against him and many were false. He characterized as false the statement that he had bought off his predecessor. He expressed the hope that the new council would reduce the taxation, though he doubted it very much.

Ald. Pickett referred to his very pleasant relations with the members. He paid a tribute to the work done by Mayor Bullock. Some good men had been lost, among them the late Ald. Christie and Ald. Millidge. He was retiring voluntarily but he would not say he would not offer

again. He hoped some time in the future he might ask to represent the people again. The newspapers had always treated him fairly and he had no complaint to make. He spoke in warm terms of the ability of his successor, R. T. Hayes.

The organization of the new council was then proceeded with. The mayor and aldermen were sworn in, as well as the constables. On motion of Ald. McGoldrick, Ald. W. A. Christie was elected deputy mayor for the ensuing year and was sworn in.

His worship the mayor then addressed the council, and on motion of Ald. Baxter the mayor's address was referred to a committee to be named by himself.

The boards and committees were then elected as follows:

Treasury board—Baxter, chairman; Frink, Kelley, Sproul, McGoldrick, Vanwart, Potts, Scully.

Board of public works—McGoldrick, chairman; Elkin, Holder, Sproul, Scully, Likely, Codner.

Water and sewerage board—Frink, Likely, Lewis, Scully, Christie, Hayes, Kelley.

Board of public safety—Vanwart, chairman; Kelley, Scully, Sproul, Hayes, Potts, Wilson.

Ferry committee—Potts, chairman; Holder, Scully, Wilson, Belyea.

Appeals committee—Sproul, chairman; Belyea, Christie, Hayes, Wilson.

By-laws and by-laws—Kelley, chairman; Baxter, McGoldrick, Vanwart, Scully.

Claims committee—Frink, Kelley, Baxter, Elkin, Belyea, Codner, Likely.

Harbor board—McGoldrick, chairman; Baxter, Codner, Likely, Belyea, Elkin, Holder.

Revisors—McGoldrick and Vanwart.

The representatives of the city on the municipal council were selected; and all the members except Ald. Likely and Hayes being chosen.

It was arranged that the water and sewerage board elect its own chairman.

Alderman Frink said he understood that he was to be a member of the board of works and Alderman Christie was under the impression that he was on the safety board. It was decided the boards should be changed could be made if desired.

Alderman Scully moved that Alderman Likely, Elkin and Belyea be elected with himself as the bridge committee. Adopted.

Thomas F. Coughlan was appointed constable for Dukes ward.

Alderman Likely moved that the harbor facilities committee be appointed, and Alderman Elkin speaking in support, said he thought it well to have such a committee with the mayor as chairman and members of the board of trade to act with them.

Alderman Potts thought the one harbor board already formed was sufficient to carry on the work. He was opposed to another committee being formed.

Alderman McGoldrick also opposed the formation of another committee, and suggested that the mayor and the two members of the board of trade be added to the harbor board.

Alderman Codner said he could not see any object in appointing two boards to do the same work. He thought it would only result in a clash as the recommendations would not always coincide.

Alderman Belyea moved in amendment that the harbor board perform the duties of the harbor facilities committee. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Potts, and carried by a vote of 9 to 8.

A communication from J. K. Seammell, engineer of the public works department, regarding dredging at Sand Point was referred to the board of works.

The following petition from a large number of ratepayers was referred to the water and sewerage board.

To His Worship the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Saint John: Gentlemen:—

The undersigned merchants and heavy taxpayers of the city, who are also affected largely by the insurance rates, and bear a large part of the burden of the cost of water maintenance are pleased to note that at yesterday's meeting of the council you decided not to appoint an assistant to Mr. William Murdoch as city engineer. We feel strongly that in the best interests of the city Mr. Murdoch should be allowed to give his undivided attention to the public works of the city, and that the water and sewerage service should be superintended by an official who should be independent. It is absolutely necessary that this official should have a thorough knowledge of the construction of the new mains and of the distribution service—and above all, that he should be in thorough sympathy with the scheme of construction of the new works. We therefore would urge that you appoint Mr. H. G. Hunter, who possesses these qualifications, as superintendent of the water and sewerage services, independent of the control of any other official. We feel that the situation is one of the greatest importance to the city, and therefore desire to express our views in the strongest manner.

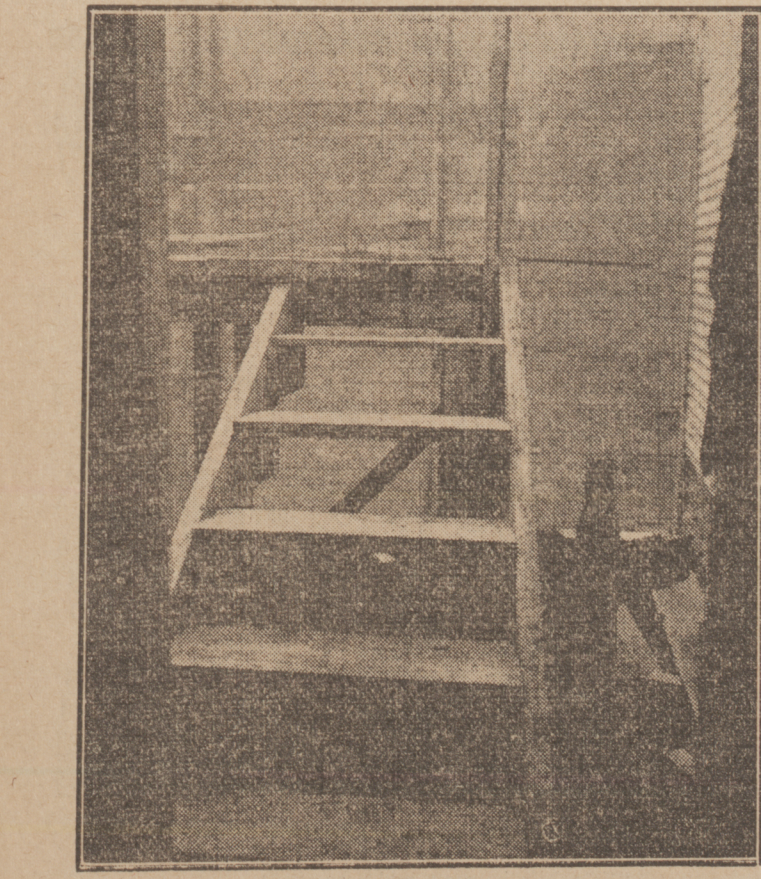
Trusting that you will realize the importance of this matter, and take prompt action along the line indicated, we remain, Manchester Robertson Allison Limited, W. H. Barnaby, director, W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, J. G. Harrison, secretary, D. Magee's Sons.

Emerson & Fisher, Vasey & Company, Limited, W. E. Foster, vice-president, T. McAvity & Sons, Limited, Chas. Foster, secretary, Frank Skinner & Co., Raymond & Doherty, Ferguson & Page, C. H. Peters Sons, Limited, F. A. Peters, secretary, Baird & Peters, James Fleming, Scovil Bros., Waterbury & Rising, Emery Bros., Geo. S. deForest & Sons, Limited, C. W. deForest, president, P. E. Williams & Co., St. John Milling Co., Harry W. deForest, Limited, Chas. H. Howell, vice-president, J. M. Humphrey & Co., Brock & Paterson, Limited, R. B. Paterson, Limited, O. H. Warwick Co., Limited, O. H. Warwick, president, A. Dodge, W. Alex. Porter, James Pender & Co., Limited, James Pender, managing director, H. Horton & Sons, Limited, G. Alf. Horton, president, The New Brunswick Cold Storage Co., Limited, Henry R. Ross, The Maritime Nail Company, Limited, S. E. Elkin, general manager, Saint John Iron Works, Limited, Chas. W. McDonald, managing director, Schofield Paper Company, Limited, H. B. Schofield, president, Roland Frith, secretary treasurer, Jones & Schofield, J. & A. McMillan, The S. Hayward Co., John Flood, George Nixon, H. P. Hayward, G. L. Purdy, Geo. A. Reicker, F. E. Holman & Co., E. Lantulum, L.E.B. Wilson, Geo. A. Kimball, Crosby Molasses Co., McLean Holt & Co., Dearborn & Co., Edward Partington Pulp Co., Stetson Cutler & Co., T. S. Simms & Co. On motion of Alderman McGoldrick, the mayor was added to the harbor board. The meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Mayor Bullock's address was as follows: Gentlemen of the Common Council,—It again becomes my duty to preside over your deliberations, and right here I desire to express my sincere thanks to the citizens for their friendship and trust. Some of you are new to the work you have been summoned to do, but you have been chosen to your responsibilities, honored by the general expectation and confidence that you will endeavor in your public service to advance only the welfare of the city. We bid you a hearty welcome to our council. Those of you who were members of the previous council bring to us a reputation for work well done, together with a helpful experience in, and a wide knowledge of municipal affairs. Association with both new and old members is therefore cause for personal gratification. We regret the illness of ex-Alderman Hamm, who has served the city so long and faithfully. The responsibilities incumbent upon us are difficult and laborious, and to perform them well and wisely needs a careful and candid consideration, for we have in the reputation and prosperity of our city something worthy of our best efforts. Permit me to give a review of some of the activities of the past, as well as a few recommendations for the future.

Harbor Commission
The finding of the special audit reveals the fact that the city harbor properties, capitalized at 3 per cent., carry a book value of \$2,064,677.00. The annual interest against these properties, after providing for sinking fund, is estimated \$80,000.00. The net revenue based on three year average, is \$54,400.00, or a shortage on the year's working of \$25,600.00 for the whole harbor. In separating the values, the Sand Point properties are charged with a floating debt of \$1,277,000.00. The annual interest, including sinking fund, being \$60,401.52. The net revenue based on three-year average, is \$29,197.92, or an annual deficit of \$31,202.89, on that portion of the harbor; but it is gratifying to know that this deficit is being curtailed every year. We have been handicapped in only being able to use No. 5 and No. 6 berths to a partial extent. With these two berths available and an increase in tonnage and traffic, we can safely estimate our net revenue from berths one to six, inclusive, for 1909, as \$37,000.00, and with a certainty of an added increase each year the revenue will be sufficient to meet all charges against these respective wharves in a few short years.

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The Steps Leading to the Scaffold Where Aroscha and Seppel Today Met Death for "Paddy" Green's Murder.