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Dr. Goldwin Howland, of Toronto, Dr. J. J. Robertson of Belleville, Dr. G. I. Armour of Ottawa and Dr. W. B. Mitchell of Montreal all swore on the question of present capability of the accused that he was fit to stand trial.  
Dr. G. Howland was taken over by Crown Prosecutor Urquhart when the trial resumed and was subjected to a strong cross-examination. Urquhart was followed by Mr. Justice Jeffrey, who asked but three questions of the witness before he was allowed to leave the stand.

On the question of present capability to stand trial, medical testimony was given:  
Dr. Robertson on Stand  
Dr. J. J. Robertson, city, next witness stated that in his own opinion he believed Vermilyea was cognizant of the fact that he was being tried for murder. The question as to whether he could conduct his defence was given an affirmative answer. "Accused had a delusion, but sufficient reason to be able to direct his counsel through the trial," added Dr. Robertson.

Competent to Conduct  
Dr. G. I. Armour, Toronto, with 20 years extensive experience in (Continued on Page 3 Col. 3)

### Fire Brigade Not Used to Eject Sleepers

London, Ont., Feb. 23—(CP)—The fire department has received many strange calls. They have been called to put out fires, bring cats down off lofty telephone poles and to break into upper windows and unlock doors from the inside when keys have been forgotten.  
But today, Chief Charles Scott received the champion. He was requested to bring down a squad of men and eject a sleeper from a Clarence street barn. An excited woman's voice asked the Chief to hurry down to her barn and put out a man, who had been sleeping there for several nights.  
"We put fires out," replied the Chief. "We don't put men out. You had better call the police department—or put a lock on the barn door."

### Sudden Wealth for Being Honest Apparently Affects Mind of Man

New York, Feb. 23 (AP)—Frank Greges, 67 year old sandwich-sign man who gained fame and a better job by finding bonds worth \$42,000 and returning them to the owner, went on a rampage early today in the hotel where he lives.  
"I am God," he shouted. "I can kill anyone who looked at me."  
While police and a doctor were attempting to restrain the sign carrier, a man identified as Robert E. Edwards of Ware, Mass., and Los Angeles, Calif., walked into the room and complained of feeling ill.  
"I am God," Greges shouted again, glaring at the newcomer. "I can kill anybody."  
Edwards dropped dead.  
Greges already had sent one man to a hospital with a push down a flight of stairs.  
A man who had given Bowery bum his greatest inspiration of the winter was taken to a police station and held down by policemen until he could be removed to the

psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital.  
"I am God," he shouted as a crowd gathered. "Nothing is too good for me. The hat I wear is worth \$15. I have on \$10 shoes. Nothing is too good for me. I am God. I can kill anybody who looks at me."  
"People stare at me," he explained. "Ever since I found the money in Wall Street they stare at me all the time."  
"That's why I killed him."  
"I killed three today, but I had a bad day, I usually kill from 10 to 15."  
Edwards, a doctor said, had been in the last stage of tuberculosis. He was a man about 40 years old.  
Belden and Comstock, the broker, who had lost the bonds, outfitted him in new clothes, gave him \$100 and a better job. The surety company gave him a reward and a weekly bonus. Every mail increased his wealth with cheques from admirers all over.

No Confusion Shown  
On his trip to Toronto, as the Crown testimony showed, he said there was no confusion. The man booked at the hotel, then he is reported to have read of the accident in a paper and then changed his mind. Witness referred to alleged dickered with a taxi man, when he went, it is charged, to Port Credit. The doctor's opinion was that such a man laid plans to get back to California at considerable speed. "I don't know where he would get all this information—but it indicates to me sufficient clarity and presence of mind," it was noted.  
All through his recital witness pointed to what appeared a carefully planned routine.  
Dr. Armour referred to the crown evidence as to Vermilyea's reaction when told the police were looking for him. The alleged expression, "Oh my God," would indicate a clear mind.

Defined Delusions.  
Witness did not wish to enter into any discussion upon topics connected with "paranoid matters", but step by step he progressed through a definition of delusions. "Nothing could be called a delusion that has a basis of fact. This could be called a resentment. Resentment could also be classed with egotism."  
Witness had observed the ac-

... Was he sane? A. I believe he was. Q. Was he at the time of the commission of the act laboring under a disease of the mind which would render him incapable of knowing this act was committed? A. I believe not.  
Witness added that accused was "pretty conscious of what he was doing" when he did it, if he did do it. "Because he could not kill her with one or two blows as she lay there, groaning." She was hit repeatedly. Witness told that the hatchet had been thrown away and then, according to the crown case, the man managed to get into the taxi after running away in a manner smart enough so as not to excite the driver.  
Witness discussed the plans said to have been made and the premeditation. He referred to the evidence of the caretaker who had been installed, the messages Vermilyea is alleged to have left, the attempt alleged to erase records of the car at the garage. "All this leads to the belief that such a man was not incapable of knowing what he was doing."

... "Anything else?" asked Crown. Witness continued that the accused showed a knowledge of right and wrong and had a sense of values.  
Defence objected at this point to request witness to give these statements "as in his opinion."  
As to Knowledge of Values  
The doctor-witness continued his perusal of a letter purportedly written by accused. He pointed out certain lines, namely those of references to the Dionne quintuplets and Dr. Dafoe, of events in Europe and conditions of the world.  
"He gives evidence that he knows moral values, when he refers to his brothers working so hard and when he refers to his own family. There is an appreciation of right and wrong there," the doctor said.  
A letter of May 25th said to have been written by Vermilyea was examined by witness. This, he said, gave evidence of right and wrong and of normal capabilities.  
Reference to Knee Jerks  
Mr Urquhart referred to "knee jerks" to be absent in accused. This is stated by a diseased portion of the area of the body at the lower end of the spine. Their presence or absence has nothing to do with sanity or a mental condition. These are as far away from the brain and intellect as you can get.

... "Why stop there, doctor?" asked defence counsel Greer as witness turned to the other brother Fred. Justice Jeffrey pointed out that witness would be available for cross examination.  
Witness continued referring to the cousin: "This man, was quite obviously insane." This condition did not come upon him suddenly. Vivid hallucinations had been held by the insane man—he threw boots but it was noticeable, that he never hit any one.  
Accused as Contrast  
Accused man was taken as a contrast to this man. "We see little other in his actions than throwing down his gun in the billiard room, or of swearing and cursing at the balls."  
Witness turned to the second insane cousin, of the accused, Fred. It was noted he "ran away impulsively". He was not neat in dress; he was bothersome; he had hallucinations in respect to ghosts. He could not remember names of doctors and nurses at the Kingston institution. All this was read by witness from a medical case history as he progressed.  
"His memory was impaired; his conversation at times was very irritable; Harold Vermilyea carries on a logical, clearly understandable conversation. I see no comparison between accused and the cousins. I have no suggestion that accused has hallucinations of any sort."

Comment in Letter  
In one letter of April 17, 1934, said to have been written by accused it was pointed out by witness that it seemed as if a direct warning had been given. A sentence, about wanting to be honest, "but the children must be looked after" was noted.  
The doctor being asked gave the opinion that it appeared as if the accused if he committed the act then, first planned to get the money at all costs. He said a man who could plan a thing for months before could shed this as he sheds a coat. Such a man could set aside all moral scruples and sense of remorse.  
The doctor said that Vermilyea had shown not the slightest indication of remorse.

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... Q. Would syphilis affect the brain? A. Yes, it would in time.  
Q. And it would affect the lower end of the body about the lower part? A. Yes.  
Q. Then what do you mean, that they (the jerks) would be far removed from the brain?  
Witness replied that the progression of the disease would be through the whole body.  
Examination of Vermilyea  
Witness on the stand told of at-tempting accused and examining him, but did not remember if he had tested for knee jerks. Persons with no knee jerks, are unusual, but the cause for their absence in the case of accused was not known.  
Q. How often do you appear in court? A. Quite often.  
Q. Constantly? A. No, not constantly.  
52 Times in Court  
Q. Say in 1934, how often were you in court?  
A. I don't know. Later he added he had in one spring been in the court 52 times between January and June. Generally he had testified on mental cases. He admitted that often there was a disagreement between men versed in his study.  
Q. Yes, you might even get up and appear against each other?  
A. Yes.  
Q. And these points of difference are generally settled by the court? A. As they should be, "yes", agreed Col. Greer.

Opinion of Doctors  
Q. You heard Dr. Mitchell's evidence this morning. Are you aware of what he would say? A. Not what he would say to you.  
Q. His opinion was that accused was not a normal healthy man, do you agree? A. No, sir.  
Q. Or that he had an abnormal emotional nature? A. No, sir.  
Q. And you don't agree with Dr. Howland? A. No, neither his diagnosis nor the statement that accused was suffering from delusions.  
Col. Greer referred to Dr. Robertson.  
Q. Do you agree with him when he said when the man committed the act he was insane? A. No, I do not.  
Q. You don't agree with the opinion of any of the doctors? A. Not in entirety.  
Justice Jeffrey took witness as Col. Greer concluded.  
"Do you believe if he did the act he knew he would be punished for this?" asked the court.  
A. Surely.  
The taking of evidence was concluded at 3.45. After 4 o'clock court adjourned until Monday morning. Neither counsel had addressed the jury when the adjournment was made.  
The petit jury held here since a week last Tuesday was discharged this Saturday afternoon.  
Since early this morning a huge throng waited patiently for the opening of the doors. Many of them carried bundles of paper wrapped lunches in their hands. While waiting for proceedings to open, many of the women spectators in the packed rows knit patiently on sweaters and scarves.  
Vermilyea still lolls at ease on his air cushion in the prisoner's dock, with his back to the jury and smiles occasionally. He glances around the crowded court room at times, returning the curious gaze of the spectators. Saturday the gum on which he usually chews steadily was missing. Col. Greer, defence counsel, as he entered, in the afternoon, engaged in a brief whispered conversation with the accused.

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