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then from pocket to pocket at the court addressed him, betrayed a slight nervousness apparently felt.

Walks Quickly Out

"I have nothing to say", he replied in a clear voice as he stood up and answered the question directed at him by Justice Jeffrey. Vermilyea's usual slightly ashen pallor lightened as he addressed the court. At the end of the sentence, in the hushed silence that followed he grabbed the air cushion constantly carried by him into court, turned swiftly and was hurried out of the room under close guard to his own cell where he will be quartered until the day of execution. On the orders of Governor French, a special guard will be posted in the cell with him from now until the final day.

Sleeps Untroubled

Vermilyea entered court today rested by a sound and untroubled sleep during the night. He had breakfasted heartily upon the same breakfast served other prisoners in the jail, a breakfast of porridge, milk and bread. His meals from now on will be better than the usual fare.

In passing sentence this morning upon the former Ontario, California Fruit Exchange employee and born resident of this county, Justice Jeffrey said:

The Sentence

"The sentence of the court upon you, Harold Vermilyea, is that you be taken from here to the place from which you came and kept there in close confinement until the second day of May and upon that date you be taken to the place of execution and hanged by the neck until you are dead.

"And may the Lord have mercy upon your soul."
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KING AND QUEEN AT EASTBOURNE

Their Majesties Will Rest at Resort Till Jubilee

(By Thomas T. Champion)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
London, Feb. 26.—(CP Cable)—

Despite inclement weather in some areas, bright touches of spring were seen here and there in the south as the King and Queen today travelled from London to Eastbourne, on the South Coast, by motorcar.

They are to spend some weeks on holiday at Compton Place, the residence of the Duke of Devonshire, former Governor-General of Canada, resting up for the arduous programme in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee, opening in May.

The King will continue to transact business of State while there and may receive a few official visitors. The Queen will return to London on occasion to fulfill a variety of engagements.

Picked men of the Metropolitan Police of London, mostly ex-servicemen of the Guards or Household Cavalry, will supply the sole official guard. A special police station has been established in the grounds of the residence which cover 30 acres and a special postoffice has also been put into operation there. A billiard room in the fine old mansion has also been converted into a moving picture theatre for the length of Their Majesties' stay.

single word "guilty." When the presiding judge at Assize Court received the verdict, he said to Mr. C. A. Payne, K.C., defence counsel, "You know what this means."

The jury had gone out a few minutes after four o'clock, and about four-twenty was called back for instruction on a few matters which had been brought to the attention of the judge of the assize by the chief counsel for defence, Col. R. H. Greer, K.C. About four-thirty the jury again retired, this time not to emerge from their deliberation room until they had reached a verdict.

Some had thought a verdict likely

After, two hours but the time was slowly away. The evening meal of sandwiches and coffee was taken into the jurors. The time dragged on. In the court room crowded with spectators, many of them women, there was a lively hum of conversation as usual in a crowd of several hundred persons. Newspapers were being read, people were moving about.

Shortly after nine o'clock there was a little excitement near the jury room door. Usually the jury when about to enter gives a knock on the door which is audible throughout the courtroom. The sound was not heard by many but the guard inquiring and learning what the jury wished to convey, had the Assistant Sheriff, Mr. Geo. Stokes notified, who left the courtroom to enter the judge's chamber. He came out shortly and it was evident that the jury was ready to report.

Rush Falls on Court Room

A hush fell instantaneously on the crowded hall of justice. There was a movement of officials. Vermilyea in a few moments entered the courtroom preceded and followed by guards. It was then nine ten o'clock. Taking his seat in the dock, he leaned back in the chair, turned to one of the guards and said something. He seemed a little more cheerful than he had during the long day of addresses to the jury.

The jury took their places. They looked wearied and showed traces of paleness. The jurymen looked very serious. Mr. Justice Jeffrey entered. Those in the courtroom rose in recognition of the law, and Vermilyea sprang to his feet, and stood facing the Judge as the crier announced the resumption of the court proceedings.

Verdict 'Guilty'

The registrar, Mr. John O'Flynn called the jury by name and completing this asked: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon your verdict?" Then foreman replied in the affirmative.

"Do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?" further inquired the registrar.

"Guilty" was the reply made in a very low tone.

Mr. Payne who was appearing in the defence in the absence of Col. Greer, chief counsel, addressing the court said: "My lord, I would ask to have the jury polled on the question of guilt and of insanity."

The court inquired: "Do you still insist upon the poll on the second count if the jury is polled on the question of guilt?"

"Yes, my lord."

Jury Is Polled

The jury was then called by name, and in answer to the question: "Do you find the prisoner guilty?" twelve men answered "yes." Again the assize registrar interrogated.

Mr. Payne then asked for a poll

on the question of insanity.

"Have you anything to say, Mr. Urquhart?" asked the court of the crown prosecutor.

Mr. Urquhart said it was unusual but he offered no objection.

The question was asked of the jurors: "Do you find the accused when he committed this act was not insane?" The twelve jurors agreed that the accused was not insane as they were polled.

Vermilyea Did Not Look at Jury

Vermilyea did not look at the jury. He had perhaps a little more color than usual.

"Anything further, Mr. Payne?" asked Mr. Justice Jeffrey.

"Nothing, my lord."

"Mr. Urquhart," said the judge, "I move the sentence of the court," the crown said.

The court said: "There are certain matters I would like to discuss with you, Mr. Payne before passing sentence and I will adjourn the court until half past ten Tuesday morning."

Judge's Gratitude

A tribute to the jury was voiced by Mr. Justice Jeffrey. "Gentlemen of the jury, now you have disposed of the case you have listened so carefully to for so long. I do not think a trial has taken place in Ontario under greater disadvantages than that in this plague-stricken courthouse. In this plague of influenza, the jury one by one went down but you remained at your duty. If the case had had to be laid over it would have meant a great expense to the county. I owe you and I publicly say to you I owe you a debt and I appreciate what you have done. This feeling no doubt will be experienced throughout the province. The province owes you many thanks for your devotion to duty." The case has been one of the lengthiest in the county of Hastings.

"I am glad the case is over. I do not like to introduce myself but for a time I did not feel like carrying on myself but it was not for me to shrink or flinch my duty when you so nobly responded, Gentlemen I confer on you my grateful thanks. Serving on a jury is a great public service."

The judge then remanded the prisoner to jail until ten-thirty this morning for sentence.

Little Reaction

In charge of guards, the convicted man was taken from the room. He carried himself as he had during the days of the trial, looking slightly downward and ahead of him. Those in his path as he passed down the corridor, said he showed a sign of biting his lip, but there was no other manifestation of reaction except perhaps quite a high color which suffused his neck and face.

Vermilyea had eaten a fairly good evening meal in his cell at the close of the afternoon proceedings. There he remained until he was brought up into the courtroom.

The death sentence is automatic in this case on the finding of "guilty". There was no recommendation to mercy added, the verdict being the one word "guilty."

DOUGLAS WOOD OF NAPANEE, INJURED

Sustained Severe Scalp Wounds, When Hit by Car

Douglas Wood, Napanee, sustained severe scalp injuries, when struck by a hit and run driver three miles west of Napanee on Highway No. 2 about 7.10 p.m. last evening. Wood was picked up in an unconscious condition and rushed to the Kingston General Hospital by Provincial Constable Fred Barrett of Napanee. Wood's scalp sustained a five inch cut from the forehead back and he was bleeding profusely, when picked up.

A police cordon was thrown over the surrounding district when a description of the hit and run car was given the police. Later two Toronto motorists, driving a motor car similar to the one alleged to have hit Wood, were apprehended by the local O.P.P. The men were held by the police over night on suspicion, but further check-up by Constables Barrett and Jillings, O.P.P. of Napanee, revealed that these men could not have been the ones implicated and they were allowed their liberty today.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED MISSIONARIES BEGUN

Woman Believed Released to Secure Ransom Set

Shan, Shensi, China, Feb. 26—(AP)—A search for Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Frencham, Australian missionaries reported kidnapped by bandits in Southwest Shensi province, today failed to reveal any trace of their whereabouts.

Chinese officials at Hanchung, north of the Ninkiang Mission from which the young Australian missionary, disappeared, said they were unable to find him.

Although the China Inland Mission feared the two were murdered, it was believed both were kidnapped at least two weeks ago but Mrs. Frencham was released to secure ransom for her husband.

Local authorities have begun an intensive search through the snow-covered mountains of western and southern Shensi in the hope of discovering Mrs. Frencham, an expectant mother.

Students' Peace Conference

Toronto, Feb. 26—(CP)—A student peace conference, the first to be organized by the under-graduates of the University of Toronto will be held in Toronto next week. Representatives from Canadian universities will discuss fascism and war.

Coming Events

SIDNEY YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB
Lecture and dance, Walbridge Town Hall, Wednesday, March 6. Eureka 8 to 10. Admission 25c. Ladies bringing refreshments free. F28 M2

ALL CONSERVATIVES OF BALDWIN
Ward are requested to meet the club rooms, 224 Front Street at 8 p.m. tonight, Feb. 26. F26-11

THE BAY OF QUINTE COUNTRY CLUB
Winter Sports Section will hold its final outing on Sunday, Mar. 3. All members please note. F28-11

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB, JOHN ST.
Church Hall Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, 3.15. Speaker Miss Winifred Kydd. Subject "The Great Fire of London" F28-11