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## EIGHT VESSELS BADLY-DAMAGED IN HOWLING GALE

### Two Lost Lives and Property Damage Estimated at Millions

### MANY S.O.S. CALLS

### Confusion Exists And Messages Garbled on One Call

(By the Associated Press)

Eight crippled vessels struggled to reach port today in the wake of howling gales, which swept the North Atlantic and the Bay of Biscay.

Two persons lost their lives at sea in the storms. Ten were killed in France as the violent wind whistled in from the ocean wreaking widespread damage. Many were injured and damage resulted estimated to total several million francs.

The 2,993-ton Greek steamer Aftichia Vergottis sent out a wireless appeal for assistance, saying its steering apparatus was disabled.

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## JUROR NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND FUNERAL

### Watched Cortege As It Passed Hotel Where Jury Housed

With head bared, and standing at the window of the Belvidere Hotel, Front Street, on Sunday afternoon, Robert E. Roy, juror on the Vermilyea murder trial, watched the funeral of his father, Robert Roy, aged, resident of Trenton, pass through the city on the way to West Huntingdon cemetery, where interment took place. Owing to the gravity of the case upon which the juror is serving extra precautions have been taken by Mr. Justice Nicol Jeffrey, presiding justice, to have the jurors under close guard at all times. It had been expected that all jurors would attend the funeral of Mr. Roy at Trenton on Sunday.

## COLLAPSES, DIES AT COURT HOUSE

### Albert Quincey Spector, Victim of Heart Seizure

Death came suddenly to Albert

## Accused Nods To His Friends

Harold W. Vermilyea entered the court-room at the Assize Court shortly after nine o'clock this morning on the last day of his trial. He was wearing a suit of brown and gave a light nod of recognition to some friends.

He sat with his chair leaning against the right side of the dock and occupied that position for the entire morning. This position he has taken since the trial opened, his feet braced against the newell posts of the dock. A few adjustments of the horn-rimmed glasses were made and he concerned himself with his fingers and hands. In his face was considerable color. He did not glance about very much. About him sat his guards.

## 2 RIFLES STOLEN AFTER BREAK-IN

### Walker's Hardware Store Burglarized Early Sunday

Gaining entrance by means of breaking a pane of glass and reaching in to unfasten a rear window, robbers broke, entered and burglarized Walker's Hardware Store early Sunday morning, stealing two valuable .22 calibre rifles and over 1,500 rounds of ammunition, that fitted the stolen rifles. The robbery was discovered by H. T. York, an employee of the Walker Hardware Co. who discovered the break-in, when he went to the store early Sunday morning to tend to the fires in the basement.

Mr. York discovered the rear window open and after a short investigation immediately called in the local police. Other employees were notified and after a general check-up of the stock it was disclosed, that only two .22 calibre rifles were missing, a single shot and a repeating rifle. Further search disclosed that over 30 boxes, 50 per box of .22 calibre shells were also stolen.

Careful scrutiny by the police brought out the fact that the robbery was completed by youths of a tender age, as the opening in the window through which they procured entrance is much too small to admit an adult. A rear door was open, however, and may have been opened by a young boy to later admit older accomplices. No snow having fallen early Sunday morning the foot prints underneath the window were indistinguishable on the hard icy surface. The local police are still investigating, however.

## Counsel Speak 4 Hours; Crown Charges Scheme, Denying Insanity Signs

### Defence Does Not Admit Act's Commission in Murder Case

### PLEA OF INSANITY

Crown Prosecutor George Urquhart, K.C., conducting the prosecution in the trial of Harold W. Vermilyea at the county court house today charged that the man accused of the crime of murdering his mother on the night of October 4, last, had acted in "a perfectly sane manner all through, and had planned the commission of the crime from the time he had left California step by step until his arrival back in his home town. "If we are to believe that the symptoms supposedly held by this man give evidence of a paraoid condition, then I fear that many of us must feel that we should be examined," the Crown Prosecutor told the jury in his fifty minute address.

### Defence Plea

Col. R. H. Greer, K.C., chief defence counsel, had previously addressed the jury in a two and one half hour address marked by a brilliance and oratory seldom heard in a local court. "This man's actions all through were those of a crazy man," he gave as his opinion. He said that defence did not admit the commission of crime, but if he did this he suggested that the jury bring in a verdict of "not guilty and insane." He added that there was an institution to take care of such a case. Col. Greer spoke for two hours and a half.

At ten minutes after two o'clock this afternoon Mr. Justice Nicol Jeffrey will begin his instructions to the jury.

Harold Vermilyea on trial for the past eleven days on the charge of murdering his 76-year-old, mother, Aurelia Vermilyea in this city on October 4, last, will probably know his fate today.

The well-groomed prisoner appearing little disturbed today by the proceedings since trial started, toyed with a small piece of wood, cleaning his nails, as he lolled in his seat this morning waiting for Court to open. The usual wad of gum on which he chews constantly, was again evident. A top coat, usually carried was not brought into court today by him.

For hours this morning one of the largest crowds yet to try and gain seats, waited outside the court for the doors to open. Overcome by the exertion and wait, one elderly resident dropped dead in the crush.

With a table full of exhibits, including photographs, reams of type-written and printed documents and even volumes upon psychiatry and

agree that a person who tries to keep spirits away has a well defined condition. John C. was as near like Reuben as could be this man always saw a whole pot of money. He has "chests of it down in the swamp."

### Other Relatives Noted

"We come to a sister, Sarah Moynes. There is some confusion about the age of her death, but I believe it was in her early 30's when she died—a suicide. The sum total is four suicides—Sarah and Karl Moynes, Phoebe Robertson and a Christie, who was a daughter. There are Fred and Gerald Vermilyea, Jane Jones Ketcheson, Elizabeth Jones Vermilyea (suffered from melancholia), Thomas Vermilyea had vicious moments, Reuben and DeLilah Reid, who became childish.

### One Became Childish

"Then Charles who became childish at 60. That is all we have about him.

"So we have this fact established. There has been such a variety and degree of mental trouble that there is a blemish which doctors agree that any member under stress would break down under pressure much sooner than a normal mind.

"Having this established, I may well, fairly and properly ask you to do your duty well and truly to find this man not guilty upon the grounds of insanity. His Lordship will explain this later.

"You will be instructed, as is always the case, to see this man is given a reasonable doubt; he has the right to ask and demand the right of any reasonable doubt. We will not quibble or argue about what the case means or the seriousness of it.

"I perhaps in my own language, described the case when I asked the doctor, if there was not a cloud hanging over it from which lightning might strike at any time.

### Tried to Get Away

"Harold, who was 48 last fall, was born with a bad stutter. I gather he was worse than the average young man. He graduated, still stammering, and took a course to cure it. Before he left home, the suicidal tendencies in the family had given the evidence of insanity; haunted by some misgivings within himself he got away as far from home as he could. You would think that as an older boy he would have stayed on the farm. We gather that he was a little afraid of himself. We find from the doctor, Dr. Robertson, that the first boy is always thought more of by the mother. So we find in this family that even tho' he was away, he never forgot—that he always wrote once a week and oftener on other occasions."

### Accused Adored by Mother

I might point out that the shocking aspects of this case that he was