

Finn Found Not Guilty on Murder Count at Assizes

Is Discharged From Custody After Spending Ten Months in Jail And Undergoing Two Trials; Jury Takes Over Four Hours to Reach Verdict; Court Resumes This Week

Kalle Ollimaki, Finnish Woods man who had spent nearly ten months in the district jail here and undergone two trials on a charge of murder, was found not guilty by a jury, before Mr. Justice Garrow in the Supreme Court assizes here on Friday night last. The case went to the jury at 4 p.m., after addresses by W. S. Haney, special crown prosecutor, Geo. Mitchell, K.C. counsel for Ollimaki, and His Lordship. It was not until 9.30 that any intimation reached the court room as to the jury being able to return, and immediately on their entrance to the court the verdict was announced by the foreman, Mr. A. Keddie, and Mr. Mitchell moved for the release of the accused.



ON ROYAL PROBE
W. Sanford Evans, Winnipeg, whose selection as one of the members of the Royal Grain Commission to enquire into trading in futures, has been approved.

Speaking to Ollimaki, through the medium of an interpreter, His Lordship said: "You are a very fortunate man. The jury has taken what might be regarded as a very lenient view of your case. Whether you, in fact, actually dealt the blow which killed your compatriot, you alone know. It was within the province of the jury to judge from the evidence. If you were, in fact, guilty, you may rest assured that the laws of this country will find you out and deal with you as you deserve. I have nothing more to say only that you are now at liberty to go."

To the jury, His Lordship offered a word of thanks for their careful attention to what, he said was a very difficult and trying case. He had no fault to find with their verdict and he did not wish them to think, from what he had said to the accused, that such was the case. He believed there was evidence for a conviction on a charge of manslaughter, but on the other side, there was also evidence that justified the acquittal. In their turn, the jury expressed their thanks to His Lordship and the court officials for the consideration shown them.

The twelve jurymen had been sworn in on Wednesday morning, had spent that day in court and had been kept under guard during that night. A slight indisposition on the part of the judge had caused the court to adjourn shortly after the noon hour on Thursday, so that they were forced to spend a second night on duty and, as it was 8.30 on Friday night when they reached their verdict, they had a long and trying spell.

The hearing of the charge concluded with evidence of Olli Pantilla, who had been a witness to the fatal brawl which ended in his death in Englehart the following day. This witness was one of two who swore they saw Ollimaki strike the fatal blow

with a knife, the other being Eino Mantynen, who according to other witnesses, had been causing trouble with various weapons, including a long file, during the day of the fight. According to Pantilla, Pukki was a "White" Finn, and, although he did not swear definitely that Ollimaki was a "Red", he stated that the latter had attended "strike meetings." He acknowledged, however, that the accused had been one of the quietest men in camp.

Evidence of two provincial constables, to whom Ollimaki was alleged to have made statements following his arrest, was not admitted by Mr. Justice Garrow, although at the former trial last fall, this was part of the prosecution. It was claimed that the statements were made in English, but after J. L. Maltby, governor of the district jail here, had given evidence concerning the prisoner's inability, in his opinion, to thoroughly understand either the warning issued by the officers or questions asked, His Lordship decided against admitting the testimony of the constables. During the argument on this point, the jury had been asked to retire.

The court adjourned on Saturday morning, after two divorce actions had been dealt with, to resume on Tuesday afternoon of this week, there being still two criminal charges and several civil actions to be disposed of.

Staking of large groups of claims in the Biscotasing area, by prospectors from this district is reported. Gold discoveries have been made and something of a boom in the district is expected.

Lake Level Rising Slowly Now Up More Than Two Feet

During the past few days the water level of Lake Temiskaming has been rising slowly, but it is still far below the usual spring level. A rise of two feet five inches had been registered at the wharf here yesterday evening, since the first movement was noted on Friday last. It is still five or six feet below the average summer level. Some breaking of the ice from the shores can be noticed, but yesterday morning there was a team driven across from Guigues.

Divorce Actions Successful In Supreme Court

Two Are Granted Quickly When Short Session Is Held on Saturday

At a session of the Supreme Court here on Saturday morning the first two divorce actions to be tried in Temiskaming were successful, before Mr. Justice Garrow. Mrs. Sonia Rosenberg, of Kirkland Lake, secured a dissolution of her marriage to Samuel Rosenberg, after it was proved that the latter had been found living with a young woman in New York city, to which metropolis two Northern Ontario men had gone in connection with extradition proceedings against him on a charge laid by former employers. The second case was an action brought by Arthur Thompson against his wife, Julia Thompson, who it was proved to the satisfaction of the court, was living with another man. The parties in both actions are from Kirkland Lake and Mr. M. G. Hunt, Reeve of the township of Teck and a lawyer in the gold camp, was the counsel for both plaintiffs. There was no defence entered.

In the first action, Harry Fine, Ansonville barrister and Reeve of Calvert Township, and Kark Kussener, brother of Mrs. Rosenberg, were the witnesses who had discovered Rosenberg in New York, where they had gone in connection with the extradition proceedings. The charge had been laid by Perkus & Company, for whom Rosenberg had worked in Kirkland Lake.

In the other case the husband, Arthur Thompson, and Constable Bird, who was acting chief of police in Teck Township, gave evidence of Mrs. Thompson's having gone from her home and taken up residence with a former boarder. In both cases His Lordship said that the parties were entitled to the relief they asked and the divorces were granted. The whole proceedings occupied 55 minutes of the court's time.

Dr J. C. McCullough was elected president of the New Liskeard Curling Club at the annual meeting last week.

Horticultural Directors to Hold Meeting This Evening

With a view to getting a start on the season's activities, the directors of the Haileybury Horticultural Society have been notified to attend a meeting this, Thursday, evening in the office of the secretary, H. Clifford. It is hoped that definite plans for the summer's program will be completed, as the gardening season is almost here. All members of the Board are requested to attend if at all possible.

Faces Charge of Arson Following Burning of Store

Score of Witnesses Testify In Action Against Merchant of Kirkland Lake

A score of witnesses filed through the Assize court here yesterday to present, in part, to Mr. Justice Garrow and a jury the Crown's case against Sayed Alexander, Kirkland Lake merchant charged on two counts of arson as a sequel to a fire in the building he occupied there shortly after seven o'clock on the morning of November 26 last. Accused is lame as the result of losing part of one leg under a C.N.R. train some years ago, and it was alleged in court that marks made by a walking stick had been noted near the store after the fire, while footsteps leading from one of the two back doors had been observed pointed in the direction of the woodshed.

Testimony for the prosecution told of the finding by Gordon Martin, fireman, of a gallon can in a narrow passage between the store and the adjoining building, and other witnesses, including Chief R. J. Mathieson, swore there was a smell of gasoline. Mrs. Ethel McRae, hardware merchant, stated selling a tin of gasoline to a man she could not now describe on the day before the fire, and W. Prosser, garage man, testified to W. S. Haney, Crown Prosecutor, that he had filled a can of this type almost full with gasoline for Alexander prior to the blaze.

The Crown produced three witnesses who told of alleged movements of the accused in the early morning of November 26. According to one of them, Alexander had left the Grand Cafe, where he was rooming, about 3.30 a.m., and Constable Hughes, night patrol officer, swore to having seen him on the street at 4.30. Tony Basiloff, who seen accused come out of the passageway between the two buildings at 4.55, but the constable admitted to Mr. Hunt, for the defence, that Basiloff's estimate could not be correct according to the location of Alexander when Hughes last saw him.

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Matters of Routine Only at Regular Council Meeting

Water Services and Street Improvements are Discussed Among Usual Spring Problems; Fire Brigade Makes Return of Arena Operations; Grant to Board of Trade



POLAR BOUND
John H. Lundbeck (above) veteran submarine expert, who was selected from several applicants as the new quartermaster of the submarine Nautilus, in which he will participate in the daring adventure with Sir Hubert Wilkins and his colleagues in their effort to reach the North Pole.

When the town council met in regular session on Tuesday night, there were several of the usual spring problems to be dealt with. These included water services, some arrangements for work on the streets and the discussion of ways and means for the carrying on of the town's business. Nothing of a serious nature was on the program and the meeting concluded shortly after nine o'clock.

W. Bradley, secretary of the fire brigade, presented a statement of the arena operations during the past winter, with a cheque for the balance of the receipts after all expenses had been paid. The surplus had been slightly over \$400, all of which has now been paid to the town, and the council accepted the report and the cheque.

Geo. H. Dickson had a water service problem. He told the council that a main crossed his property on Brewster Street to serve four or five houses on Florence Street and, as the line was small for the number of outlets, the pressure was very low. It required a new main on Florence, it was explained, and Mr. Dickson was told that this was to be done as early this spring as possible. J. B. Seguin, of the Marine Hotel, asked to have a reduction made in his water rates, which were based on 21 rooms. He stated that very few of the rooms were in use these times, but the council took no action. Town Clerk Clifford told the council that he was having difficulty in collecting the \$50 rate from garages and service stations as the proprietors felt that it was too high. The council thought it was fair and directed that, if payment was refused, the water should be turned off.

Strike Tax Rate At Same Figure As Last Year

Payments in Three Instalments With Usual Discounts and Penalties Provided

The town council, at its regular meeting on Tuesday night, struck the tax rate for the year at the same figures as were in force for 1930, and public supporters will pay a total of 60 mills on the dollar, while the separate school supporters will be assessed 79.4 mills. The details of the tax rate are as follows:

Public School Supporters	mills
Current Expenditure	25.5
High School	6.9
High School Deb.	3.0
General Deb.	11.0
P. S. Deb.	2.5
P. S. Expenditure	11.1
Total	60.0

The separate school supporters will pay the same on the majority of the items, but their current school expenditure runs to 33 mills, as against the 11.1 mills for public school supporters, making their total 79.4 mills.

The assessment on which the rates are based is \$1,166,000 for public school supporters and \$266,548 for separate school supporters.

The taxes come due in three instalments, on May 1st, July 1st and September 1st. If the total is paid before May 1st, a discount of 5% is allowed, while a penalty of 5% will be added on June 1st to the instalment. The second and third instalments provide for a discount of 2% on each if paid on the due date, while the 5% penalty will be added in each case one month after the due date.

Tax notices are now being mailed to the ratepayers and it is hoped the taxes will be paid promptly.

It is claimed that there are more idle men in the town of Cochrane this spring than ever before in its history, owing to the fact that they have been attracted there by the work going on to the north.

The classes for prospectors, being held here by Dr. E. M. Burwash, of the Ontario Department of Mines, will conclude with today's sessions. There has been a good attendance throughout the eight-day period and the instruction given has proved both interesting and valuable.

One citizen called to discuss his arrears of taxes with the council. His furniture had been seized, he said, and he asked for an extension of time to pay. He was told that if he could get an endorsement on a note, the time would be granted.

The council was notified that A. Brian, a member of the High School Board, would be out of town for a considerable period and an appointment should be made to fill his place. There was some discussion and it was decided to leave it over for the present. A couple of resolutions submitted by the city council of East Windsor, regarding labor on provincial highways and the licensing of service stations, were placed on file.

A letter from the publicity committee of the Board of Trade asked the council to grant the sum of \$50 to help with the printing and distribution of an advertising folder similar to the one published last year. There was some discussion before it was decided to grant the amount, but the council was convinced that the town would benefit.

A suggestion that the fire chief and the truck driver could be engaged to also handle the fire team on work on the streets, with an allowance of \$30 per month to each, was accepted by the council and will be tried out. A letter from the chief of police to the chairman of the police committee asked a reconsideration of the council's action in reducing his salary and pointed out

The Week's Weather

Week ending April 15th, 1931.

	Max.	Min.
Thur.	58	26
Fri.	53	34
Sat.	43	16
Sun.	37	18
Mon.	54	34
Tues.	45	26
Wed.	50	23

Total Precipitation during the week ----- 40

Northern Ontario—Mostly fair and mild tonight and Friday, probably a few scattered showers.

This Week's Specials!

NEILSON'S CREAMY TOFFEE 25c
Large Bag -----

AVALON VELLUM STATIONERY
One 100-Sheet Writing Tablet and a package of Envelopes for ----- 39c

MESKINO DRI-WASH CLOTHS 50c
Each -----

Laura Secord

Knechtel's Drug Store

FERGUSON AVE. PHONE 58 HAILEYBURY



Lady Diana Duff Cooper and her husband, Mr. Duff Cooper, reading telegrams of congratulations at their home following Mr. Duff Cooper's successful battle for the St. George's Westminster by-election, when he defeated Lord Beaverbrook's candidate and retained the seat for the Conservative party.

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