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John Ivanchuk Hanged at Haileybury on Friday Last

Man Convicted of Murder of Inspector Constable in 1926 Pays the Penalty for the Crime. Reported That He Made no Confession. Told the Hangman, "My Heart is Clean." Was Sullen and Violent at the Last.

On Friday morning, July 19th, 1929, just three minutes after midnight, John Ivanchuk, known to many of his associates and acquaintances in the North as "Cobalt Lake," paid the penalty of the crime for which he was convicted last April, the murder of Inspector Harry Constable on October 15th, 1926 at Cochrane. Ivanchuk was hanged on Friday at Haileybury jail, the trap being sprung by Arthur Ellis, the official hangman, at 12.03. Twelve minutes later the body was cut down and Ivanchuk was pronounced dead by Dr. Arnold, the jail physician. The inquest required by the law was then held in the jail, and an autopsy performed on the body. Ivanchuk's remains were interred in the walled yard of the jail, no one coming to claim the body.

Reports had been current in the North to the effect that Ivanchuk had said that fifteen minutes before the hanging he would tell all he knew about the murder of Inspector Constable. He was understood as suggesting that he would not stand the blame alone. There were many who expected that before the final hour arrived Ivanchuk would give out information that would implicate others in the crime for which he paid the penalty. There was a belief that while Ivanchuk committed the actual murder he was simply the hired tool of others and that he would make this plain before the end came. Those who held this idea, however, have been disappointed so far. While it is hardly accurate to say, as so many of the despatches have said, that "Ivanchuk protested his innocence from the time he was arrested until the end," he apparently made no confession of the crime. Apart from the fact that he pleaded "not guilty" at his trial, there is little ground for suggesting any protest of innocence. As a general attitude he refused to talk at all about the murder. Before the black cap was adjusted on Friday, Ellis asked Ivanchuk if he had anything to say. There was no answer to the question and the hangman repeated it. In reply to the repeated question, Ivanchuk said:—"What do you mean? About the murder? My heart is clean!" Nothing further was said by Ivanchuk.

Just after midnight Ivanchuk was handcuffed and marched from the death cell to the scaffold erected. On one side of him marched Sgt. Delaney of the R.C.M.P., and on the other side was Provincial Officer Geo. Delves, Chief of Police McGirr, of Haileybury, behind the prisoner and J. B. Moore, the deputy sheriff for Cochrane District, was also present. Mons. Dupuis, parish priest of Holy Cross church, Haileybury, was present as spiritual adviser for the condemned man. Ivanchuk was dressed in the prison trousers and a white shirt, and was in his bare feet. Others present at the hanging included only the medical man and other officials required by law to be present. It is understood that Ivanchuk specially asked that two men in uniform accompany him from the cell to the scaffold in place of the civilian guards who had kept watch over him for the previous days in the death cell.

Ivanchuk conducted himself coolly and quietly at the last and went to his death calmly and without any resistance. It is said that he refused the morphine often given previous to the ordeal.

On the day previous to the execution Ivanchuk seemed to have some realization of his position. He was alternately sullen and violent. He refused to see some friends who came from Kirkland Lake to say good-bye to him. During the afternoon he is said to have pounded so vigorously on the iron door of his cell that the disturbance could be heard plainly by those passing the jail building.

Later in the day, however, he quieted down. When he was first taken to Haileybury jail he refused all offers of spiritual help, but some days before the end he asked for a priest, Mons. Dupuis responding to the call and giving the condemned man any spiritual consolation possible.

The hanging of Ivanchuk was the first time a death sentence was carried out in this North Land. Previous to the building of the Haileybury jail, hanging of a prisoner from this part of the North took place at North Bay.

The crime for which Ivanchuk paid with his life was a particularly cowardly murder. Returning from band practice and just as he was about to enter his own home, Inspector Harry Constable was shot down from behind on the evening of October 15th, 1926. After over two years Ivanchuk was arrested and charged with the murder. The evidence against him was based largely on what he had told people at different places and at different times as to his part in the murder. It appeared that when he was drinking Ivanchuk could not control his tendency to boast about the crime. To

the evidence of several people from widely-separated parts of the North—people who did not know each other, and had no reason for making or imagining the stories they told—the police were able to add an array of corroborative facts and circumstantial evidence that left no reasonable room for doubt in the minds of judge and jury. Ivanchuk was very ably defended by Harry Fine, of Ansonville, whose brilliant handling of the case, however, was not able to weaken the case for the Crown. Ivanchuk's defence briefly was an alibi to the effect that he had been in a Cochrane hotel at the time of the murder and for the balance of the night. The evidence of several police officers who had carefully searched the hotel in question flatly contradicted this alibi. Ivanchuk's answer to the Crown witnesses was to deny that he ever set eyes on some of them that he was supposed to know and to deny speaking to others for years. Ivanchuk after a careful trial was found guilty and sentenced by Mr. Justice Wright to be hanged on Friday, June 21st. An appeal was entered, but the higher court dismissed the appeal. Then Mr. Fine made appeal to Ottawa for a stay of sentence until some new evidence he had discovered could be considered with a view to a new trial. Mr. Fine spent a week in Ottawa on behalf of his client and eventually secured a reprieve to July 19th. The Minister of Justice reviewed the new evidence and after the whole case had been carefully considered, it was decided by the Cabinet that the law should take its course.

Ivanchuk was a native of Sukowina, when that province was under Austrian rule. He was about 46 years of age. He had a wife and daughter living in Europe, but no relatives in this country.



W. R. MACFARLANE, Phm.E., of Almonte, Ontario, who is going to Vancouver to represent Ottawa District No. 1 on the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy at the annual convention of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. MacFarlane is slated for the Presidency of the Association.

Sudden Gale Destroys Provincial Aeroplane

Ontario Moth Machine Hurlled From Its Moorings on Long Lac on Wednesday of Last Week

Word from the North this week says that three minutes after an anxious pilot had landed it hurriedly on the lake, one of the provincial government Moth airplanes was ripped from its moorings by a hurricane at Long Lac on Wednesday at noon and hurled like a top to the beach 30 feet away, where it landed upside down.

According to a detailed report received last week by Captain W. Ray Maxwell, director of the provincial flying service, the hurricane lasted only 12 minutes, but was one of the worst ever experienced in New Ontario.

Besides throwing the Moth about it, tore an HS2L, a heavier craft, from its moorings. Trees were uprooted, tents blown clear out of sight and hailstones the size of plums broke every window in the provincial fliers' camp, the report stated.

The Moth was in the air when, around 12.30 o'clock noon, the sky began clouding. Seeing trouble ahead the pilot landed as rapidly as he could in the face of the rising storm. Just three minutes before the storm broke he had the plane tied to its mooring with four lines. But his efforts were unavailing. Came the storm and with a rending crash, the plane was lifted from the water and thrown to the beach.

Three of the Moth's wings were damaged to such an extent that immediate repair was impossible. The central base at Sault Ste. Marie was notified and the plane shipped in on the Algoma Central. It will be repaired at the Soo and meanwhile another plane will replace it at Long Lac.

The under panels of the HS2L were seriously damaged and the base mechanics and airmen were obliged to work all afternoon and most of the night to have this plane ready for duty next morning. Owing to the present forest fire hazard, it was deemed imperative to have at least one of the planes ready.

KIRKLAND LAKE WITNESS BEING TAKEN TO WHITBY

This week a police officer from Whitby, Ont., went to Kirkland Lake, under instructions from the Attorney-General's department at Toronto, to take back to Whitby a Kirkland Lake citizen who, it is said, will be an important witness when Frank Buono, of Oshawa, appears this week in police court at Whitby on a charge of murder. The charge arises in connection with the death of Mrs. Kobernick, whose dead body was found in the Whitby harbour on June 19th. The accused man, Buono, was the last person seen with Mrs. Kobernick before her untimely death. He has not satisfied the police as to his innocence of some part in the death of Mrs. Kobernick, and the witness secured at Kirkland Lake is expected to uphold the theory upon which the case is being prosecuted.

so far as known. He came to Canada shortly before the war and worked for a short time in the mines at Cobalt. After that he seemed to live by his wits, frequenting card games and blind pigs, and doing no useful work, a fact that was commented upon by the trial judge.

Wire Fences Near Walks Must be Kept in Safe Condition

Complaints About Clothing Torn by Stray Wires from Fences on Town Land Near Sidewalks. Owners Must Guard Against This. Council to Secure Lease of Tourist Camp if Possible. Other Town Council Business.

At the regular meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon, Councillor A. G. Carson, acting mayor, presided, and Councillors H. Charlebois, P. Dougall, R. Richardson and Alfred Caron were present.

Requests were received from two widow women for time to pay back taxes. One widow, whose son was assisting in her support, informed the council that her boy would pay \$50.00 on the account on pay-day this week and the balance in instalments. The council were quite ready to accept this, as the desire was simply to get in the back taxes as the town had to do so. The bailiff would be informed of the arrangement, which would wipe out the amount in a short time.

A request for rebate of income tax for six months was granted to one ratepayer who was married in June.

J. R. Walker, representative of the McColl Bros., oil company, applied for permission to instal tanks at J. Berini's and the Northland Motor Sales. Permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

A rebate of tobacco license was authorized in the case of a lady whose store had been closed.

A petition was received from residents on Wende and Way avenues complaining of dangerous holes in and near the street through the taking out of gravel, and asking the council to take action to remedy the trouble. There were fifteen signatures to the petition, and the petitioners asked for a remedy that would make it look like a town, not a gravel pit or a dump. Some of the ratepayers were present to support the petition.

Town Engineer, on being asked about the matter, said the holes were not on the street, but were on private lots.



PASTOR FOR CANADIAN CHURCH
Rev. G. Stanley Russell, M.A., noted Pastor of Clapham Congregational Church, Grafton Square, London, and last year's chairman of the London Congregational Union, who has accepted the pastorate of Deer Park United Church of Toronto.

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Reference was made to the expected visit here of the twenty-five daily newspaper editors and their ladies on August 19th and 20th. The mayor was conversant with the arrangements planned in this connection and the matter was accordingly deferred until his return from his holidays.

SOME OF THE COMING GAMES IN THE SOFTBALL SERIES

The following are the remaining games in the second half of the softball schedule:—

Friday, July 26th—Tuxis vs. Moose.
Mon., July 29th—Moyseys vs. Moose.
Wed., July 31st—Tuxis vs. Monarchs.
Fri., Aug. 2nd—Monarchs vs. Moyseys.

Mr. Harry Redden is spending his holidays in the Maritimes.