

Committed for Trial for Bank Robbery

Sam Ayoub, of Kirkland Lake, Appears in Court at North Bay, on Charges of Bank Robbery and Wounding Police Officer.

Sam Essa Ayoub, of Kirkland Lake, who has been recovering from wounds received in a skirmish with the police near North Bay on Nov. 26th, was committed for trial at North Bay on Tuesday of this week on two charges, one of robbing the North Bay branch of the Bank of Montreal last month, and the other of wounding a police officer in the discharge of his duty.

Ayoub appeared first before Magistrate Weegar, charged with armed robbery. He was represented by John McColeman, North Bay barrister.

D. T. McGuire, manager of the Bank of Montreal, the first witness called identified Ayoub as the man who held up the bank staff on the day in question. Mr. McGuire recounted in detail the incident of the hold-up. Cross-examined by Mr. McColeman, the bank manager said he had never seen Ayoub before. He did not see the bandit put the money in his pockets as he, with the other members of the staff, had been driven into the back of the vault.

Here, Mr. McColeman asked for an adjournment so that the bills recovered from Ayoub could be identified. Crown Attorney McKee said, "The bills are not his, they are ours." As he objected, Magistrate Weegar said, "If he only took \$1 it would be grounds for commitment." Magistrate refused to stay the hearing. Again cross-examined by Mr. McColeman, Mr. McGuire said he did not know whether Ayoub had taken all the money out of the drawer or not. Dennis Roy, teller of the bank, corroborated the evidence of Mr. McGuire. He also identified Ayoub as the robber. He told the court that Ayoub had left \$2,500 in the top drawer. He had taken \$4,861 in bills of various denominations including two or three hundred dollars in mutilated bills that were ready to be sent to Ottawa. There were no bullet holes in any of the bills before they were taken.

Mr. McColeman: "I'm given to understand that Ayoub had over \$100 before he went into the bank."

"Maybe he did," was the teller's answer.

At the conclusion of the evidence taken, Ayoub was committed for trial by a higher court. He will appear before one of the district court judges at North Bay for trial on the armed robbery charge.

Later Ayoub appeared before Magistrate McCaughey at North Bay on the charge of wounding a police officer. This police officer, Constable Belanger of the North Bay force, was the only witness heard on the charge of wounding a police officer. It is understood that Ayoub will appear this week before the county judge and make his election for trial, whether he will wait for the assizes or have a speedy trial before one of the district judges.

After the robbery of the North Bay branch of the Bank of Montreal Ayoub was suspected of crime and a number of police went out searching for him. Constable Belanger of the North Bay police, and another officer were out looking for the bank robber, when they encountered Ayoub in the district near North Bay. They called upon him to stop as they wanted to question him. Instead of stopping as requested, Ayoub opened up with a gun. Constable Belanger was undid, though not seriously. Eventually, despite the resistance put up by Ayoub, he was arrested, the date charge later being laid against him. In the skirmish Ayoub suffered three wounds, one in the neck, another the hand and the other in the hip. He was hurried to the hospital at North Bay and at first it was feared that he might be fatally injured. His wounds, however, proved to be of minor nature, and in a few days he was able to leave the hospital. He was lodged at the North Bay jail, but it required the time until Tuesday of this week for him to recover sufficiently to be put on trial.

According to despatches this week from North Bay Ayoub was noticeable for a cheerful and happy demeanour during the trial. He did not appear to feel the danger of his position. The despatches say that he smiled broadly at everybody throughout the hearing. He is also said to have greeted the bank manager and teller with humorous grins as they went to the witness stand. As he left the court room he walked with a noticeable limp this being due to the bullet wound in his hip, received when the police were seeing to it that he should not escape arrest.

POPE PIUS PROCLAIMS 1933 A YEAR OF JUBILEE

Pope Pius XI has proclaimed the year 1933 "jubilee year" in the Roman Catholic church.

Several monarchs already have notified the Pope that they will make special pilgrimages to Vatican City as part of the observance, and all "knights of the Supreme Order of Christ," who include the kings of Belgium and Italy, have been invited to take part.

Though under present plans the "holy year" will be observed only in Rome, it is virtually certain the celebration will ultimately extend throughout the world. The Papal bull, proclaiming the observance, is to be issued early in January and the Pope will announce the celebration in a world-wide radio broadcast.

Strafford Beacon-Herald:—The Sault Ste. Marie Star says that since singing "Sweet Adeline" was staged in a contest there during Wolf Week, the song has again become popular all over the country. That's the worst thing about a bad influence. It's very hard to check it.

Gold Production One of the Good Things of 1932

(From The Ottawa Journal)

There have been some good things on the credit side for 1932. One of them is that the gold mines of Canada have yielded more wealth than ever before in their history; \$60,000,000 for the world, more than \$17,000,000 for their shareholders.

Time was when Canada's position as a gold producer was negligible. In the last few decades, thanks to the opening up of Northern Ontario, she has become the second greatest gold producing nation, with the grand total of dividends from her mines reaching \$151,000,000. Her ultimate annual production of gold will, according to competent observers, exceed \$100,000,000.

The importance of this is immeasurable. In all parts of the world the search for gold has been stimulated by the increase in its price, measured either in relation to the general commodity level or to the depreciated currencies of many countries. The search has been facilitated by declining costs of production, particularly during the last three years. The United States Federal Reserve Board recently called attention to the fact that improvements in mining and metallurgical technique "have rendered profitable the expansion of operations in mines already producing and also the reopening of some abandoned properties." The result has been a substantial increase in the amount of gold produced, despite the frequent assertion that production is declining.

During the fifteen years from the outbreak of the Great War to the crest of post-war prosperity in 1929 the average annual value of the world's gold yield was \$390,000,000. In 1930 it increased to \$420,000,000 and in 1931 to \$440,000,000; and the Federal Reserve Bureau estimates that in 1932 it will be not less than \$460,000,000. This as compared with an average of \$297,000,000 in the five years following the Klondike rush and with \$177,000,000 in the five years after the beginning of the large-scale operations on "the Rand."

Meantime, attracted by the premium to be obtained in the London market, gold hidden away in private hoardings or converted into plate and jewellery has returned to circulation. Between February 1931, and August 1932, the people of India released approximately \$250,000,000 in gold which had previously been regarded as permanently lost to the reserves of the commercial world. As a consequence, with release of hoardings and substantial gains in production, the reserves of central banks and governments in all parts of the world have been increased by more than \$1,500,000,000 since 1929.

There are those who hold, of course, that gold has seen its day, that it will cease to be a basis of currency or a standard of its measurement. That, however, was not the view of the experts who met here in Ottawa last summer nor is it the opinion of the currency experts of the League of Nations. These hold and believe that Britain, in time, will return to the gold standard, that other nations will follow her example, and that gold will continue in the dominant position it has held for centuries.

DOCTOR CARES FOR 400 CASES OF INFLUENZA ON LINER

A serious influenza epidemic at sea, in which 400 of the 900 passengers aboard the liner Camerchia were stricken, was reported Tuesday when the vessel arrived from New York. The ship's surgeon, Dr. Daniel Murphy, the only medical man on board, battled heroically to care for the passengers, and succeeded in bringing the Camerchia into port without a single death.

The shipboard epidemic started soon after the Camerchia left New York and spread with amazing rapidity, sending scores to bed in their cabins. Many of them suffered acutely, their troubles being aggravated by heavy seas which were encountered throughout the voyage. Many of the victims were women and children.

One of the ship's officers told how alarm spread over the vessel as more and more passengers became ill.

"Each day," he said, "saw a large increase in the number of cases until they totalled nearly 400. Dr. Murphy was the hero of the voyage. He practically had no sleep for four days and nights. He went from one cabin to another with no let-up."

"One day when the epidemic was at its height, he had to draft two stewards as assistant physicians. For four days he averaged 500 visits a day to his patients.

"After two days in bed, many of the victims recovered rapidly and were well again by the time we arrived in Glasgow. When we reached port there were only a few cases remaining that required medical attention."

Dr. Murphy, who is 50, reached home in an exhausted condition and was promptly sent to bed for a long rest.

Death on Saturday of Mrs. Eli Lablanc

Passed Away Suddenly on Saturday from Heart Trouble. Funeral Held on Tuesday of This Week.

The death occurred suddenly on Saturday last of Mrs. Lablanc wife of Eli Lablanc, Bannerman avenue. Death was due to heart trouble. The late Mrs. Lablanc was about 65 years of age at the time of death. The sympathy of wide circles of friends will go out to the husband and family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning to St. Anthony's church and interment was made at the R. C. cemetery. Requiem high mass was said at the church and large numbers of friends and acquaintances paid their last sad tributes of regret and sympathy.

Given Three Months on Assault Charge

Man Cut on Head, Face and Shoulder by Axe Wielder. Police Also had to Face Axe. Trouble Started Over Woman.

At police court this week Irvine T. Martin, of Sandy Falls, was sentenced to three months with hard labour as the result of the use of an axe on a man whom he met at 78 Commercial avenue. There were apparently three men and a woman in the house when the trouble started. All had been drinking, though one of the witnesses at court Wednesday said that Martin was the soberest of the lot. It appears from the evidence that the woman either fell on the floor or was thrown down and a man named Stephen Gloster was seemingly about to step on her when Martin jumped in to interfere. He received a crack in the eye for his chivalry and not being pleased with this he grabbed an axe and went after Gloster. He struck Gloster on the head, face and shoulder, making three painful but not serious wounds. The third man in the party apparently got out as soon as the axe was wielded and when Martin realized this he evidently thought that he would do well to get away also. He and the woman went on to 61 Commercial avenue. The police traced them to the latter address. The doors were fastened when the police arrived, but after due warning the police broke their way in. Martin had another axe by this time, but though he looked somewhat threatening he did not attempt to use it upon the police but submitted quietly to arrest. In court yesterday his excuse was that he had used the first axe to protect himself and the woman after both had been attacked. Medical opinion was that Gloster was not dangerously injured, and in view of all the circumstances Martin escaped with a term of three months at hard labour. He was lucky that it was not necessary to lay a more serious charge against him.

Passed Away at the Age of Ninety Years

Mrs. D. D. Chisholm's Mother Dies on Friday Last. Funeral Held at Old Home in Alexandria, Ont.

Mrs. Florence McDougald passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Chisholm, 8 Maple street, south, on Friday of last week, at the unusual age of 90 years. The late Mrs. McDougald was born in Gengarry, Ontario, in April, 1842. Her husband predeceased her several years ago. For some years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Chisholm. Until about a year ago she enjoyed fair health, but for the past few months has been quite ill. Death was due to heart trouble.

The body was taken to Alexandria for interment at the old home in Gengarry County.

Mrs. Longpres Dies on Saturday, Dec. 24

Well-Known and Esteemed Resident of the District for Many Years Passes Away. Funeral on Dec. 27th.

Friends in the district will regret to learn of the death on Saturday, last, Dec. 24th, 1932, of Mrs. Longpres for many years a resident of the district, and one of the pioneers of Mountjoy township where her husband has had a farm and been conducting it successfully for several years. Mrs. Longpres was taken to St. Mary's hospital, but despite all that could be done for her she passed away on Saturday. In addition to the bereaved husband seven children are left to mourn the loss of a mother. The funeral took place on Tuesday of this week to St. Anthony's church and the R. C. cemetery, requiem high mass being said on Tuesday morning. The late Mrs. Longpres was about 47 years of age at the time of death.

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A charge of violation of the Excise Act against Wm. Wowchuk was adjourned to next week as were also the following other cases:—J. Rousseau, having liquor not on permit; John Daley, illegal possession of liquor; Alfred Therrien, 63 Third avenue, illegal possession of liquor. The police arrested Therrien last week when he was found with a bottle of home-brew in his taxi. Therrien claims that someone "planted" the bottle in his car.

A man charged with failing to provide for his wife was remanded for a week.

On a charge of illegal possession of liquor Hyna Piver was fined \$100.00 and costs or three months. He seems likely to take the three months.

An assault charge was withdrawn.

A highway traffic case following an accident on Wilson avenue was remanded to next week.

Two ordinary common drunks were each fined the usual ordinary ten dollars and costs, both paying forthwith.

On a charge of obstructing a police officer in the discharge of his duty, John Krisloff was fined \$50.00 and costs or a total of \$70.00. He paid forthwith. This man got into an unnecessary argument with one of the police about the fine imposed on a friend of his last week. He followed the police to the police office and used a number of uncomplimentary and impolite terms in describing all police in general and some in particular. He was warned to go away, but he stayed and apparently was getting away with it. When he attempted, however to grab one of the police, he did not get away any more but was locked up and a charge laid against him.

A woman charged with immoral living had the charge against her dismissed, the evidence not being sufficient to convict her of the offence with which she was charged.

First Game in N.O.H.A. Schedule at South End.

The first hockey game of the N.O.H.A. schedule for the Northern Group (the Golden Group) is to be played at the South Porcupine arena on Monday evening, Jan. 2nd, between Timmins and the Dome, according to word from South Porcupine this morning. It is likely that the full schedule of N.O.H.A. games will be available for next issue, but at time of writing the list is not to hand.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamilton of St. Catharines, Ont., were visitors to Timmins this week.

FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION OBJECTS TO DEPT. ACTION

The Temiskaming Fish and Game Protective Association will at their next meeting take up the question of the recent action of the department of game and fisheries in making pike a game fish and ask that, in so far as Northern Ontario is concerned, the protection afforded this fish be removed.

HOME WINS FIRST GAME IN THE KENNING CUP SERIES

Last night Timmins and Dome hockey teams played the first game in the series for the Kenning Cup. The Dome won the match with the score of 4 to 0. The match was played in the South Porcupine arena, and it may be taken for granted that the second game to be played on Timmins ice to-morrow (Friday) night will be a humdinger as Timmins will certainly be out to redeem the score last night.

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A Happy ? New Year !

Is it going to be a happy and prosperous new year for you and your business? Despite depression much depends upon yourself. Have you in the past given thought to the possibilities of increasing business through the use of bright attractive announcements to your customers and others, keeping them informed of special bargains offered by you? Some firms in town use them and find them very helpful.

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