

# ACCIDENTNT AYS JURY OF BELL DEATHS

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Investigation was carried out spector E. D. I. Hammond, of the Criminal Investigation 1, Ontario Provincial Police, he deaths last fall.

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Dr. Corcoran congrat- the jury on its verdict, stating under the circumstances, no decision could very well have reached.

Charles W. Ewing, analytical t, Toronto, who examined the of the late Mrs. Bell on Nov. 29, testified that he found no

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There were no poisonous acetates present," he declared, whole examination was com- within eleven days.

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IN FOR DURATION

Katharine Haidinger, who Dec. 30 began her first day of internment at Kingston penitentiary as an enemy alien. The German spy suspect made an unsuccessful break for liberty in the Union station at Toronto and was recaptured by an immigration inspector. Taken into custody after entering Canada illegally from the U.S., police found American authorities held her German passport.

body of Mrs. Bell, formerly Ger- trade Small. His report and evi- dence went to the effect there was no sign of violence, no traces of poisoning or foul play, and there was no doubt death was due to drowning.

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## New President of D.L. & W. Coal Co. Australian Born

Gordon C. Cooke, recently elected President and a Director of the D. L. & W. Coal Company, producers of "blue coal," was born in Melbourne, Australia. He received most of his education in New Zealand, where his family moved when he was quite young. Just when he was ready to take his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of New Zealand, the Great World War broke out, and he enlisted for service, and served overseas for two years, being with the Anzacs at Gallipoli.

Mr. Cooke obtained his chartered accountant's degree at the age of 18, the youngest ever to pass the exam- inations in New Zealand.

Coming to New York in 1920, Mr. Cooke became associated with one of the largest firms of chartered accountants in that city, where he gained a wide experience in finan- cial and commercial lines.

In 1924 Mr. Cooke went to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company, as auditor, and was elected Secretary in 1937.

line them I'll smash their evidence in twenty minutes. I found, on inquiries, that the day Bell took her out to get mangled the house was in a dilapidated condition. They took her out on a foggy day and then drove to Wasaga Beach to drown her.

"I found her house in a chaotic condition. I found this vagabond had been living there before she was murdered. Here was a girl that was living in luxury, of high social standing, a girl who never was without a nurse, companion or maid, and here she was living with this vagabond. She was a sleeky girl. This poor girl had meat cook- ing in the stove the very day she was married. She left it cooking when she went with Bell. She did not know she was getting married. She had old shoes, underwear and clothes, no jewelry, without any relatives. That very day she had in- vited a woman from Barrie to din- ner.

"She Loved Cats" "I know Miss Gertrude Small would not have been married by a parson. She wouldn't go over there and be married to a vagabond of this type. That very day we found a syringe and needles and other in the house. There were pin needles - I don't say needles - on her body when she was dead. What would they have that other in that house for?" Sullivan asked for a glass of water.

Dr. Lawson handed over the bottle of beer, in front of him, that had been found in the bottom of Bell's car when it was raised from the river.

"Miss Small loved flowers," said Sullivan. "She brought some from Brunswick Ave. She loved cats. She had from 10 to 15 around her at Brunswick Ave., and none at Midland. Now, that girl was not right, she was doped."

"They stopped the car first and pushed it into the water," said Sullivan, referring to mysterious as- sults. "Rigor mortis was found in the body of Miss Small, proving she was dead when she entered the water. With rigor mortis she would never have come up to the top in a day or two. There was no water found in her stomach. If she had made a struggle to save herself there would be water in her stomach. There would not have been red blood if she had drowned."

"This man Bloodworth entered there three or four days. I told Miss Small, 'if you let me handle that fellow I'll throw him out mighty quickly.'

"Who Followed Car?" "It's a mystery why Bell and Miss Small's car would go down to that lonely place on that kind of a night. The mystery to be solved is who it followed that car that night.

"At 9 p.m. we find this car down in the rough part of the beach. At ten o'clock we find them going into that river. You say they were drunk on the beach. I don't believe it. Here is this man able to drive a car drunk or sober. Here is this man knowing every foot of the beach passing Hacker's hotel all the way up to 20 or 30 shacks, and then rolled up his shirt sleeves, took off his coat and plunged into the water.

"All poppycock," he snapped his fingers.

"How much did you get out of the Small estate?" Sullivan was asked by Dr. Lawson when he de- clared Bell had "stripped" Miss Small of her money.

"Nothing," Sullivan said. "They have borrowed money from me," he said, "and there has been money passed back and forth in that way."

"Do you pay your board?" "Some- times," he said, having stated he had lived with the Small sisters for over 20 years.

"My contention is that Bell was murdered just after he appeared at Wilson's gasoline station," said Sul- livan.



TO ANSWER NAZIS

John Tomik, a Sudeten Czech-Slovak, has been beaten to uncon- sciously many times in German concentration camps, he declared. He is now in Toronto. Whenever he was questioned by the Gestapo, he related, every answer was greeted with a brutal punch in the face. Now he intends to join the Canadian Czech legion, "to answer the Ger- mans in a way they will under- stand."

one Small, sister of the deceased woman, said.

"I will say this. I don't care who likes it. My sister was 'doped and murdered."

"That is for the court to say," interrupted W. B. Common, senior solicitor of the attorney-general's department, who is in charge of the investigation.

"I will say it," repeated Miss Small. "My brother's death was hushed and kept down and they are not going to do the same about my sister's death," she said.

Died of Drowning Dr. E. R. Frankish declared his autopsies showed both Mr. and Mrs. Bell died of drowning. Bell was intoxicated enough to be a nuisance on the road, and Mrs. Bell had been drinking moderately, he claimed. There were no signs of violence or narcotics, he stated.

Sullivan Interrupts So violent were the interruptions of Patrick Sullivan, friend of the Small sisters, that Dr. Smiley Lawson, presiding coroner, ordered him from the courtroom, but the ruling was not carried out. A few minutes later all witnesses were ex- cluded.

"Let the evidence regarding Capt. Colquhoun come out," shouted Sul- livan.

"Another Mickey MacDonald," shouted Sullivan at Frank Regan, counsel for Colquhoun, who re- peatedly said he "would not allow an honorable man to be blackguard- ed" when Miss Small claimed her sister's "downfall and addiction to drink" happened when she went to Midland to the shrine and "be- came acquainted with Captain Colquhoun."

"Did she take alcohol?" asked Mr. Common. "No, not any more than other people," replied Miss Small, "but up at Midland she got in with that man Bell and Col- quhoun and began drinking," Miss Small exclaimed.

"I submit it's unfair for a witness to be allowed to blackguard a man like Capt. Colquhoun," said Mr. Regan. "If another remark like that is allowed, Capt. Colquhoun and his wife will leave the court- room and not return."

When interruptions continued from Sullivan, Dr. Lawson decided to exclude all witnesses.

When Miss Small left the witness box, she said: "I don't care. My sister was murdered."

Out in the hall she repeated in a hysterical tone: "I don't care what they say or do. My sister was murdered."

Appeared Jovial W. B. Coutts, son of A. B. Coutts, Barrie, who issued the marriage li- censes, said Bell appeared to be jovial and in good spirits when he saw him. He was sober, witness said.

The story of how he and a com- panion found the body of Mrs. Bell was told by George Ruttle, Toronto. He said he and W. G. McAllister, Toronto, were duck hunting at the time.

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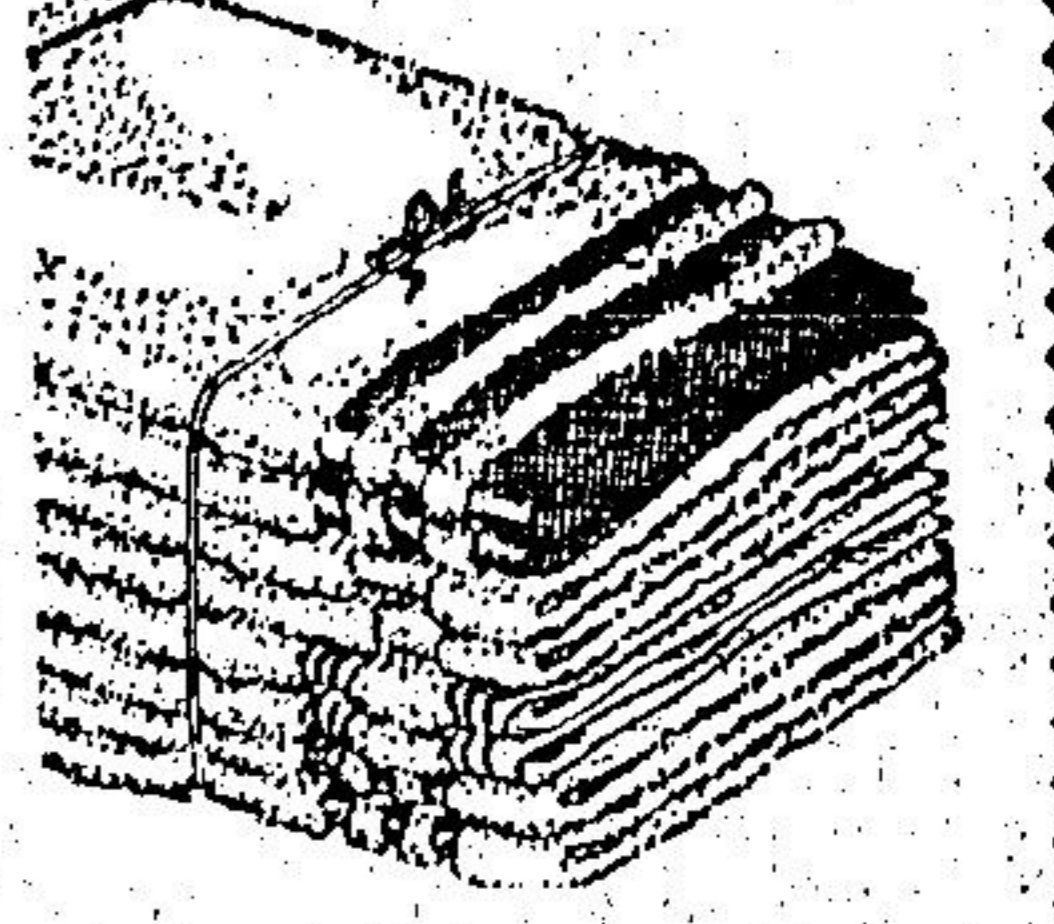
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British experts who have surveyed Canada's shipbuilding facilities Irwin testified that on Sept. 7, he sold Warren Bell a three ounce bot- tle of commercial ether.

Chief Coroner Dr. Lawson inter- jected, that that would not be enough to put a man under.

Witness said he no recollection of sales to Warren Bell in 1938. Adjudgment was made Thurs- day night until 10 a.m. Friday.

WRONG PERSON "Jane", said her mistress, "have you been telling around that I am hard to please?"

"No-um", denied Jane vigorously, "dat ah ain't. You nebah catch me doin' a thing like dat. Ah keeps my thoughts to myself, ah do."

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