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A SPEEDY TRIAL

Sheldon Elects This and Without a Jury.

CHANGED HIS MIND

HE APPEARED IN COURT ON TUESDAY MORNING.

Trial Will Take Place June 8—He is Confident of Acquittal and Will Stay Night in Montreal.

Montreal, May 31.—The famous Charles D. Sheldon, blind poet artist, who has spent several weeks in jail pending his trial on a charge of illegal money getting, appeared on Tuesday morning before Judge Langelier, and his attorney, Mr. Pelletier, made the choice of having his trial before the court of sessions.

It was at first believed that Sheldon would be tried before the court of King's bench in the June term, but as foretold some weeks ago, it was thought best, for reasons not at present made public, to have a speedy trial without a jury.

The accused, brought in the van from the city jail and arraigned before Judge Langelier, appeared to have lost none of his old-time composure. He is as inscrutable as ever and pretends to have done nothing toward injuring his personal appearance, he is as hearty looking as ever, though perhaps not as much given to joking and puzzle guessing and prodding, as when he first arrived here from the city of Pittsburgh in company of Chief McCaskill, who was sent there after his immediately following his arrest by the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

His hearing was fixed for June 8th, and that is the date when one of the most interesting trials Montreal has ever seen will be begun, unless it be found necessary, owing to the number of cases demanding immediate attention, to postpone it.

The plan of the defense is so far a secret, but it is understood that Mr. Sheldon, himself, will be the main witness in his own behalf. He maintains as firmly as ever that all his business was legitimate and honest, and that if he had been left alone his clients would still be making their thirty per cent. a month.

Sheldon confidently expects acquittal, and has declared to his friends that as soon as he is free he will settle down again in Montreal and endeavor to make and repay the money due his clients.

A THRILLING ACT.

To Cross Niagara Gorge Hanging by Their Teeth.

Niagara Falls, May 31.—The Great Houdin, the daring high wire performer, who nearly furnished a tragedy on the day of the International Carnival, a year ago, has arranged with the carnival committee to make another attempt to cross the Gorge on a wire, suspended by his teeth. This time Houdin intends to go one better than his 1910 effort, for he is going to have his wife, who is also a daring high wire performer, accompany him on the trip. The two, man and woman, will be suspended by their teeth and dangling in mid-air, 160 feet above the surface of the water, with no safety appliances whatever, and they will slide across the Gorge to the Canadian side of the river.

LIGHTNING STRIPPED THE HAT OF A LADY

Cleaned Out Church and Used Wire Hat for Display Without Injuring Wearer.

Villa Nova, Ont., May 31.—While the congregation of the Salem Methodist church at Naber were engaged in worship on Sunday afternoon, lightning struck and demolished the chimney attached to the church, scattered the stove pipes through the building, stripped the linoleum from the floor, and finally gave a fine electrical display on the wire frame of a hat worn by one of the fair worshippers.

When the exhibition was over the covering of the millinery creation had been completely stripped from the hat, but the wearer was unharmed. The meeting adjourned without the benediction.

Neck Broken in Fall.

Fredrickson, N.B., May 31.—Andrew Gibben, a native of Dublin, Ireland, aged about fifty years, fell down stairs at the Commercial Hotel, York street, and broke his neck.

His lifeless body was found at the foot of the back stairs yesterday morning by Herbert Morgan, proprietor of the hotel.

Chair of Industrial Law.

Montreal, May 31.—A chair of industrial and commercial law will be established at Laval university as the result of a legacy of \$15,000 to that institution by the late Senator L. J. Fahey.

A Montreal syndicate formed to secure control of the water powers in the neighborhood of Prince Rupert.

Earl Roberts and Lord Kitchener are to carry the king's words at the coronation.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Cheese Board, 1.30 p.m. Thursday. Board of Works, 8 p.m. Thursday. Annual meeting Kingston Smith's Falls and Ottawa Railway Company, 10 p.m. Thursday.

DRUGGISTS CANNOT SELL

Any More Cigars on Sunday—Hotels May Sell to Guests.

Toronto, May 31.—In the appeal of the attorney-general of Ontario from decisions by Police Magistrate Denison, acquitting four Toronto dealers of violations of the law in selling cigars, soft drinks and confectionery on Sunday, Justice Middleton has ruled: (1) That hotelkeepers and restaurant keepers may sell these things to their guests, but not to any other persons. (2) That druggists may not sell cigars on Sunday. (3) That cigars are not "necessaries" within the meaning of the Lord's Day Act. (4) If tobacco is sold as a "drug" there must be evidence to show that it is required by the purchaser as a drug.

The magisterial decisions on violation of the Lord's Day Act will be governed by that of Justice Middleton.

CANADA'S VITALITY.

London, May 31.—Lord Curzon, speaking before the Geographical Society, said that the whole air in Canada thrived with vitality.

"We here are not going to see one of the most splendid assets cut out of the empire."

FIELDING NOT FOR CORONATION

Going Overseas for Holiday and to Consult Specialist.

Ottawa, May 31.—Mr. Fielding, who leaves to-day for England, will not attend the coronation. It is announced that he is going overseas for a holiday and to visit his daughter, Mrs. MacLellan. It is understood that he will also go to the continent to consult a specialist regarding the facial paralysis from which he suffered last winter. It is not the minister's intention to attend any public gatherings.

HE BLEW UP THE MAINE

GEORGE BOYNTON, WHO DIED RECENTLY, THE MAN.

He Was a Soldier of Fortune—Turned on Current, Exploding the Mine—U.S. Government Investigating Story.

New York, May 31.—The federal government is investigating reports that the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an American who had been condemned to death by the Spanish, but who won his freedom by destroying the American warship. The man who turned the story in at the secret service bureau at Washington, asserted that George Boynton, a "soldier of fortune," who died recently, was the man who actually blew up the Maine.

"The Spaniards," said the informer to Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, "were entirely unprepared for the visit of the battleship Maine, which was sent to Havana without warning. Once in the harbor, she had the city and its defenses at her mercy, for all of the modern guns in the fortifications faced the sea and her. Captain General Blanco and his staff did not relish having a hostile warship in such an advantageous position in the event of war with the United States, which they regarded as a possibility, and it was decided to blow her up under such conditions as might make it appear she had been destroyed by the accidental explosion of her own magazines."

"A large boiler from the navy yards was taken to the arsenal and filled with powder. It was provided with mechanism by which it could be exploded by electricity, and then, by means of a wire, it was connected to the boiler which was lashed in a sling under a lighter, which was towed across the bow of the Maine at night. When the lighter was directly in front of the battleship, the lines which held the boiler were cut and it dropped into the mud."

"The wire by which the mine was to be exploded was laid to the end of the machine wharf. At a favorable time Boynton was taken to the spot, and turned the switch which blew the battleship into smithereens."

Drive Preacher to Murder.

Tacoma, Wash., May 31.—T. S. H. Gardner, a traveling preacher, attached to a sect, beat his wife with a club a mile east of Kittitas, and after attempting to drown himself in an irrigation ditch, gave himself up to the authorities. Gardner told the officers that he heard if he did not kill his wife she would become unfaithful to him through influences of his enemies. He said he had received occult messages to that effect.

A Drug Decision.

Washington, May 31.—Drugs may be labelled as cures for man and yet be absolutely ineffective for that purpose without violating the national pure food and drugs act, according to a decision by a majority of the supreme court of the United States in the case of Dr. O. A. Johnson.

Is Allowed Six Cents.

Washington, May 31.—Six cents is all Charles E. Appleby, of Buffalo, N.Y., will get for land forming the bed of the Buffalo river and which was condemned for the stream's improvement. He wanted \$250,000. The supreme court of the United States declined to disturb the condemnation findings, which allowed Appleby only six cents.

Clearing sale of groceries and all fixtures. Come if you want bargains. Kirk's grocery.

Mrs. Blake Way, Corbyville, died on May 30th.

LATEST TIDINGS

Despatches From Near and Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S EPISODES

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

H. E. Wilson, collector of customs, is dead at St. Marys, aged sixty.

The Montreal Hebrew Free loan society has been organized with \$7,000 in the treasury.

Michael Toomer, one of Windsor's ex-mayors, died, Tuesday morning, at the family home, aged eighty-six.

Peter West, noted divorce lawyer, is dead at Pendleton, Oregon, with a record of twelve marriages and eleven divorces himself.

At Liverpool it is asserted that the C.P.R. has definitely decided to withdraw from the Atlantic rate war conference.

Grace church, the leading Methodist congregation in Winnipeg may sell the edifice and conduct an institutional church.

Bishop Fallon will lay the corner stone of the new R.C. church of the Holy Angels, to cost \$100,000, at St. Thomas, next Sunday.

A regular service of passenger trains will be inaugurated over the line of the Algoma Central railroad, commencing on Thursday.

Archibald Watkins has offered to sell the government a "driftless" farm, by which an enemy on land, sea or in the air could be developed.

T. Caruthers, blacksmith, at Melbourne, was kicked on the head by a horse, which drove one shoe caulk three-quarters inch into his head.

James Bowen, thirteen, struck and mortally injured by the auto of Lawyer Franklin Nevins in New York, assumed all the blame for the accident.

Governor Dr. J. C. Bogart, the vice-president of the United Wireless company, who pleaded guilty to fraudulent use of the mails in advance of the sea mail, was fined \$2,000.

The gasoline fishing schooner "Edrie, of Seattle, has been consigned to the British government for fishing within the three-mile limit. She was seized in February by the cruiser Rainbow.

E. L. Hill, formerly of Guelph, has been awarded the honorary degree of Master of Science by Alberta University, while his wife is made an M.A. J. L. Fife, another ex-Ontarian, was made an M.Sc.

Judge Emory Spear, of the United States circuit court, threatened Thomas B. Felder, attorney-general-elect of Georgia, with disbarment unless he quit describing the negro plaintiff in a peonage case as a "nigger."

Six youths in a village in the Grand Duchy of Baden were swept away by the floods, following a cloud burst, and twelve persons were drowned. Four persons were drowned near Heidelberg where a mill was washed away.

After suffering for more than a week all the agonies attending hydrophobia, Catherine Matilda Vevrick, three years old, died at her home in New York after having been treated at the Pasteur Institute, Manhattan, where she received two injections of serum daily.

"She came with her father and I quickly saw that I had made a mistake as her people were very ordinary. I gave her 10,000 francs before I sailed for America the last time. I wrote her to be a good girl and give me back my letters, as I could not marry anybody. Later in the year I sent her 2,000 francs."

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Melbourne, May 31.—The final census of the state of Victoria show that the population has increased by 114,000. Melbourne accounts for 109,000.

LAWYER DIVORCED 11 TIMES.

Built Up Big Divorce Practice Through Knowledge Gained.

Pendleton, Ore., May 31.—When Peter West, an attorney, died here, it became known for the first time to his friends and business acquaintances that he had been married twelve times during his fifty-one years of life and had been divorced eleven times. Mr. West was known throughout the Pacific coast and North-West territory as one of the ablest divorce lawyers in the country. At the time of his death twenty divorce cases were pending in court here in which he was the attorney. They have all been dismissed.



RIGHT REV. P. F. STAQUI, The legate to Canada, who resides at Ottawa.

SETS HIGH STANDARD.

Ninety Per Cent. of Australian Candidates for Training Physically Fit.

Melbourne, May 31.—Of 153,000 youths registered for training under the compulsory training scheme in the Commonwealth, over ninety per cent. have been found physically fit. In spite of the criticism directed against the boys who came forward for enrollment at the outset, on the ground of disability due to smoking, it appears that the youths of Australia reached a high standard of physical development.

THE SATURDAY WHIG.

The Whig will be published on Saturday, June 3rd, the King's birthday, but it is expected it will be issued, at least, by 11 o'clock. In view of this, advertisers, clergyman and others are asked to have their copy for Saturday's issue in the office by five o'clock on Friday, so as to assure publication.

Saved Baber; Let Husband Hang.

Deatur, Ills., May 31.—Harvey Parker, knotted a rope about the neck of his four-year-old daughter and swung her body from a rafter in his barn, just before he committed suicide in the same manner.

Mrs. Parker discovered the two bodies in time to save the child, but left her husband hanging until the coroner arrived.

CARUSO IN A RAGE

SHOP GIRL SUES CARUSO FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

Opera Singer Admits He Gave Her Much Money in Payment for Return of Letters.

London, May 31.—The Pall Mall Gazette prints a dispatch from Rome stating that a shop girl of Milan has brought suit against Enrico Caruso, the opera singer, for \$50,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry her. She alleges that she has letters from him to prove her charge.

When Caruso was shown the printed dispatch he was in a rage. He said: "I offered to engage this girl in Milan as a housekeeper and she declined. When I reached London she wrote me she was willing to come to me. Several letters were exchanged with her over this matter and finally I telegraphed her to meet me in Berlin."

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ASKS A HEARING

In the Famous Quebec Marriage Case.

MRS. HEBERT APPLIES

FOR THE TRIAL TO BE FIXED FOR JUNE 12TH.

Case to be Fought Through the Courts as a Test to Ascertain Powers of Roman Catholic Church.

Montreal, May 31.—Another step in the now famous Hebert divorce marriage case was taken yesterday, when attorneys for Madame Cloutre filed an inscription, asking that the appeal from the judgment annulling her marriage with Emile Hebert be heard June 12th.

The marriage was annulled by Judge Laurendeau, because of a decree that had been issued by Archbishop Bruchési against the marriage of Roman Catholics by Protestant ministers. Emile Hebert and Marie Emma Cloutre are both Roman Catholics, but their marriage was celebrated by a Protestant minister, Rev. Mr. Timmelake.

It is likely that the case will be fought through the courts as a test case to ascertain what powers the Roman Catholic church possesses with regard to marriage in this province.

DEATH OF ISAAC JAQUITH.

Was of Huguenot Descent—A Noted Shipbuilder.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning at his residence, 87 Union street, of Isaac Jaquith, aged seventy-one years. The deceased had been in failing health for a year and a half, and suffered a couple strokes of paralysis lately. He was a descendant of a Huguenot family which was expelled from France early in 1700 and settled in Massachusetts. Mr. Jaquith was a powerful man physically, averaging 250 pounds in weight. He was one of the best shipbuilders in the country, and had worked both in Canada and the United States. He was also a practical wrecker. He participated in the Fenian raid of 1866, seeing service on the steamer Watroun, which patrolled the Canadian shore in this vicinity, and received a medal for his service.

Mr. Jaquith is survived by his widow and three sons and three daughters:—Mrs. George McAnley, 87 Union street; Mrs. Thomas Hennessey, Livingston avenue; Miss Minnie, nurse-in-training at Detroit, Mich.; Thomas Jaquith, Wellington street; James A. 220 University avenue; and Joseph, Stuart street. In religion the deceased was a Roman Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's cathedral. The funeral will be private.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE AFIRE.

Set Ablaze From Spark From Passing Locomotive.

At 12-10 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, the fire stations received a call to proceed to the overhead bridge at River street, which was afire, having ignited from a spark from a locomotive. When firemen arrived they used a couple of Babcock extinguishers and put out the fire. Several planks were torn up and afterwards replaced. The general opinion is that a steel bridge should be erected at this place.

"BICYCLED" TO DEATH.

Toronto Boy Took Convulsions After Long Trip.

Toronto, May 31.—After a visit to his parents at Brampton, Alfred Barker bicycled back to Toronto, arrived at his sister's house at noon, fell unconscious, and convulsions followed. He died last night in hospital. He was aged seventeen.

The Late William Francis.

The funeral of the late William Francis took place from his late residence, corner of Patrick and John streets, Wednesday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Neal, who is in Montreal. Numerous floral offerings testified to the esteem in which deceased was held by all who knew him.

Left for Montreal.

Three Kingston young men left the city on Wednesday noon, for Montreal. Messrs. James Taber, Harold Hawley and William Williams, they were employed in the office of the Ontario Powder company, in this city, and have been removed to the head offices of the company in Montreal.

Will Hold Picnic.

The boys' Sunday morning class of the Y.M.C.A. will wind up their season's work with a picnic, Saturday afternoon. Games, races and aquatic sports will constitute the programme. The committee to arrange matters will meet, Thursday evening.

Dr. Carman Speaks Out.

Stratford, May 31.—At the London Methodist conference, this morning, Dr. Carman attacked the no-temperance doctrine. He said that the vote on church union should be by individuals.

For eight months off, and on the citizens have been boiling water. Is there any hope of having the mistake properly repaired?

Col. Ogilvie, D.A.A.G., inspected the 57th regiment in Peterboro on Tuesday night.

Neilson's chocolates always fresh, at "Process Drug Store."

TRIED TO ROB A BANK.

But Were Fired Upon by a Clerk in Charge.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 31.—An attempt was made by burglars on the branch of the Eastern Townships Bank at Riverview early this morning. A clerk in the bank exchanged shots with three men, who disappeared when people were aroused by the fusillade.

DECAPITATED BY TRAIN.

Tragic Death of a Young Scotchman at Toronto.

Toronto, May 31.—William Gilchrist, aged thirty, was found early this morning, decapitated beside the Grand Trunk tracks at the east end of the city. He was a Scotchman, and came to Canada three months ago with his mother. He got a position three weeks ago. This morning he turned water on in the bath, and went for a walk while the tub filled. He had been in poor health lately.

PIG IRON BOUNTIES.

Ottawa, May 31.—In the fiscal year which ended March 31st, \$28,857 was paid in bounties on wire rods. The bounties on pig iron exported in December, and up to that time payments totalled \$21,453 and on steel, \$350,455.

NO JAPS FOR AUSTRALIA.

Not Even if it Means Separation, Says Premier.

Melbourne, Australia, May 31.—William Morris Hughes, acting premier of the Commonwealth, in a remarkable article, which he has contributed to the Sydney Telegraph, declares that Australia will never agree, except at the sword's point, to admit Japanese immigrants, even should such refusal mean separation from the mother country.

BURNED AT THE STAKE

BANDITS GOT BUSY WITH A RAILROAD MAN.

Refused to Comply With Demands for Money, and Body is Found in Blazing Ruins of House—Others Are in Danger.

San Francisco, May 31.—Refusing to comply with demands for money by a band of bandits at Ajuno, Michoacan, Robert J. Sweeney, an American, superintendent of the Central railroad of Michoacan, was burned at the stake on May 16th, according to the story of Joseph Hansfelder, one of the refugees who arrived on the steamer Newport from Manzanillo.

Hansfelder says that the bandits had made demands for money of every American in the district. Some complied, but Sweeney refused to pay. Hansfelder declares that he made his way to Sweeney's house, three miles distant from his own home, on May 19th, and found the house burned to the ground and Sweeney's body lying to a post in the midst of the burning timbers.

Mrs. Sweeney had disappeared and is believed to have been taken prisoner by bandits and held for ransom.

Fearing his own home would be attacked, Hansfelder with his family, made his way to Manzanillo and took passage for the United States.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

Young Lady Dying as Result of Dynamite Explosion.

Bellingham, W. Va., May 31.—The daughter of Henry Sturms is dying from injuries received by her body being blown through the ceiling from a dynamite explosion. Her father and the dynamiting were deliberate. Bloodhounds are on the trail.

A Remarkable Operation.

Philadelphia, May 31.—Delegates to the convention of the American Laryngological Association, witnessed a remarkable surgical operation here, when Dr. C. Jackson, of Pittsburgh, without the aid of a knife, removed a brass paper clip that had been embedded in a young woman's bronchial tube for eight years. The instrument used was a bronchoscope, to which was attached a tiny electric light, a reflector and minute forceps. The tube was lowered down the patient's throat and the clip was removed after about an hour's work.

DIAZ SHIPS HIS WEALTH IN BOXES OF GOLD BARS

The Ex-President of Mexico Took Away to France the Sum of \$1,276,000.

New York, May 31.—The Mexican revolution is responsible for the arrival here, yesterday, of the largest number of hundred redoubtable Mexicans and Americans, on board the steamers Mexico and Camiguely.

So great is the rush for passenger accommodation at Vera Cruz that hundreds of persons were left behind.

Eight little square boxes and two hundred redoubtable bars were unloaded, yesterday, from one of the steamers, under the guard of four armed men. The bars are worth \$12,000 each, and the boxes contain approximately \$1,000,000 in bullion, making a total of \$1,276,000.

This gold is supposed to belong to former President Diaz.

Canada's customs revenue for May totalled \$6,943,165, the largest single month in the history of the country.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., May 31, 10 a.m.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds; local thunder storms Thursday; westerly winds; fine and moderately warm.

AN EXHIBITION

FANCY LINENS

Unexcelled Anywhere

This year we have greatly increased our stock of Fine Irish Linens—"Brown's," "Liddell's" and "Webb's." The well-known makers of good linens have contributed to our great assortment. We are also the sole agents for the celebrated

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This week we are making a special display, and we invite your inspection. We feel confident it will exceed your greatest expectations.

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