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ANOTHER STAY OF EXECUTION IN CASE OF RUSSELL SCOTT PENDING HEARING INTO SANITY

Former Canadian Financier Twice Reprieved From Paying the Supreme Penalty For Murder—Scott Declares That He Is Not Crazy And Is Not Asking For Sympathy—Report That Robert Scott Is in Port Huron, Mich.

Chicago, July 24.—Russell Scott today escaped the gallows for a second time within a week. The former Canadian financier, twice reprieved from paying the supreme penalty for the murder of a Chicago drug clerk, in a holdup, dodged the noose for a third time less than four hours before he was to have been executed, when Judge Joseph B. David granted a stay of execution, pending a hearing into his sanity. A week ago, six hours before he was to hang, Governor Small granted one week's reprieve, which expired this morning. Judge David was called out of bed a few hours before the time for the execution, convened a special session of court, and granted a stay, after Governor Small and the state board of pardons and paroles last night at Springfield, refused further clemency. This morning the gallows' trap, set for springing a week ago, stood without its victim, and the jail officials who had left it standing during the week of grace, were considering dismantling it. Sanity hearing will not come for several days. Scott's escape from death to-day, like that of a week ago, came after he and his relatives had virtually abandoned hope. Thomas Scott, his father, had called at the jail three hours previously, to bid him the last farewell, his second visit in a week.

Wife Fought Hard. Mrs. Catherine Scott, his faithful wife, who for weeks has fought to obtain commutation, played what she believed to be her final card in Springfield, where she appeared before a pardon board, and when stay was granted, was rushing from Springfield to Chicago by automobile, to bid her husband farewell, almost at the minute set for his execution. She arrived to find court action stopping hanging. Scott, who had been surly and defiant throughout the night, and who apparently was completely resigned to his fate, received the news that his life was spared, at least temporarily, with considerable surprise. He had known nothing about the last minute appeal to courts.

Scott Was Overjoyed. "I am tickled to death," were his first words. Then upon learning that the stay had been granted to find out whether he were sane, Scott added: "I am no more crazy than the judge who granted me a stay on that account. I am not asking for sympathy from any one either. I am innocent."

A telephone message was received early to-day from Port Huron, Mich., stating that Robert Scott, brother of Russell Scott, was in that city, critically ill. The call, received by Mrs. Isobel J. Hurst, a Detroit Club woman, who came here to work for Russell's reprieve was made by Mrs. Manley, who said that Scott was at her home. While officials here feared that the call might be another fraud, Port Huron police started an investigation.

Scott In Port Huron. Port Huron, July 24.—Robert Scott was at the home of Mrs. Manley here, at midnight, last night, and left two hours later over the Canadian National Railway for Chicago. Police here were informed by Mrs. Manley. Port Huron police called on Mrs. Manley following the notification from Chicago, that Mrs. Manley had called Chicago people on the telephone and had stated that Robert Scott was at her house.

Dramatic Scenes. Chicago, July 24.—Scott's sudden and unexpected escape from the gallows was dramatic. Upon receiving news of the failure of the plea to Governor Small, Mrs. William McGraw and Mrs. Isobel Hurst, both of Detroit, representing Detroit clubwomen, hastily retained William Scott Stewart, a noted criminal lawyer, who recently successfully defended William D. Sheppard, accused of the murder of "Billy" McClintock. Stewart, it was, who conceived the idea of asking for a stay of execution. At midnight, Scott's friends and Stewart started their hunt for the judge. Judge David, called from his bed, agreed to call a session of the court if his bailiff and clerk could be found. Then with minutes ticking away the clerk and bailiff were rushed to the county building

where in a dimly-lighted courtroom, the hearing was held. A little group of newspaper men, judge, attorneys, Scott's friends and his aged father made up the gathering. A petition, signed by Scott's father, recited that the condemned man has become insane since his incarceration, fifteen months ago, in the county jail. Within twenty minutes from the time the court had been convened, stay of execution had been granted. George E. Gorman, who prosecuted Scott, when informed of the action said: "I have not a thing to say, except that they tried to fool the governor a week ago, and now they are trying to fool Judge David. We will fight it to the end. This man deserves the rope, and he will get it before we are through."

Refused the Radio. One of the reasons assigned by Attorney Stewart, for believing Scott insane, was his refusal last night to broadcast by radio, an appeal to his brother, Robert Scott, indicted with him, but never apprehended, to surrender and save him from the gallows. A microphone had been placed in Scott's cell, but he refused to utilize it.

Mrs. Scott, driving madly toward Chicago, after once having become lost, was met by reporters at the outskirts of the city and was informed of the court's action. "Thank God," she murmured, and was whisked on into town.

Had Given Up Hope. Chicago, July 24.—Russell Scott, to-day, in his cell, told reporters that "I was about ten percent guilty, and ninety per cent innocent. The worst I did was to help my brother escape." Prisoner earlier had declared he was perfectly sane. In later interview, he said: "I do know that no man can spend nineteen months such as I have spent in jail and still be normal." He said he had given up all hope of living last night, but expressed belief to-day, that he would be saved. Judge David set the sanity hearing for August 3rd.

A "Fake" Story. Chicago, July 24.—Report from Port Huron, Mich., that Robert Scott had been there and was enroute to Chicago, has been found to be without foundation. Mrs. Isobel Hurst, of Detroit, declared to-day.

Over Hundred Injured In a Movie Theatre
Melbourne, Australia, July 24.—One hundred and thirteen persons were injured, some of them seriously, when a verandah of a moving picture theatre collapsed, during a parade of sailors of the visiting United States fleet here to-day. No one was killed.

FINANCE MINISTER
The difficult task of regulating Italy's finances now falls upon the shoulders of Count Giuseppe Volpi, the new Italian minister of finance. He will soon come to America to attempt a settlement of the Italian debt to the United States.



Fifteen-Year Old Lad Had Leg Mangled When He Got Caught In Wheel of Horse Rake

In an unfortunate accident on a farm near Sydenham, about 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Eger-ton Babcock, a lad about fifteen years of age, had his right leg so badly mangled when he fell off a horse-rake he was driving that it had to be amputated at the knee. The youth is said to be subject to weak spells. It is thought he got caught in the wheel of the rake. His leg was very badly bruised and his face and head also injured. Dr. Tovell, of Sydenham, attended him at the time and then brought him to the Kingston General Hospital Thursday evening, where Dr. Bogart removed the leg by dislocation of the knee joint. On Friday morning he was resting easily. William Garrigan is making satisfactory progress at his home at 3 Victoria Terrace, Montreal street. Mr. Garrigan, who is a steam-fitter, in the employ of Elliott Brothers, was working at the new public library building on Tuesday afternoon, when he fell and fractured a shoulder bone. He was treated by Dr. C. A. Morrison. Roy Bell and Bates Jax, who were injured in an accident near Lansdowne Sunday night, continue to improve at the General Hospital.

CANADA'S FIRST SHOE.

Kitchener, Ont., July 24.—The close of the first day of the fifth annual shoemakers' and repairers' convention being held in this city was featured by a largely attended banquet at which the necessity of expanding the organization into a dominion and even an international one was emphasized. Addresses were made by C. B. Budd, service manager of the Canadian Credit Men's Association, Toronto; A. W. E. O'Dell, Hamilton, general organizer of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, and by Oliver M. Brooks, Montreal, who informed the members that the first shoe was made in Canada, as far as is known, in 1667. The invitation from Niagara Falls to hold the next convention in that city was accepted.

Fifteen Million For Members Wheat Pool According to an Official Statement Which Has Just Been Issued.

Winnipeg, July 24.—Fifteen million dollars will be paid to members of the inter-provincial wheat pool before August 1st, according to an official statement issued today by the president of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited. The second interim payment will amount to twenty cents a bushel, based on No. 0 wheat, and brings the total already distributed to \$1.55 a bushel on the 1924 crop. The statement intimates that the final instalment will be made some time next month. Due to volume of wheat received by the pool during recent weeks, the 1924 pool was not closed until July 15th. Twenty cents a bushel will be paid on No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, northern; also the toughs of these grades; 15 cents on No. 5, tough 5, and rejected grades. No payment, the statement says, will be paid at this time on feed and such wheat graded rejected, heated and condemned. Spreads on grades will be adjusted when the final payment is made.

Workman Was Injured In a Factory At Norwood

Norwood, July 24.—Serious injuries were sustained by William Clark, a machinist, when he was caught in a belt and whirled around a shaft, while fitting up a temporary pulley on a line shaft, in a factory here to-day. Both Clark's legs were broken, his right arm lacerated, and he was badly crushed and bruised about the body. His chances of recovery are doubtful.

Big Fire Raging. London, July 24.—An exchange telegraph agency message states that a great fire is raging in New-harbor of Odense, Denmark. Four warehouses and number of ships are in danger. Thousands of tons of grain are burning. Military forces have been called out.

Hindu Would Not Enter the United States After Hearing of The Scopes Trial

New York, July 24.—Koodratlal, a Hindu, who arrived yesterday morning from Cristobal on the United Fruit Company liner Carrillo, decided, after reading wireless reports of the Scopes trial, not to land in the United States, and requested that he be permitted to remain on board and return to Cristobal, according to the ship's officers. Koodratlal is a British subject, and set out from Cristobal for a trip to Jamaica and the United States. The authorities at Kingston would not permit the Hindu to land in Jamaica, and the ship's officers thought that this incident might have prejudiced the Hindu's mind against Anglo-Saxon communities in general. At all events, he let them know that he was not interested in seeing any more of the United States than he could witness through a port hole at the vessel's pier at the foot of Maiden Lane, and purchased from the purser a return ticket to Cristobal.

ONTARIO HAS NO FEAR EVOLUTION TEACHING

Restrictive Legislation Would Be "Silly," Says Attorney-General Nickle. Toronto, July 24.—There is nothing in the statutes of the Province of Ontario to prevent teachers in public or high schools or the professors in the universities from teaching evolution. When asked today whether he thought of the desirability of having legislation along these lines, Attorney-General Nickle said it was "too silly," adding, "I am in favor of freedom of thought and freedom of expression." The duties of a public school teacher are set forth in clause 87 of the Public School Act, which contains the only reference to religion. The clause provides that "it shall be the duty of every teacher to diligently and faithfully teach the subjects in the public school course of study as prescribed by the regulations, to maintain proper order and discipline in the school, to encourage pupils in the pursuit of learning, to inculcate by precept and example respect for religion and the principles of Christian morality and the highest regard for truth, justice, loyalty, love of country and humanity, benevolence, sobriety, industry, frugality, purity, temperance, and all other virtues."

Salaries Threatened. Washington, July 24.—Treasury officials were ordered by a local court to show cause why the salaries of school officers here should not be withheld because of the teaching of scientific doctrines alleged to reflect on the Bible.

HON. DR. J. W. EDWARDS ELECTED GRAND MASTER

At the Annual Meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge in Vancouver. Vancouver, July 24.—The Orange Grand Lodge of British America, in annual session here, elected the following officers: Grand Master, Hon. Dr. J. W. Edwards, Kingston, Ont.; Deputy Grand Master, John Easton, Winnipeg; Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. C. Ward White, Toronto; Grand Secretary, William Lee, Toronto; Grand Treasurer, Hon. J. Thompson, Toronto; Grand Marshal, Lieut.-Col. T. A. Kidd, Kingston, Ont.

Dog Catcher Fined, Had No License Now Out of a Job

Hamilton, July 24.—Fined three dollars for failing to have a dog license for his cocker spaniel, William Tyler, Hamilton's official city dog catcher, in police court yesterday informed all and sundry he would quit his job in protest. The city is now dog-catcherless.

The Canadian Building Was Damaged At Wembley

London, July 24.—The Canadian pavilion at Wembley was struck by lightning in the course of a violent thunderstorm at midnight last night. The damage is estimated at several hundreds pounds sterling. Lightning struck the northwest tower of the pavilion. The whole side of the tower was knocked out and the mass of debris went crashing through the skylight into the offices below. There was a very heavy rain during the electric storm and the plaster in the building was badly damaged. Fortunately no person was injured and the building did not take fire. The night watchman and officials in the Canadian pavilion at the time describe the noise of the thunder as being like the firing of heavy artillery. Workmen are busily engaged today repairing the damaged tower. Charles Herbert Porter, a Toronto barrister, died suddenly while playing golf. Will of Marquis Curzon leaves two ancient castles to British nation.

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Representative John W. Summers, author of the amendment embodying this clause, would certainly seek to drive it over as a law for all time, asserted Mr. Blanton and the Texan anticipated that the House would support the attempt by a large majority. Although both Wittner and the District of Columbia authorities seem determined to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States; if necessary, the opinion of legal experts and also precedent of the Supreme Court appeared to show definitely that the case could not reach that body, and that therefore another reason would be added why the task of solution would be laid at the door of Congress. Study of the congressional record reveals that the Summers amendment went through the House with practically no discussion on a Saturday afternoon in May, 1924, but Mr. Blanton laughed today at the idea that the amendment could be considered "a joker."

But there is no doubt that when the Summers amendment comes up again next winter—as it certainly will—the attention of every member will be focussed upon it, the two sides of the question lining up as bitterly as in any debate in years. Because no attention whatever was paid to the rider when it went through the Senate, the antagonisms and arguments there are expected to be dramatic. There was an intimation today that Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, would back the amendment with the help of such Conservatives as Senators Willis and Fess, of Ohio, and Shepard of Texas.

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THE UNITED CHURCH HAS LAID PLANS TO RAISE \$4,000,000

Toronto, July 24.—The maintenance and extension fund committee of the United Church of Canada met here yesterday, to consider a comprehensive united campaign in aid of the funds of the uniting churches. The financial objective set is four million dollars, \$2,800,000 of which is for missions and social service. Embodied in the agenda was the clause that the spiritual aims of the church should always be kept in the forefront. Sir Joseph Flavelle convened the meeting, Messrs. W. B. Wood and William Hanson of Montreal attending, with all the Toronto members.

NOW AGREED ON THE NAVAL PROGRAMME

So Ends the Political Crisis Which Looked Serious.

STATEMENT OF PREMIER

Government Is Undertaking Financial Reform of Three Fighting Services.

London, July 24.—The Prime Minister announced in the Commons yesterday afternoon, the Cabinet's decision on the cruiser question and laid down the regular ship-building programme. It is intended to lay down two cruisers in October, two more in February and three more annually after that. It is also intended to build annually nine destroyers and six submarines. This is considerably less than Baldwin's first government had declared necessary two years ago, and the Premier explained the reduction by saying: "We found it impossible, in view of the peaceful outlook of the world and the absence of any naval antagonism between the great powers, very largely to modify the proposals adumbrated two years ago." Then, as he stated the particulars of the programme it was noted that he used the words "requirements for fleet replacement," thereby seeking to offset opposition by associating himself with the Admiralty's view that new cruisers were needed, not to strengthen the fleet, but to preserve it. The Admiralty have long contended that unless new units are taken in hand at once it would not be many years before the existing fleet, exposed as it is by reduction already made, would be completely worn out.

EDUCATIONISTS ON VISIT TO CANADA

The Party Will Sail on the Empress of Scotland on Saturday.

London, July 24.—In connection with the coming visit to Canada of nearly 100 secondary school teachers, with a liberal sprinkling of educationists of a higher grade in the party, the bigger anticipations of the results of the widespread publicity favorable to the Dominion following the visit are entertained here. The party will sail on the Empress of Scotland on Saturday. Included therein are the following: Cecil Jennings, under-sheriff and a member of a school committee of London; Dr. Stevens, headmaster of Westminister City School and president of the Headmasters' Association; Miss Rosa Harvey, principal of Penrhos College, Carnarvon, Wales; G. Coxhead, headmaster of Hinchley Grammar School; J. Hueson, headmaster of Fowey School, Cornwall; Miss Esther Morgan, head-mistress of Glamorganshire County School, Wales, and Miss Margaret Neill, Sheffield University.

OLD TRAVELLER

Theophile Puchabek, 134, of Bielek, Poland, made a long journey to Warsaw to recover the bells of his village church which were stolen by the Russians when they invaded Poland.

After Blind Pigs.

Ottawa, July 24.—In an endeavor to clean up the blind pigs and questionable resorts in Hull district, officers of the Quebec Liquor Commission, since May 22nd, have laid a total of 93 informations against individuals on charge of infractions of the Quebec Liquor Act. So far over forty convictions have been registered and there are a number of warrants still to be executed.

Hon. Mr. Stewart Bereaved.

Weyburn, Sask., July 24.—The funeral of Mrs. Catharine Stewart, mother of Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, took place yesterday afternoon. The death of Mrs. Stewart, who was in her 82d year, took place on Saturday evening last after a lengthy illness.

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