

MANSLAUGHTER CASE HEARD

Preliminary Hearing Of Harold Currie Opened Before Magistrate G. J. Tweedy.

Reuben Higgins, Johnston's River, one of the two men charged with manslaughter in connection with the recent death of Mr. James Dunphy testified yesterday at the preliminary hearing of Harold Currie...

Witnesses giving evidence yesterday were: Joseph Smith, John Peter Trainor, Matthias Ryan, William Trainor Jr., Basil Slavin, Reuben Higgins and Dr. J. J. Yeo. All the witnesses were heard at the inquest held early this month and the same evidence was repeated yesterday.

John Peter Trainor told of seeing Mr. Dunphy leave for Charlottetown with Harold Currie on the morning of December 20th last and of having started with Elmer Trainor, Joseph Trainor, William Trainor Jr., and Reuben Higgins for a concert in Donaldson. Higgins left the party at Southampton, saying he was going to Charlottetown. This was about 7 o'clock on the same evening.

Higgins testified that he had met the deceased at Riley's Lane in the city, near a bootlegger's establishment. Harold Currie and Matthias Ryan were with Mr. Dunphy when they were in the car. The four of them went back into the bootlegger's house in Riley's Lane and had 3 or 4 drinks of what he testified was "vender's rum". The liquor did not have any effect on him, witness stated, but it made him hungry. He didn't notice any other effects clear of the liquor.

Dr. J. J. Yeo said that death was due primarily to a skull fracture of the skull and damage to the brain which was caused by a truck or car wheel passing over the head. A wheel passing over the head would not crush the skull completely as the skull bones are very resistant. The injury was so severe that death was instantaneous, witness said. The brain was protruding and the skull was cracked like an egg shell.

Higgins in giving evidence had maintained that he thought the deceased was only knocked out and that, along with the effects of the alcohol was the cause of his unconsciousness. He thought that he would "sleep it off". When he was handling Mr. Dunphy on the way home, he thought he was only knocked out. Dr. Yeo was of the opinion that anyone handling the deceased would know that something serious had happened.

Mr. J. J. Johnston, K. C., who appeared for the prosecution, was also counsel for Reuben Higgins and prior to the examination of this witness he objected to his having to answer questions on the grounds that this man was already charged with the crime and the evidence might incriminate him.

Mr. Johnston made a motion that that it was dark and they could not see any blood stains and see how Dunphy was. And he did not remember of having answered Currie by saying that "it would be better not to go near him." Witness said that Currie had asked him if he had heard anything from Jim and he had replied "no".

The Central Guardian New Election Act To Be In Effect

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If the Liberal party is returned there will be a regular session of Parliament opening in April, the Prime Minister said. There was no similar statement from Dr. Manion but it is certain that the same would be true if the Conservatives or any other party forms the new Government.

Meantime members of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Party in the House were into caucus with the National Executive and expected to hold a two-day discussion to outline their plans.

The National Executive already has described the Prime Minister's action as "a betrayal of democracy" and "a betrayal of the aims for which the Canadian people are making such great sacrifices."

New Annan Team Boosts Lead With 5-2 Win

Continuing their winning streak that began since the opening of the schedule New Annan stars Thursday night annihilated their first place position in the North Shore Hockey League by defeating the Kensington squad 5-2. The winners snooding three goals in the third session after being held to a 2-0 draw in the first two chukkers of the game.

Stars took the lead for the first time 10 minutes after the opening of the middle chuk with Gerald Mills scoring the second goal for the Stars from another goalmouth mixup but three minutes later Waite and Duggan again put on the act for the flying counter Duggan making no mistake on his mate's perfect pass into the opposing defence.

The pace was beginning to tell on the veterans of the Kensington team as the third period opened and two minutes after the start Jabez Mills sent the Stars into the lead for good as he scored unassisted. Kensington fought back hard but their gangling attacks turned into counterattacks as G. Mills, Jabez Mills broke away for counters that put the clincher on the outcome of the game.

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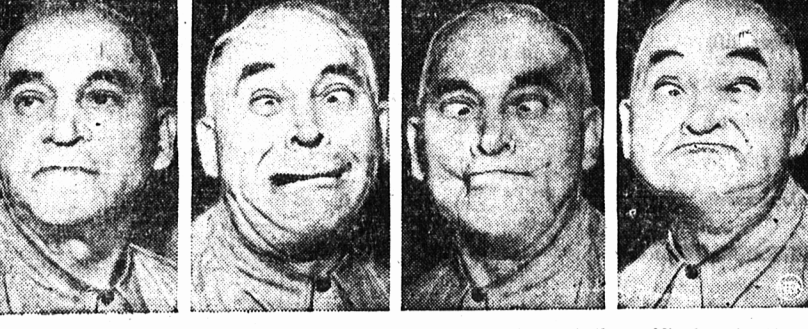
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His Majesty the King is shown in this picture, taken several days ago during his visit to the Plymouth naval command, reviewing a number of Polish naval cadets. Her country overrun and partitioned by Germany and Russia, Poland is still very much alive as a nation, with a new Government functioning in a temporary capital in France, a new army in training and a small naval force which succeeded in escaping from the Baltic, co-operating with the Royal Navy.



Berlin residents have to present ration cards for verification. In line to have their ration cards inspected, these residents of Berlin are shown handing the cards over to a young government employee, right, for verification, before they can purchase foods.



Want any houses haunted? Ira Harrington of Detroit, who claims he is the world's champion 'terrific face', will be glad to oblige. He boasts a repertoire of 31 faces including, from left, his real face, slap happy face, screw face and fierce face. Ira says he began making faces at his school teacher when he was a little boy and has been building up to worse grimaces ever since.

Finns Report Soviets Cut To Pieces While Attacks Are Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 26—(AP)—A Finnish attack tonight, involving a company after company of the red army cut to pieces northeast of Lake Ladoga, the Finnish command announced today. Finnish positions "everywhere retained."

With Soviet dead declared by the Finns to have been "counted in the hundreds" the assault, penetrated the eastern shores of the lake here. Under a heavy artillery barrage, the Russians were sent in waves against the Finnish positions. A strong command commanding a constant force of Finland.

Like the other attacks, the Finns said, the assault was "repulsed" and the enemy leaving more than 100 dead before our positions.

A Finnish communiqué told the story of the destruction of Russian cavalry columns. It drew a terse picture of the carcasses of more than 400 horses sprawled in the snow.

West Front In Action With Artillery

PARIS, Jan. 26—(AP)—The slumbering steel giants of the western front suddenly burst into action today with a fierce artillery duel which shattered the frosty silence of the Vosges Mountains.

Military sources said big French guns opened the engagement from behind ice-draped emplacements after scouts brought back reports of feverish German outpost activities, possibly indicating an impending offensive.

Nazi artillery replied in kind and for hours both sides threw shells after each other while Allied and German planes took advantage of the first favorable weather in days to roar aloft on reconnaissance flights.

One French plane flew deep into Germany but encountered 12 enemy ships and returned to the safety of its own lines, military sources reported.

Restaurant Officials Faced With Problem

OTTAWA, Jan. 26—(CP)—Food-packet cupboards and meat-filled refrigerators posed a problem tonight for parliamentary restaurant officials, bent on members to feed.

For months before Parliament met employees cleaned and sterilized dishes, silver and glassware. They washed the food can be returned to the restaurant.

The "open" food or odds and ends, will be consumed at the cafeteria, one floor down from the restaurant, which will remain open until next Wednesday.

Souris Squad Winners Over Mt. Stewart

The Souris Tigers defeated the Royals of Mt. Stewart 11-3 in a fast rugged hockey game at Souris on Wednesday evening.

The visitors started the scoring at the three minute mark when MacIntyre, study M. Stewart defenseman, went through unassisted to score.

Up just above the narrow Finns waistline, north of the Arctic circle, dispatches from the field described a sudden hush in Russian artillery fire combined with unusual activity on the highway east of Markajarvi. It was to this town that 40,000 Russians retreated after the fall of the city.

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JAP ARMY TO PLEDGES

this means frontal conflict with the United States. Since 1931 the Japanese army has followed the entire policy respecting China. If the attitude is unchanged experienced observers see little chance for a Japanese-American agreement to replace the old treaty since there would be no assurance that promises made by Tokyo government to respect American interests would be carried out by the army in China.

Army officers freely discuss the possibility that gradual tightening of the economic screws on Japan by the United States might lead to war between the two countries.

On the other hand, however, the more conservative Japanese navy, which would have to do most of any fighting, dismisses the question of the possibility of split between Japan and the United States.

Depends on U. S. ? And in the middle of the tangled situation is the third party, China, whose hopes for victory over Japan now rest to a large extent on the possibility of split between Japan and the United States.

If the United States and Japan reconcile their differences it will mean the end of General Chiang Kai-Shek's resistance against the Japanese.

Parliament flouted "As a result, our whole effort has been so inadequate and so extravagant, that Mr. King feared to face the Parliament of Canada which he had called for Jan. 26."

Thibadeau Rink Winners Of N. B. Title

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 26—(CP)—Bathurst curlers won both the singles and doubles crown at the 11th annual provincial championship curling tournament held after four and a half days of competition.

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