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**Vermilyea Case**  
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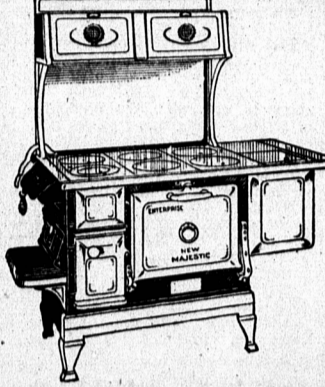
BELLEVILLE, Ont. April 27—(CP)—Trilled across the continent and brought here to stand trial, Harold W. Vermilyea, 48-year-old fruit grower of Ontario, Calif., was on February 25 convicted of murder of his mother, Mrs. Aurelia Vermilyea, 79, widow of Nathaniel Vermilyea, connected with a family well known in Belleville and district for many years. Vermilyea was sentenced to be hanged May 2. The jury disregarded the defence plea of insanity.

Mrs. Vermilyea was attacked by a man with a hatchet in front of the home of her daughter here October 3 last. She died the next day. The police decided the attacker must have known Mrs. Vermilyea. A man called at her home the night of the murder and had a conversation with her. Two passers-by who saw a man running away from the scene of the crime declared he appeared reasonably well dressed.

The police obtained a letter received by Mrs. Vermilyea from her son, Harold, in which he spoke of his financial difficulties and asked for a loan of money. Other relatives had letters from Harold giving his opinion of the children of Mrs. Vermilyea should share equally in her estate when she died.

Inspector Hamar K. Gardner of the provincial police and Detective Fred Isard of Belleville checked Harold Vermilyea's movements, and wired Los Angeles asking for his arrest. Evidence was he had made a supposedly secret journey east to Toronto and then to Belleville, telling his housekeeper and writing to relatives he was going merely on a trip into Northern California. It was ascertained that subsequent to the murder he proceeded to Chicago and by airplane to California.

A taxi driver said he remembered driving Vermilyea from the Grand Central airport at Glendale, Calif., immediately after the arrival of the regular passenger plane from Chicago. The pilot of the plane was Vermilyea. A porter on the train between Toronto and Chicago identified him. Cigars and other articles found on Vermilyea on his arrest



were Canadian-made. But he said he had not been out of California since 1932.

Vermilyea was extradited and went on trial at the assizes here before Mr. Justice Nicol Jeffrey. Considerable "insanity" evidence was entered. Crown witnesses testified that Vermilyea, while a paranoic type, was sane and competent to stand trial.

The jury decided the trial should go on. Vermilyea's 18-year-old daughter, a California University student said her father's financial worries seemed to have aggravated his "queerness." Family history produced in court by the defence counsel, R. H. Greer, told of cases of mental illness among the prisoner's connections. Verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury after deliberation of four hours and 31 minutes. The trial had lasted 10 days.

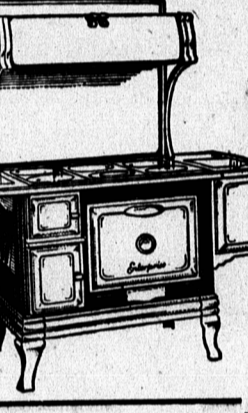
Four weeks after Vermilyea's conviction and sentence he was visited at his cell by Mrs. Jack Schorr, a California woman whose name was brought into the trial in the evidence given by the prisoner's daughter, who said she would not disapprove of Mrs. Schorr as a step-mother.

Probate of the will of Mrs. Aurelia Vermilyea indicated her son Harold would be entitled to about \$10,000 as his share of the estate.

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The Hudson's Bay Company is this year again offering "A Summer Cruise to the Arctic" to a limited number of persons. The S. S. "Nascopie," 2,600 tons, with accommodation for 40 cabin passengers, will leave Montreal, July 13th, for Churchill, Man., and other points on the Labrador Coast and Hudson's Bay. Leaving Montreal the steamer will proceed down the St. Lawrence past Quebec City, Father Point, Anticosti Island and through the Straits of Belle Isle to the Labrador Coast to Cartwright, the first port of call. Continuing north, calls are made at Port Burwell, at the eastern entrance of Hudson Strait, Lake Harbour, Stupart's Bay, Sugiuk, Wolstenholme, Cape Smith, Port Harrison, thence to Churchill. Leaving Churchill, "The Arctic Cruise" begins, the most northerly port of call being Craig Harbour—turning south the ship proceeds direct to Port Burwell, thence back to Cartwright, through the Straits of Belle Isle and finishes at Halifax, N. S., on September 26th.

**High Society's Swan-Song In Coronation Year**

By THOMAS T. CHAMPTON  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 27—(CP)—High society, though few perhaps realize it at the time, sang its swan-song of exuberant festivity in the Coronation summer of 1911. The present Earl of Birkenhead has just recalled how his father—then the dashing Fred. E. Smith—gave a fancy-dress ball at Claridge's, following a great dinner party by the Duchess of Marlborough.

At the ball the Duchess of Rutland wore a Russian costume, Lord Duncannon panted over the floor in a violent Apache dance with Mrs. Cyril Ward, and Lord Londsdale, then as now and of England's greatest sportsmen, appeared in a Hussar uniform. There was much speculation as to what costume Winston Churchill would assume, some suggesting rather unkindly he would go as a peer. He went, however, as Mr. Winston Churchill, his only departure from conventional evening dress being a red Venetian cloak and domino.

Such hectic diversions as these almost filled the nights of many lords and ladies and commoners of high social standing in the closing years of the pre-war era. None the less the swinging death duties imposed by Sir William Harcourt, a Liberal chancellor of the exchequer a few years before, had created consternation among holders of noble titles, and Lloyd George's budget of 1909 made them realize even more definitely that the landed estate owners of Britain were to endure a further violent siege of their possessions.

A look around the western part of London today produces ample evidence of the changes wrought—quite apart from the war—in the social fabric of the metropolis. Devonshire House, Piccadilly, with that appearance of stolid impossibility which it was respectively venturing to be found in the facial features of its succession of owners in the Cavendish family, is no more, but in its place is a great block of flats.

Famous Buildings Gone

Landedowne House hard by, where the Tory peers were wont to meet in secret conference, has likewise gone. In the years immediately before its demolition it was leased by Lord Lansdowne to an Anglo-American big-store director. A big hotel now stands on its site. Further west Grosvenor House, where successive Dukes of Westminster lived in high state, has made way for another hotel, and a like fate has overtaken Dorchester House in Park Lane.

Park Lane has indeed suffered an extraordinary metamorphosis. Not merely hotels, but insurance and other commercial offices now occupy frontages where formerly were the dwellings of the wealthy. Park Lane, according to general report at the time of King George's accession, was still the favorite place of residence for the South African diamond magnate. It is true that Barney Barnato, one of the most picturesque figures that they recall of the Twelfth Apostles! Barnato electrified his aristocratic neighbours by placing a row of statues upon his roof-line. Nobody was sure what the figures stood for, but busmen used to tell their inquisitive passengers that they represented the Twelve Apostles! Barnato's old house is now held by Sir Philip Sassoon, under secretary of Air, and one of the most discriminating art collectors. The Twelve Apostles have disappeared!

Recalling Theatre and Art

In Coronation Year Sir George Alexander, who was given the honor of knighthood at that time, was affording special delight to the feminine-mattress-goers with his series of society comedies at the St. James's Theatre, and Sir Beerbohm Tree was producing Shakespeare on his usual lavish scale at what he used to call his "bee-u-tiful" theatre, His Majesty's Sir John Hare and Sir Squire Bancroft, master of comedy acting of the two previous generations, were in happy retirement; so was George Green-smith, pioneer in "songs" at the "plane" style of entertainment. Poor W. S. Penley, who had made a world-wide reputation and a fortune out of "Charley's Aunt" was to linger for another two years as a hopeless invalid.

Literature and art were to lose several notable figures in the first year or so of the new reign. W. S. Gilbert, librettist of the immortal Savoy Operas, died heroically in Coronation Year trying to save others from drowning. Andrew Lang died shortly after. Henry Labouchere, the irrepressible and independent

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(Canadian Press)

LONDON, April 27—Possibility of airplanes obtaining much higher speeds with reduction in cost of fuel is seen in the result of aerodynamic experiments being pursued by the Royal Air Force. Tests are being made in a specially constructed wind-channel large enough for two planes. Cleanliness of design of the entire centre portion of an aircraft, the effect on performance of detail alterations, the efficient cooling of motors, decrease in "drag" (air resistance) and the testing of radiator and condenser systems are some of the problems on which the new channel should provide direct information. In the words of Lord Londonderry, air secretary, the channel provides a new form of flight test, "the difference being that instead of sending our airplane up into the air we have brought the air down to the airplane."

**ORANGE CAKE**

1 cup granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 egg (beat these together), 2 tablespoons cocoa, 1 teaspoon soda in 1 cup sour milk, ½ cup walnuts, 1 cup raisins, 1½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon Baking Powder. Bake in 2 layers.

Filling: Juice and rind of 1 orange, 1 tablespoon melted butter, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 egg. Cook until thick. Let cool and put to-

**DENIED CRUELTY IN IRISH HUNTS**

(By The Canadian Press)

BELFAST, April 26—That a stag was "cruelly" forced to swim four miles across Belfast Lough when chased by a local hunt was alleged in the Northern Ireland parliament by a member, on a question of privilege, but the Parliamentary Secretary of the ministry of home affairs, G. B. Hanna, K. C., said he had had no information on the matter except what he saw in the newspapers.

He said, however, that he had been informed by those acquainted with the habits of stags that it was not unusual for these animals in their wild volition to swim great distances, and he was not prepared to accept the suggestion that any cruelty was caused.

**Block War Honor On Irish Graves**

(By Joseph Dennigan, Canadian Press Correspondent)

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, April 27—County Clare board has refused a request by the Free State office of public works to allow memorial headstones bearing British regimental badges to be erected over the graves of ex-servicemen buried in the county.

Sean Hayes, a member of the board, said they had no grievances

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**Art War Starts In London**

(C.P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, April 27—Two prominent artists, Homerville Hague and Stanley Spencer, raised no end of a row today following a notification that some of their pictures had been rejected by the Royal Academy.

Hague said he was "stok and tired" of having his offerings rejected by the Academy for the last 18 years—despite the fact he has painted more portraits of royalty than any other living artist.

The latter irate artist, who first exhibited in the R. A. in 1895, has painted portraits of Queen Victoria, King George, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and other notables.

Spencer is the well known painter whose remarkable picture, "Resurrection" caused so much argument when Sir Joseph Duveen presented it to the Tate Gallery.

"I know there is a clique which does not like my allegorical style," says Spencer, "but I was dumb-founded when I was asked to withdraw these two, which I consider the better of the five. What made it more galling was the statement of the council, that they 'do not think these works are of advantage to my reputation or the influence of the academy.'"

"It is sheer effrontery for these as I am inspired. They want nice lines and perfect proportioned figures. That is not my view of creative art."

Sir William Llewellyn, President of the Royal Academy, says the pictures were rejected under rules which Spencer must be aware are often exercised.

**Wipe Out Village To Provide Power**

(By The Canadian Press)

MANCHESTER, April 26—The great dam the foundation stone of which has been laid recently at Haweswater will result in altering the map of the English lake district. It will wipe out a village, a church, half a dozen farms and a road, and turn a wooded valley into a lake five miles long.

These are the striking features of Manchester Corporation's \$50,000,000 scheme to provide water for the city and South-East Lancashire.

At the north end of Haweswater Valley the corporation has created a village of wood and concrete houses populated by 350 workmen. They have been here for five years blasting and boring through miles of rock and building an aqueduct to link up the enormous 90 mile long pipe line into Manchester.

Beyond this village the dam, a quarter of a mile wide and more than 100 feet high, is to be built of concrete and steel—with a hollow core.

This alone will cost \$2,300,000, and its completion will bring the amount already spent by Manchester on this scheme to more than \$15,000,000. Afterwards will come the building of a new and bigger aqueduct, passing all the way to Manchester.

It will take at least five years to finish the dam, and then the lovely hamlet of Mardale, the scene of a shepherds' meet that has been famous throughout Lakeland for a century, will lie beneath 100 feet of water.

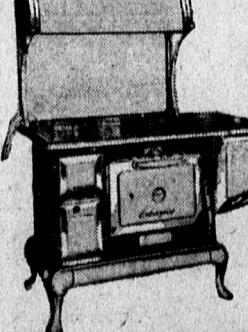
Manchester Corporation has decided to scrap "halfway" economy measures and to go ahead with the full plan. And so one of the greatest water schemes in Europe is successfully underway.

LONDON—Anxious there should be no dispute over her estate of \$100,000, the late Mrs. Frederic Cook disposed of it in a will of 8,000 words.

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**FLAYS HUSBANDS OF PETTY-MINDS**

LONDON, April 27—(CP)—Husbands who, throughout married life, keep a "rod in pickle" for their wives were condemned by Miss Elmor Rathbone, M.P., at a meeting of the Union of Townswomen's Guilds.

"The 'rod in pickle,'" said Miss Rathbone, "is the threat of dishonourance. Some tyrannical, petty-minded men allow their wives no say in the education of their children, no money or not enough money for clothes or even for housekeeping."

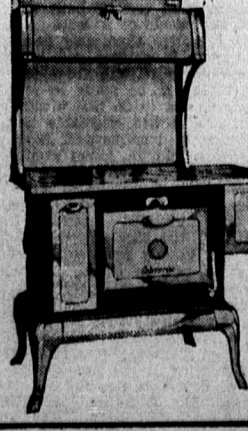
"If the wife insists on her rights the husband says: 'Very well, have it your own way, but I'll cut you out of my will.'"

"England," said Miss Rathbone, "is the only civilized country which allows the testator absolute freedom to leave if he so wishes, his dependents unprovided for. As our laws now stand, a man with money can leave his wife or children to be maintained out of Poor Law funds. Most husbands and fathers are mindful of their obligations, but if only one in 1,000 is not that makes a total, throughout the country, of 8,000 cases of hardship."

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