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## MURDERER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

(Canadian Press) WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—While official silence has been kept, the details of how John Krafchenko, committed for trial for the murder of H. M. Arnold, formerly of Sussex, N. B., and the robbery of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, escaped from the Winnipeg police station early Saturday morning has leaked out. The desperado had a key for his cell but how he got it is a mystery. Two unarmed constables were in the room with him and they had no keys the door being locked from outside by the sergeant in charge of the station. Two beds are in the room, one for the prisoner and one for the guards room, while not one of the guards had a key for the door. Krafchenko did not sleep on Friday night and shortly after midnight he rose and began to pace his room, the guards sitting on the bed conversing. Facing the room is not an uncommon practice with a prisoner and they paid no attention. Suddenly he stopped in front of them and on their looking up ran his eye over the bar-

rel of a revolver. Krafchenko stepped back better to cover them and then backed both guards into the clothes closet and locked the door. There is glass in the door and looking through it the guards saw the prisoner take a key from his pocket and unlock the door cell. Passing into the hall he entered the photograph room next door. The guards were trying to open the closet when he returned and told them to keep quiet or he would shoot them full of holes. They kept quiet. He then passed out again into the photograph room and taking a clothes line he wound it about him and tied it to the steam pipe, raised the window and departed. He slid down the rope three stories and since that time has disappeared as completely as if the ground had swallowed him. It took the guards several minutes to make a way out of the closet. An alarm was given and a police drag-net thrown out. Percy Haget, Krafchenko's counsel, had an interview with him at 11 o'clock Friday night and while the interview was going on the guards were out of the room.

## INTERESTING POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Yesterday morning, at the Police Court, Mr. J. Johnston addressed His Honour Mr. K. J. Martin for the defence of his client George Carver who was charged with having on December 8 sold intoxicating liquor contrary to the Prohibition law, this being his first offence. Mr. Johnston argued that the detectives were unreliable witnesses; they were interested—peculiarly interested—for their existence depended on the results they obtained. Their evidence was uncorroborated by independent witnesses and in the circumstances was worthless. He urged His Honour to dismiss the case.

Mr. Bentley replied shortly. He said that the witnesses were members of one of the most reliable and well known institutions in Canada and they had come here at the request of public-spirited men to enquire into the sale of liquor and had prepared to take stand if they found intoxicating liquor being sold. He thought there was nothing for the Magistrate to do but convict. The men's salaries had absolutely nothing to do with their results. His Honour: In this case the evidence of the detectives, that the liquor was intoxicating, is not contradicted and I don't think I have any alternative but to fine the defendant. Carver was therefore fined \$100 and \$25 costs or 3 months, this being his first offence. The case against Owen Trainer, His Honour said, was considerably difficult in it as the witnesses for the defence were persons of more or less credibility. The evidence of the detectives, however, while it had been woefully shaken had still been uncontradicted. The defence had said that they had drunk beer in Trainer's place that was not intoxicating; but they did not contradict that on a particular day—the day on which the detectives said they drank the intoxicating beer—defendant had sold such beer. It was with extreme reluctance that His Honour convicted the defendant, but there was no discretion left him in the matter at all. The detectives had been called "whiskey snickers," etc. but they were not detectives in the true sense of the word; they were merely witnesses—nothing more. In all the circumstances he must fine the defendant. Trainer also was given the fine attaching to first offence—\$100 and \$25 costs or three months.

### THE CASE OF MOORE

In the case of Moore, the Magistrate said that the charge had been misdirected, Moore himself knew nothing of the sale of intoxicating beer, and, if anybody, Mrs. Moore was the person who should have been prosecuted. He could therefore only dismiss the case. The defendant was accordingly discharged. So far as Ronald Steele was concerned, "this man," said Mr. Martin, swore that the liquor was not intoxicating and that it was only 3 per cent. The detectives, on the other hand, wanted the court to believe that the beer was intoxicating on their assertion that it was their mere opinion that two glasses which they drank were intoxicating. He had no hesitation in acquitting the defendant. Another case against George Carver, for having sold intoxicating liquor on December 10th, was then taken. Mr. Johnston intimated to His Honour that his client was ill in bed, and he would ask for an adjournment. He would not object, however, to Mr. Bentley leading evidence. This was accordingly done. Detective Elrod's evidence was that

## MARINE TRAGEDIES

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Marine tragedies of last year are unusually heavy. Monetary loss was \$35,000,000. During the 11 months of which records were complete there were 1820 collisions, 1532 strandings, 895 cases weather damage and 423 fire and explosions. These figures apply to vessels of 50 tons gross and over. No fewer than 63 British and 154 foreign ships were lost. On the day in question he and his colleague went into defendant's shop and bought two bottles of Budwiser. They paid for the liquor. Witness felt intoxicating effects from the liquor. Cross-examined by Mr. Johnston: Witness certainly felt intoxicating effects from the two glasses of Budwiser. He did not know how much his agency was getting for his trip down here. He was positive he was with the Thiel people at present. On the night of 2nd December he first became acquainted with Valade, at Summerside. Although he and Valade were members of the Thiel agency they never knew each other until they met in P. E. Island.

## A QUESTION BY COUNSEL

Mr. Johnston: How did you know then, that Valade belonged to the agency when you only met him here? He had nothing to show, you know. Witness: There are hundreds of men belonging to the agency whom I don't know. Valade told me at Summerside that he had been sent to join me. I had not asked for another man. I was not asked to wire, nor did I consult anybody before wiring. I sent the wire on the 27th November from Summerside. I arrived here on the 25th. (Witness here read from his note book the entry, in connection with the telegram, "message 42 cents.") There was a warm exchange of words between Counsel concerning the propriety of witness being asked if he had anything in his book apart from the case in hand. Witness eventually answered Mr. Johnston, that a man came along with him on the train, a John Macdonald, from the agency; but he was taken ill and had to go back. Witness knew him for only eight months. Witness did not know what was wrong with him, but he only knew he went back to Montreal. Witness did not know if Macdonald was "sick of the job," neither did he know if he was "sick of rum." Witness was sure he was not keeping anything back from counsel, he did not know what was the matter with Jack. At any rate Jack did not operate. Valade next gave evidence. On December 10 he saw defendant at his place of business. It was 2.30 on Wednesday. Elrod was with him and bought a bottle of Budwiser which they drank afterwards witness also bought a bottle. It was intoxicating beer. Cross-examined: He didn't know Jack Macdonald. He never discovered any of Jack's symptoms. Mr. Bentley interposed to ask witness a few questions, in reply to which he said that Carver had told him in the Court yard that the beer was over 4 per cent. NO "CONFIDENCE MAN," BIRI By Mr. Johnston: Witness was not a "confidence man" of the Thiel people. He did not know if Elrod was a "confidence man" for all witness knew (laughter). This was all the evidence for the prosecution. The defence asked His Honour for an adjournment. He called on Dr. Yeo who stated that he was attending George Carver professionally. The man could not come to Court as he was ill in bed. In reply to Mr. Bentley, that defendant had been in court a few days before, the doctor said that there had been a development in the man's

## AVIATOR KILLED

(Canadian Press) SAN DIEGO, Chile, Jan. 12.—Lt. Mory, military aviator, while making a flight yesterday fell a height of 3000 feet and was dashed to pieces.

## THE ZEBER AFFAIR

(Canadian Press) BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The acquittal of Con. Von Reuter, Lt. Schand and Lt. Baron Von Forster at Strassburg, all charged in connection with the Zebur affair, was apparently a victory for the army all along the line. But it is a serious event that there will be a serious aftermath as the crisis is graver than it was in December predicted. The court martial, in the case of Von Reuter upheld an almost forgotten enactment of December, 1820, authorizing a military commandant to assume control whenever in his judgment it is necessary. This enactment approved acts which the Imperial Chancellor in December declared were unquestionably illegal. The parties who voted no confidence in the Government prompted by the indignation over this isolated incident of military aggression are now lining up to defend constitutional principles. They demand nullification of the decree which sets at naught the subsequently enacted laws and which, if upheld, subordinates civil to military authority every where in Prussia. The Court Martial proceedings have apparently turned public sympathies to a considerable extent in the direction of Von Reuter and his officers. Even the opposition papers admit there were abundant grounds for the arrests. They hold Von Reuter blameless for acting on instructions found in the service Manual.

condition and that he was now considerably worse. The case was adjourned to Monday at 9 a. m. The case against Byron Brown, charged with the first time with breach of the Prohibition Law, his offence having been committed on December 6 was then called. His lawyer, Mr. Stewart, being absent, the evidence for the prosecution proceeded with. Elrod said that on the day in question he was in the defendant's place the Revere Hotel, where he bought two glasses of Scotch Whisky for himself and Valade. Defendant himself sold it and received 20 cents. That was about 6.40 p. m. Detective Valade gave evidence corroborative of last witness. Sgt. Bradley gave evidence as to having served the summons on the defendant in person. His Honour adjourned this case to Monday, warning the witness for the defence to appear promptly. The court room was not as crowded as on previous occasions, there being considerable standing space available; but the benches were all packed.

## BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS SUMMONED

LONDON, January 9.—Summonses against sixteen British army officers and civilians were granted yesterday by the police magistrate at the Bow Street Court. The men are called on to appear on January 17 to answer charges in connection with the management of the canteens in army barracks. No names for particulars of the charges were given out for publication, but it is known generally that the army officers concerned belong to the quarter-masters' department, and that some of them have risen from the ranks, while the civilians summoned to appear are clerks, employed by contractors. Systematic bribery and corruption are reported to have been in progress for some time and are said to have reached such proportions that the war office decided that the court martial which it had proposed to call would not have jurisdiction sufficiently wide to deal properly with the scandal.

## I. C. R. INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Six deaths and one total disability is reported in Secretary's Paver's report on the Intercolonial and P. E. I. Railway Employers' Relief and Insurance Association for the month ending December 28th, 1913. The cases are as follows:—Joseph Char-est, retired employe, River du Loup, November 26, heart disease, insured, \$500; Thomas Oxenham, retired employe, Halifax, November 29, arterio sclerosis, \$250; W. W. Bragg, machinist's helper, Moncton, November 29, pneumonia, \$500; C. W. Fairweather, retired member, Moncton, December 10, cerebral tankman, \$500; December 10, hemorrhage of brain, \$250; John Rix, retired member, Moncton, total disability, \$1,000.

## Passed Away Yesterday. Sketch of His Career. Funeral to be in the Island.

The Guardian regrets to announce the death of the Hon. David Laird which took place at 3.30 yesterday morning in Ottawa. Mr. Laird had been ill for some days and his daughter, Mrs. Mathieson, wife of the Premier, was telephoning for and had been nursing to her, as soon as she arrived, that there was little prospect of his recovery and she consequently telegraphed for the other members of her father's family in different parts of Canada and the United States, and most of these are now en route for Ottawa. The body will be brought to Charlottetown for burial. The death of the Hon. David Laird removes an Island stalwart and one of the Father's of Confederation, although personally he was not a representative at the first conference of the fathers of Confederation. Mr. David Laird was the fourth son of the late Hon. Alexander Laird, a native of Renfrewshire, Scotland, who came to P. E. I. in 1819. He was born in New Glasgow in 1833 and was educated at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Truro, N. S., and returning to the Island he immediately took a prominent part in its affairs and soon afterwards established the Patriot newspaper, which became under his editorship, the leading mouth-piece of the Liberal party; but he did not confine his attention and energies wholly to newspaper work. That was merely a side issue as a means to an end with him. Mr. Laird was a publicist, more over than a politician, and always felt that his place was in directing and guiding public affairs as well as in influencing public opinion. He was a member for some years of the City Council, was appointed to the board of education, became a governor of Prince of Wales College, and in 1871 was returned to the Legislature for Belfast. In the following year he joined Mr. Haythorne's administration and later accompanied that gentleman on a mission to Ottawa to conclude negotiations for the entrance of P. E. I. into the Dominion. On the consummation of that event in 1873, Mr. Laird was elected to the House of Commons, and sat therein until his appointment as first Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territory on October 7, 1876. During the four years he sat in the House prior to this appointment he was Minister of the Interior in Mr. McKenzie's administration. While in that position he concluded with the Indians of Qu'Appelle a treaty under which the title of certain tribes in the soil was extinguished by purchase. The territory thus surrendered covered 75,000 square miles on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Laird remained in the Northwest Territory until the expiration of his office in December 1881. At the general election in 1882 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the representation of Queen's, and at the general election of 1886 he was unsuccessful in contesting Saskatchewan. He was subsequently appointed Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which office he retained until his death. In Island affairs Mr. Laird took a foremost part and was for long Vice-President and Vice-President of the Dominion Prohibitory Alliance. Before entering Dominion politics he was for some time at variance with the leaders of the local Liberal Party, and for many years his sympathies were with the Conservatives. A member of the Presbyterian Church he was frequently returned a lay delegate to the Presbyterian Assembly. All his life he has been a man of great energy and public spirit. He is survived by his son, Professor A. G. Laird, B. A., and gold medalist in classics, Dalhousie University 1889, of Wisconsin University, and Mr. D. R. Laird, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Amherst, Mrs. J. A. Mathieson, Charlottetown, and Mrs. D. H. Laird of Winnipeg, also one brother, Mr. Albert Laird of New Glasgow.

## MRS. WHITNEY, FIRST WOMAN PASSENGER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, Dec. 10.—Mrs. L. A. Whitney, of this city, was the first woman passenger on the St. Petersburg-Tampa airboat line. The round trip of fifty miles was made in 45 minutes. The airboat maintained an average height of 300 feet on the return trip. The airboat line is maintaining a regular schedule, as advertised, and has carried passengers on every trip since January 1, averaging 22 minutes for the one-way trip.

## GOVT'S BIG WORKS IN CALGARY.

CALGARY, Alta., Jan. 7.—R. B. Bennett, M. P., spoke at the annual meeting of the Calgary Conservative Association last night. He said work on Calgary's million dollar post office was to be commenced at once. He said federal engineers were in the city to select a site for an inclined elevator, which is to cost \$1,000,000 and that the contracts for Calgary's \$3,000,000 armory was to be let in the course of a few months.

## SERIOUS CHARGE

(Canadian Press) LISBON, Jan. 12.—There was a tumultuous scene in the Senate Saturday when Jose De Freitas rose to offer an interpellation in which he charged Premier Dr. Altonos Costa with dishonesty and having used influence to minister provisional government and favor clients to practise law. Senator De Freitas was greeted with jeers and insults and the government senators left the house in a body making it impossible to put a question of enquiry which demanded to vote.

## PREMIER'S CONDITION

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Premier Whitney's condition is unchanged.

## BOXING NEWS

(Canadian Press) SYDNEY, Aust., Jan. 12.—Tom McCormack of Australia was defeated on points by Johnny Summers, the English pugilist in 20 Rounds for the British Welterweight Championship.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the former world's champion, wants to win back the title; but the State Commission says he is too old to re-enter the Ring. Fitzsimmons has now applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction against this decision and the court will decline his future.

## MISSION EDUCATION

(TORONTO, Jan. 8.—Plans for an extensive united campaign of missionary education, to be participated in by all the leading mission boards and societies of Canada, were outlined yesterday at St. James parish hall where forty-seven representatives of general mission societies and similar organizations met. A provisional committee, representing all denominations, under the chairmanship of Rev. Dr. McKay of the Presbyterian Board, was appointed to take the preliminary steps in organizing the proposed campaign. At the annual meeting of the missionary education movement, which was held immediately after the other meeting, plans were discussed which include two missionary institutes in Ontario, a series of twelve in the western provinces, another series of ten in the Maritime Provinces during February and March, the six summer conferences to be followed in the fall by an extensive campaign in institute work in Ontario and Quebec.

## MAN DROWNED IN SYDNEY HARBOR

(NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 10.—A drowning accident occurred here Thursday morning off Vooght wharf. A man named Enos White fell overboard from the wharf and a tug-boat of the water and everything was possible to restore him but he died while being moved to his home. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and had been suffering from epileptic fits, one of which seized him as he stood on the wharf, resulting in his death. He is a brother of Charles White, the well-known North Sydney runner and athlete.

## PROF BROCK DEPUTY APPOINTED MINISTER OF MINES.

(OTTAWA, January 9.—Professor Reginald W. Brock, director of the geological survey of Canada, has been appointed Deputy Minister of Mines in Succession to Dr. A. F. Low, who has retired. Professor Brock was born in Perth in 1874, educated at the Ottawa Collegiate Institute and Toronto, Queens and Heidelberg Institutes. He was a professor at the Queens School of Mines before joining the staff of the geological survey. In that position he carried out many important explorations and is regarded as the best geological authority in Canada.

## CITIZENS WANT AN INVESTIGATION

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—A petition asking for the appointment of a commission of enquiry, composed of a judge superior and two engineers of wide experience and highest ability to investigate the Christmas day break of the conduit and apportion the blame and to investigate the water department system and water supply was presented to the Board of Control on Saturday by representatives of the Board of Trade, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, National Montreal Trades Labor Council, and the Builders' Exchange. Mayor Lavallee's reply stated that an investigation would come in due course of time.

## MINERS KILLED

(Canadian Press) BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 12.—Twelve men, five whites and seven negroes were killed in an explosion of rock at Castle Mine, Davis Creek Coal Co., Saturday. More than 280 were in the mine when the explosion took place and all but twelve got out of the workings before after damp affected them. Rescue squads were rushed to the scene as soon as the news came but were unable to do much for the men. The explosion of gas originated from the igniting of dust in the mine.

## TO CHANGE SEAT

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Jan. 12.—Austin Chamberlain, M. P., will probably be asked to give up his seat at East Worcester and run for Birmingham in succession to his father, Joseph Chamberlain.

## PRIEST WARNED

(Canadian Press) HAZENBRONCK, France, Jan. 12.—Abbe Jules Lemire, the only priest who is a member of the Chamber of Deputies has been suspended by the Bishop of Lille and Editor Bouste of Le Cri Des Flandes, the organ of the Abbes supporters, is ex-communicated as a result of differences over the Abbes Political program. The Abbe is given four days in which to renounce his candidature and public break from the newspaper and to disavow all social newspaper given under its auspices. If not he will be absolutely suspended from his priestly offices.

## LEAGUE OF THE CROSS MEETING

The annual meeting of the League of the Cross was held Sunday in the Society's Hall on Dorchester Street. It was one of the most largely attended meetings of the Society ever held and a goodly number of new members were received into the Society. The Boosting Committee, which had been appointed at the previous meeting to canvass Charlottetown in an endeavor to make every eligible young Catholic a member of the League of the Cross, reported that they were meeting with unprecedented success and the problem of more than doubling the membership of the society would be no very difficult if the committee, which is divided into squads for each of the different wards, continued to meet with such success. The retiring officers all gave excellent reports and in neat speeches reviewed the work of the past year showing that it was in many ways the greatest in the history of the Society. The Secretary in his report referred to the Society's Band which is the largest and one of the best in Charlottetown. The band had filled many engagements during the summer and the remarks passed as to its ability were most complimentary. The band was improving all the time and by next spring, with the addition of a number of promising young musicians, it ought to be not only the largest but also one of the best bands on the Island or in fact in the Maritime Provinces. The Spiritual Director, the Rev. Father Pius Macdonald, reported in regard to the property on Queen Street. It is now free from debt and a good sum which is increasing rapidly is now in the treasury as a fund for the construction of a new hall for the society. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, W. J. Brawlers; Vice-President, Wilfred Doucette; Secretary, Ambrose Joy; Treasurer, J. Francis; Hall Committee, James Brown; Chairman, Alban Macdonald; Chief Marshal, Patrick McQuaid; Auditing Committee, Peter Doyle; (Chairman), G. McLellan and L. Wynne; Sick Committee, L. Doucette (Chairman); F. Cullen and A. R. McInnis. After the election of officers the Spiritual Director gave an address. He said that the past year had been a most successful one for the League of the Cross. He reviewed the work of the past year and the many public events in which the society had figured prominently. The retiring officers

had worked well to promote the object of the society. However, with new men in office, it meant new vitality and he saw no reason why the coming year would not be far superior to any previous for the society; he hoped that the present hall would not be large enough to hold the number of members who would be present at the next annual meeting. The League of the Cross was a society for all the Catholic young men of Charlottetown and consequently all young men should be interested in it. If the society had the assistance of all the young men it could do much more and if that assistance could be attained he would not be afraid to go ahead and build a hall large enough to accommodate most enjoyably and comfortably all the Catholic young men of Charlottetown. The society wanted the assistance of the Catholics of Charlottetown to make a greater effort in the cause of Temperance. A good start had already been made with greater strength, the Society would be better able to further their object. Some object members of the Society also spoke of the work of the past year. Everybody at the meeting seemed very optimistic for the Society. At the coming year and with a steadily increased membership and such an excellent executive, it looks as if 1914 would be better than any year of the past for the League of the Cross Society.

## WILD SCENES ENACTED

(Canadian Press) PRESIDIO, Texas, Jan. 12.—A wild scene Saturday night followed the rebels' greatest victory over Huerta's forces in the capture of Ojinaga Villa and the rebels came in from the south and southwest with trumpets blowing and rifles discharging in the air. The rebels stricken rebels fled to the river plunged into the icy waters and struggled across to the States.

## OFFICIAL ATTACKED

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It is charged by the friends of Secretary State Bryan, that "the interests have made up fund to finance a countrywide attack on Bryan to drive him from Wilson Cabinet."

## A FLAG INCIDENT

(Canadian Press) DUBLIN, Jan. 12.—Captain White son of the Defenders of Ladyamth in the Boer War, addressed a meeting here yesterday, against the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the recent strike rioting. Jim Larkin, the strikers leader, also spoke and referred to the British flag as "the Dirty Flag which is covered with more disease and degradation than I know." Captain White angered by this remark left the platform in High Dudgeon and disappeared in the crowd.

## MILES FROM ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 9.—New York capitalists have leased a site adjoining the Ford Motor Car Company's property at Colbrook, three miles from the city, and announce that as The Dominion Motor Car Co. Ltd., they will erect an automobile manufacturing and also start a brick making industry. The names mentioned are H. M. Kilburn, of the National City Bank, New York; T. A. Rockefeller, J. P. Flagger, and two prominent directors of an American automobile factory, John A. Graham and Leslie P. Boyd.