

Physician Dramatizes His Testimony For Dr. Adams

LONDON (CP) — A physician who dramatized his testimony with contortions said Wednesday there is "no necessity" for linking the death of an elderly widow with heavy drug injections she had received from Dr. John Bodkin Adams.

"It is possible, yes," said Dr. John Bishop Harman, the first witness called in defence of the 58-year-old society physician who is charged with murdering his wealthy patient for gain.

But Dr. Harman said that in circumstances such as those surrounding the death of 81-year-old Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, "one does not regard it as a question of explaining the cause of death."

"One knows they just die," he said. "It is very difficult to know for certain why they die."

Mrs. Morrell suffered a severe stroke two years before her death in November, 1950, and also was suffering from arteriosclerosis.

DRUGGED TO DEATH

The crown charges that Adams, who received a chest of silver and

Rolls-Royce from her estate, deliberately drugged her to death at her mansion in the fashionable south coast resort of Eastbourne.

Dr. Harman testified after Justice Sir Patrick Devlin rejected a defence motion for a directed acquittal. The judge said that although conflicts have arisen in medical testimony, questions remain which the jury must decide.

As the defence began its case it was clear that the murder trial, which Wednesday became the longest in British history, will be fought out almost entirely on medical grounds.

Defence counsel Geoffrey Lawrence said the defendant will not be called to the witness box.

Dr. Harman startled the court by contorting his face and disappearing from sight in a mock collapse.

CONVULSIONS ABSENT

Harman said his performance showed how a person would act if seized by a "spinal" convulsion brought about by morphine poisoning. He said such convulsions had been absent at Mrs. Morrell's

death.

Lawrence's questioning of Dr. Harman was designed to attack two key premises which had been put forward for the crown by narcotics authority Dr. Arthur Douthwaite and neurologist Dr. Michael Arthur Ashby:

1. That the injections of heroin and morphine given Mrs. Morrell in the last five days of her life were too heavy.
2. That they almost certainly caused her death.

Dr. Harman said he saw nothing remarkable about the injections, which Dr. Douthwaite described as 35 times the normal maximum dose.

Lawrence, in making his move for acquittal, argued that the crown had produced no case of murder but only "a shadow adumbration of possibility."

Mr. Justice Devlin ruled that if more than one interpretation is available from the sworn testimony the jury itself, which consists of 10 men and two women, must decide which interpretation to accept.



WILL ATTEND GUIDE CAMP

Chosen from the 1st Souris Guide Company to attend the B.P. Centenary Camp at Doe Lake, near Ottawa this summer are Bonnie MacLean and Audrey Roach.

Island Women Commended For Work In Aid Of Red Cross

Mrs. Hunt, Christie of Toronto, National Chairman of Women's Work of the Canadian Red Cross Society, yesterday commended the women of Prince Edward Island for the vast amount of knitting and sewing they have done through the Red Cross for overseas and local emergencies during the past eighteen years.

Mrs. Christie, who is a full-time volunteer at the National Red Cross Headquarters in Toronto, is visiting the Red Cross Division in the Atlantic Provinces in connection with her Department which is a very important phase of Red Cross activity.

In speaking to local members of the Red Cross Women's Work Committee who represent the different women's organizations, Mrs. Christie said that during 1956 alone the women of Canada had made up 264,201 articles for shipment overseas. She commented that 6,000 of this number had been made by the women of Prince Edward Island which is indeed a creditable showing. She told of the ultimate destination of these articles of clothing and read excerpts from letters of thanks received from a number of National Red Cross Societies.

Of particular interest to the women of Prince Edward Island was a letter from the German Red Cross to which 13 cases of cloth-

First War Veteran Plunges To Death

NEW YORK (AP)—A destitute 61-year-old First World War veteran plunged 17 storeys to his death Friday before the horrified eyes of hundreds of spectators. A patrolman pleaded with him in vain for 20 minutes.

"Nobody wants to help me," said the man, tentatively identified as Julio Centino. He related in despair that he was broke, couldn't pay his room rent and couldn't get help from welfare au-

thorities or the veterans administration. He recounted his troubles at length to patrolman Harold Siegel before jumping.

DOCTOR DELEGATES

OTTAWA (CP) — Dr. P. E. Moore, director of the federal health department's Indian and northern health services will head the Canadian delegation to the 10th World Health Assembly in Geneva, May 7. Alternate delegates include Dr. Reginald Levesque, Quebec, president of the Canadian Medical Association.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

RESERVE WEDNESDAY, July 10th for Lower Montague Regatta.

BUY "FAMILY Bread," baked in Kings County Daily. Be sure to order your week-end's worth early at the Montague Bakery.

MORELL COMMUNITY Hall on Thursday night, April 4th at 8:30 a meeting to discuss the organization of an Artificial Breeding Club. For Loid 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAY NIGHT, April 4th, Morel Community Hall, a meeting of all interested Cattle Breeders to discuss the formation of an Artificial Breeding Club. Everyone welcome. Starts at 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. George C. Fisher, P.E.I. Department of Agriculture.

PERSONALS

Arthur Cantello, Frankie Layton, Howard MacKenzie, Leonard Davey, and Mrs. Minnie McGuigan, employees of Northumberland Ferries Limited, Pictou, N.S. spent the past week end at their respective homes.

W. D. Johnston Is Honored By Friends

Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Montague, entertained on Thursday evening March 28th, at a delightful birthday party in honor of Mr. W.D. Johnston. A large number of friends were present and everyone joined in wishing him many returns of the happy occasion. A complimentary address was given by Mr. L.M. MacKinnon who spoke of the pleasant association he enjoyed with Mr. Johnston during his thirty-three years in which he was a valued employee of the Montague Furnishing Company. Rev. A.M. Rogerson also spoke briefly.

On behalf of those present, gifts were presented to the honored guest by Miss Eldina MacKinnon. Mr. Johnston graciously responded and expressed his appreciation quoting from the scriptures, Ecclesiastes 7:1 "A good name is better than precious ointment."

A hearty sing-song was enjoyed with Miss Adah Brehaut as piano accompanist and a duet was rendered by Miss Brehaut and Mrs. Jackson with Miss Clemmie MacLean as pianist.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake was served during the lunch hour. Assisting the hostess were Misses Eldina MacKinnon, R. MacKinnon, and Myrna Kemp.

Young Women's Guild Held Regular Meeting

The April meeting of the Presbyterian Young Women's Guild, Montague, was held at the home Monday evening with the president, Mrs. Leland Nelson, presiding. There were ten members present. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. H. M. Smith and Mrs. Wellington Campbell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. S. D. Reid and were approved as read. Mrs. Roy Clow reported for the sick committee.

Plans were discussed for catering at a wedding reception in June, arrangements to be finalized at the next meeting. Mrs. Percy Myers reported for the work committee and material was distributed to the members.

At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Gaudet and Mrs. Elsie Waterworth.

Says Financial

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out the Atlantic Provinces and could place goods where they were wanted most.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS

That friendly relations be maintained with Newfoundland was the hope expressed by Mr. MacKinnon who noted that Newfoundland, because it is an Island Province, has a certain friendliness for us. "It is our duty to reciprocate this feeling to our sister Island Provinces," he said.

Mr. MacKinnon emphasized the importance of patronizing Island manufactured goods and in this respect noted that the stores of the Island were crammed with canned milk when an Island firm is, he said, producing the best canned milk in Canada.

The Minister also noted that many other products made outside the Province were seen in abundance in the stores when Is-

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SEES EXPANSION

"I believe that a tremendous expansion in our fishing industry can take place if we can only get our fishermen to try improved methods of fishing," said Mr. MacKinnon. He was thinking in particular of the change over from hand lining to long lining.

The Minister explained that within the last year a number of Island oysters have been shipped from the Island to stock beds in Nova Scotia. He said some people had criticized this move on the part of the Federal Department of Fisheries.

Mr. MacKinnon said the oysters shipped to Nova Scotia were the rough oversized oysters that could not be sold on the regular market and the oyster fishermen who were selling them were getting the regular market price. He recalled that the first biological station to be established in eastern Canada was in P.E.I. "It would be unfair of us to refuse this privilege to a sister province when we were so fortunate in obtaining it in the first place," he said.

R.R. Bell: "Will our oyster beds stand this removal of oysters from them. Some people think we are in danger of depleting our local supply."

Mr. MacKinnon: "I can't see where it is any different selling the oysters for that purpose and selling them to some store or restaurant. Only the big rough oysters are used and the fisherman is getting the market price for them."

Mr. MacKinnon went into some detail in explaining some experiments the Department was carrying out in regard to trout fishing and the use of the by-pass. The experiment showed that there were more large fish came into the pond than out of it.

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tiring efforts for the clinical system now operated in P.E.I. resulted in its present high standard. Through the work of himself and his colleagues a great deal was accomplished in reducing the incidence of tuberculosis within the Province.

When the Provincial Sanatorium was in its early planning stages, Dr. Creelman conducted much of the promotional and organizational work for the proposed institution. Appointed Medical Superintendent of the Sanatorium in December, 1930, his untiring efforts and love for his work gradually resulted in making the institution what it is today.

On the setting up of the first Board of Governors for the Sanatorium, Dr. Creelman was appointed its first secretary, a position which he held until that body was abolished a year ago.

A second appointment, that of Director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control, Department of Health was given him on April 1, 1949, in addition to his post as Medical Superintendent. In June 1951 Dr. Creelman received his certification with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Public Health.

An honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Tuberculosis Association was awarded him in October 1936. At the time of his death he was Vice-President of the N.B.-P.E.I. branch of the Canadian Public Health Association. He was a past member of the Charlottetown Gyro Club; a member of the Town Planning Board; and Past Master of St. John's Lodge, A.F. and

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TORIES WITHDRAW

LONDON (Reuters) — Conservative members of Parliament gradually are withdrawing their names from a resolution bitterly critical of United States policy during the Anglo-French military intervention in Egypt. Ten of the original 126 Conservatives who signed the motion have withdrawn their names. There are reports the remaining 116 will withdraw the motion shortly.

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