

Prosecution Lawyer Calls Doctor Money-Mad Killer

By EDDY GILMORE
EASTBOURNE, ENGLAND AP—The prosecution Monday night described Dr. John Bodkin Adams as a money-mad killer who systematically drugged his rich patients for profit.

"We say it was his greed that drove him on," said prosecutor Melford Stevenson. "A greed that was too great for him to wait until they died."

The 57-year-old doctor, long respected in this Victorian seaside resort frequented by old folks, looked up from the prisoners' dock. Then he scribbled on a note pad, and perspiration clung to his neck.

"The deaths of his patients have the same pattern," said the prosecutor. "A rich patient. Heavy drugging for months. Then the fatal dose at the end for the patient under whose will he benefits."

WILLED 2 ROLLS ROYCES
Prosecutor Stevenson accused the doctor, who has practised here 34 years, of poisoning three patients with "massive quantities" of heroin, morphine and barbitone. In a preliminary hearing before five examining magistrates the prosecutor named as the doctor's victims:

Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, 81, a rich and eccentric widow who died on Nov. 13, 1950, leaving Dr. Adams a Rolls Royce automobile and an oak chest full of antique silver.

Alfred John Hullett, 71, who

died on March 14, 1956, after will-ing the physician £300.

Hullett's widow, Mrs. Gertrude J. Hullett, who died four months after her husband, leaving Adams another Rolls Royce.

GIVEN £1,000 CHEQUE
"Six days before Mrs. Hullett died," said Stevenson, "she gave him a cheque for £1,000."

The prosecutor said the doctor hurried to a local bank to clear the cheque.

"Why did he do that?" asked the prosecutor. "We say because Dr. Adams knew that Mrs. Hullett was to die on the coming weekend."

The doctor wore a sweater under his suit and kept on an overcoat, as he continued to sweat and scribble. Occasionally, he stole a glance at the justices through his bifocal glasses.

The prosecution spent the morning outlining the death of Mrs. Morrell, a grower of dahlias.

CHANGED HER WILL
The prosecutor charged that the doctor made the widow his slave by turning her into a drug addict, and then killed her with overdoses after he had succeeded in getting her to change her will.

Defence counsel Geoffrey Lawrence objected to bringing in more than one death, but the prosecution was allowed to proceed after arguments behind closed doors. Adams has been formally charged with murder only in the death of Mrs. Morrell.

The Scotland Yard sleuth, Supt. Herbert Hannam, who arrested the doctor, looked into the wills of 400 elderly persons who had died here in the last 20 years.

In the preliminary hearing, the magistrates will rule whether the government has sufficient evidence to order a trial before judge and jury. The hearing is expected to last several days.

BODIES CREMATED
Stevenson said the doctor lied on certificates which he had to fill out in order to have the bodies cremated.

"Dr. Adams knew if he cremated his patients, the physical evidence of heavy drugging would be destroyed," contended the prosecutor.

Stevenson said that one of the strangest pieces of Dr. Adams' alleged behavior occurred during the treatment of Mrs. Hullett.

"Dr. Adams telephoned the coroner," he said, "and asked if he could have a private post-mortem on a patient."

The prosecutor said the coroner refused and inquired when the patient had died. Dr. Adams was quoted as replying: "The patient is not dead yet, but death is expected and I can't give the exact cause."

The prosecutor said Mrs. Hullett was not even ill when the doctor started giving her drugs after the death of her husband.

Dr. Adams did not testify Monday, but things he is reported to have told detective Hannam were given to the packed court room and 70 reporters.

Mild Weather In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Eastern Newfoundland enjoyed mild overcast weather with gentle winds Monday after a weekend during which gales plastered the area with snow and washed it nearly clean again with rain.

Temperatures plunged to 1.3 degrees below zero in St. John's Saturday night, coldest since 1951. Winds gusted to 100 miles an hour were recorded on the south coast and 80 miles an hour here.

Nearly 11 inches of snow fell Friday and six inches of rain Sunday.

Damage however was slight. Minor electrical blackouts and communications disruptions were reported and mud spilling down a hillside and over tracks forced two CNR diesel engines off the tracks in the St. John's yards.

Snow and slippery streets caused some traffic tieups but roads were back to normal by noon Monday. Airline schedules were disrupted during the weekend. Several freighters were delayed arriving and some ships did not sail on schedule.

Foster Friendly Relations With Foreign Students

WINNIPEG (CP)—The 238 students of overseas at the University of Manitoba provide plenty of scope for activities of the Winnipeg committee for Friendly Relations with Overseas Students.

The FROS group formed six years ago in Toronto, is active here as on other college campuses. It arranges cultural and social activities, invites students to private homes, puts them in contact with clubs, educational and religious groups and finds them lodgings.

Mrs. F. J. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Winnipeg committee, says she has constant visits from the foreign students asking about a great variety of matters.

Each year several teas are held in private homes to which large numbers of the students are invited.

"Hospitality in homes is a matter of mutual benefit in which hosts and guests share," said one committee member. "It is more than serving a good meal to a student away from home. It is an exchange of ideas, a meeting of minds creating friendships and impressions of lasting value."

At one such gathering the hosts were introduced to the mysteries of Indian cooking, with one student making paratha, a pancake-like food made of whole wheat flour, salted and cooked in butter. It is eaten with rice and curried food.

LOCKE ROAD

Mrs. Emmanuel Gallant of A-bram's Village, spent a few days with her daughter, Mr. Clifford Arsenault and her husband of Howlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View, were in Howlan on December 28th and spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant Henry Gallant, and Willis and Annie McLean of the Locke Road were in O'Leary on Friday.

Mrs. Jerry Arsenault and Mrs. Arthur DesRoches of Forest View, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Margaret Arsenault of Forest View.

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Francis Callicutt was in Howlan on Wednesday, December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View, were in O'Leary on Monday January 7th. A.N.

EARLY PRINTER
Johann Gutenberg made the first movable metal type in Germany between 1440 and 1450.



HANDS-OFF CABASH CHECKUP

Respecting Moslem hands-off hidden arms during series of raids in Algiers' Casbah Tuesday. Seeking Algerian nationalist terrorists, police and troop set up checkpoints throughout native quarter and stopped thousands of residents for identification. Police said a quantity of arms and ammunition was seized. (AP WirePhoto).

CASCUMPEC

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leard spent the Christmas holidays in New York, guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Thomas and son Barrie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leard on Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Firth MacNeill spent Christmas in Unionvale and Knutsford, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacDougall and Mrs. Velda MacNeill.

Miss Bessie Dennis and Mr. Nelson Dennis, O'Leary, recently spent a day in Cascumpec visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dennis and family.

Mr. Murphy arrived home by plane from Edmonton. He spent the Christmas holidays with his wife and two small sons. Mrs. Murphy and children spent the past few months in Cascumpec, the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Hudson.

Master Parker Rodd, Summerside, spent the Christmas holidays

NORTHAM

Sincere sympathy is being extended to Rev. M. J. Findlay on the death of his mother who passed away at her home in Dartmouth, N.S., on December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cotton and family of Porter's Lake, N.S., were visitors in this community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Raynor, Alberton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cotton on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Summerside, spent their Christmas holidays with their uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Colwill, Summerside.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. George Robinson whose death occurred on Sunday, Dec. 30th. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. With a short service at the home, followed by service in St. James Anglican Church, Port Hill. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Edgar Ellis, student of P. W.C., Charlottetown, spent his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Strongman and family, Summerside, were recent guests of Mrs. Strongman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace MacArthur.

The funeral of the late Mr. Adolphus Ramsay was held on Saturday afternoon from his residence. A short service was held at the house, followed by service in the Tyne Valley Presbyterian Church.

Claims Press Reports Of Gordon Report Misleading

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—One of the men who drafted the controversial Gordon report on Canada's economic prospects said Sunday night a "hullabaloo" had been caused by published accounts which approached it "from a mistaken point of view."

Dr. Raymond Gushue, president of Memorial University here, said in an interview some of the recommendations and findings of the report had been published out of their full context, leading to "misinterpretations."

The report had to be read as a whole—the section on the Maritimes had to be read in conjunction with sections dealing with specific industries.

NEEDED EMPHASIS
He said press reports should have emphasized that the Gordon commission urged "a positive and comprehensive" effort along several lines to develop the Atlantic provinces and raise the standards of living there. He said the commission made no recommendations that people should be encouraged to leave the Atlantic provinces.

The commission did make the suggestion they be assisted in moving to other areas to find work, he said, but only after a number of ifs: If the Maritimes did not have resources to support their populations, if full scale development of those provinces left some people still jobless, if every other effort failed.

The Gordon commission would not have recommended development of resources if it did not think those resources were there, Dr. Gushue said.

There were "undoubtedly soft spots" in the economies of the Atlantic provinces and every effort had to be made to harden them up.

"I wouldn't say the commission holds out little hope this can be done as reports would indicate," he said, but Canada should put forth a "special effort" toward helping the area.

Would Give Dope Peddlers Maximum Life Imprisonment

OTTAWA (CP)—The government wants maximum life imprisonment for dope peddlers and smugglers.

It announced its proposal Wednesday when a bill, providing stiff penalties for members of the multi-million-dollar illegal drug before a magistrate or six months to seven years for a conviction without a prior record, was introduced in the Senate.

The bill is based on the recommendations of a special senate committee which heard evidence in 1955 that there are about 3,200 drug addicts in Canada.

The bill repeals the present Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, which provides penalties of six months to seven years for illegal possession for trafficking.

NEW ACT
It would substitute the new Narcotic Control Act, making it a special offence to import narcotics illegally. The penalty would be 10 to 20 years for the first offence and 20 years to life imprisonment for subsequent offences.

Other penalties:

1. For illegal possession—six to 12 months.
2. Possession of drugs for trafficking—up to 14 years, without a minimum, for a first offence; 10 to 20 years for a second offence; 20 years to life for a third or subsequent offence.
3. Unlicensed cultivation of opium poppies or marijuana plants would carry a penalty of up to 18 months on summary conviction and up to seven years on conviction by indictment.
4. A list of drugs affected by the proposed law includes opium, marijuana, and heroin—the three drugs most widely used in the illegal drug traffic.

NATIONAL GALLERY
Canada's national gallery was founded in 1880 by the Marquis of A.W. Lorne, governor-general.

"Only A Cad Would Shoot A Fox" Say Unhappy Hunters

LONDON (A)—Foot-slogging, gun-toting Englishmen are helping to chase the highly social fox hunting fraternity into extinction.

Mr. fox is still on the losing end.

Members of fox destruction societies collect bounties for getting rid of foxes. The ministry of agriculture pays 10 shillings (\$1.40) for every one slain. It has registered 182 for destruction societies.

More and more farmers are joining the societies, and many are closing their broad acres to hunters who for years have galloped the countryside shouting "tally ho!"

Maurice Ocleshaw spoke for a lot of farmers:

"The Stevenstone hunt used to come over my land. They damaged hedges, left my gates open and frightened my stock. Fox hunting is cruel. Shooting, not hunting, is the way to deal with the pest."

"Fox hunting is a hangover from Victorian days," said farmer Robert Rankin. "It's a form of amusement that agriculture can no longer pay for."

The ministry of agriculture admits privately that it favors fox shooting as the best way to keep down the fox menace, but it won't take a public stand.

Meanwhile, the fox hunt clubs are encountering a different set of troubles.

ECONOMIC ONES
The cost of keeping horses and hounds has soared. The joint master of the Atherstone hunt in Warwickshire resigned last autumn, complaining that a pink coat costs \$84 and boots \$70.

The Blackmore hunt is going in for rummage sales to raise money. The South Dorset hunt held a fair to collect funds. Many have registered under the Small Lotteries Act—the raffish road to survival.

How do the tally ho hunters react to the fox destruction societies?

"It's monstrous, sir," snorted Maj. Claude Fetherstonehaugh, of the Crowley and Horsham Hunt. "Only a cad would shoot a fox."

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