ENGLAND STIRRED OVER CONVICTION

Morrison Murder Case Causes a Lot of Talk About Innocent Man Being Condemned.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

Police Were Whitewashed But Nobody is Much Impressed by the Kalsomining.

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LONDON, May 12.—There is an awful row on in England over the Stinie Morrison murder case. The Morrison case was just once when the courts overdid their old game of convicting an innocent man rather than not convict anybody. That is to say, Morrison is probably innocent of the murder of Leon Beron last New Year's day. He says he is, he has a fairly good alibi and the police had hardly a particle of evidence against him.

English judges and juries consider it a disgrace, however, to let anyone get away from them. According to their ideas, they are upholding the majesty of the British law when they hang a man. So they found Morrison guilty and Justice Darling sentenced him to be hanged. Morrison took his case to the Court of Criminal Appeal but the appeal judges were the same kind of people as the ones who found the original verdict and they refused to interfere.

Upon this there arose a tremendous outcry. The thing was a little too scandalous even for the English ideas of justice. G. K. Chesterton, for instance, wrote as follows: "Everyone knows that the case for the prosecution was from the first in a state of progressive collapse. First one witness deserted and then another. A man and a woman swore against Morrison. Later the man and the woman admitted they had lied. A policeman gave evidence against the rest of the police. The prosecution actually came into court with half its case dishonored and destroyed. Its chief supporter behaved like one possessed of devils. But through all this the prosecution went smiling while their case crashed to the earth on every side. Against Morrison almost nothing remains.

Claude Lumley, Morrison's solicitor, tried to take the case to the House of Lords, which is the British court of last resort, but the law provides that criminal appeals cannot go as far as this except with the permission of the attorney-general. Attorney General Sir Rufus Isaacs refused this permission. This seems rather queer but he did.

Then Solicitor Lumley drew up a petition for his client's pardon and 69,123 people took the trouble to call at his office and sign it in only three or four days.

Finally the pressure became so severe that Home Secretary Winston Churchill decided, much as the Home office dislikes to save a man from the gallows, that he must defer a little to public sentiment. So he commuted Morrison's sentence to life imprisonment. Of course this amounted to an admission that the conviction was a mistake. Accordingly, inasmuch as Morrison was innocent, the Home Secretary was willing not to do anything more to him than to shut him up for the rest of his lifetime.

But this didn't stop the clamor. Other people didn't reason the same way that the Home Secretary did. Their theory was that Morrison ought to be turned loose altogether. Even the rabidest upholders of ancient institutions like the British courts and the British Home Office said so. "This man is either guilty or innocent of a foul, cold-blooded murder," as the London Express put it. "If the man is guilty he ought to be hanged. If he is innocent he ought not to suffer penal servitude for life.

Now the matter is coming up in the House of Commons. The Home Secretary is to be asked from its floor shortly to explain himself. The probabilities are that the final outcome will be Morrison's release but it has taken a tremendous commotion to accomplish it and British judges and juries haven't come out of it very creditably. The consensus of opinion is that they are altogether too fond of hanging people.

The police haven't gained much credit from the Morrison case, either. They have been whitewashed, it is true, but it was rather too obvious a whitewash to have impressed anyone.

Leon Beron's murder was a particularly brutal one and the police department came in for some pretty severe criticism for delay in catching the murderer. It is fairly apparent that they finally made up their minds that they must do something to save their faces. So Morrison was selected for the victim. He had served a term in an English prison, for one thing. This made it easier to fasten the Beron murder upon him. Then, too, he was a Russian and there has been a good deal of growling in England lately about criminal aliens, hence, it seemed likely that his conviction would be popular.

Where the police made their mistake was in failing to "fix" their witnesses so that they would stick to their stories. On direct examination they did well but under cross-examination by Barrister Abinger, on Morrison's behalf, one after another of them went completely to pieces until, as G. K. Chesterton expressed it, "against Morrison almost nothing remained."

The climax came when Policeman George Greaves took the stand. Detective Sergeant Brogden, who arrested Morrison, had already testified that the latter jumped to the conclusion, before a word had been said to him, that he was wanted for the Beron murder. Greaves' story was that he himself heard Brogden tell the prisoner what he was wanted for—Brogden's own remark being the first reference anyone had made to the Beron case.

The Home secretary, who is supreme head of the police department, could hardly afford to let this story pass unnoticed, so an investigation was ordered. It was conducted by George Cave, a king's counsel, a member of parliament and a friend of Home Secretary Winston Churchill. The home secretary himself selected Cave for this work and it is just possible, considering that the investigation related to a charge of misconduct in his own department that he picked some one upon whom he thought he could rely for a favorable report.

At any rate, the report was favorable to the police department. Cave found that Policeman Greaves' story was untrue. "I think it right to add," said the report, "that I am not satisfied that Greaves deliberately swore what he knew to be false. Upon the whole I am inclined to think that he persuaded himself that the incident actually occurred as he related it at the trial."

But it was an odd mistake for Greaves to make.

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CARTHAGE, ILL.

C. B. Tucker and Walter Love have bought out R. L. Carlton's restaurant, and taken possession of the same. Mr. Carlton takes in the Tucker barber shop in the deal.

Judge C. J. Scofield addressed the Men's League of the First Presbyterian Church in Monmouth, Thursday evening of last week.

Dr. C. E. Robertson has sold his drug business and residence to J. Howard McCulloch for $7500. Foster Lazier who has been with Dr. Robertson, will remain in the store for a while. Dr. Robertson is in Jerseyville looking up a new location.

Mrs. Geo. Main was called to Griggsville the first of the week, her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Statts having been badly scalded by pulling a dish pan full of boiling water onto herself.

Mrs. A. W. O'Harra and daughter, Miss Edith, were guests last Wednesday at an afternoon tea given by Mesdames Cooper, Allen and Bouscaren, at the River View Club house in Keokuk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferris returned Monday from Monmouth and are moving into their new home on South Madison street.

Miss Ellen Hoover, of Peoria, is visiting Mrs. C. M. McMillan.

Mrs. Addison Helms left Wednesday for Fresno, Calif., to be with her son Clay, who is in a serious condition from an injury to his lungs, which he received in a train wreck early in the winter.

Mrs. James Cherrill and daughter, Virginia, of Princeville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilcox, the first of the week. Mrs. Wilcox accompanied them to Colusa, where they spent the day with Mrs. Fred Miller.

Mrs. Lucy Smales, of Keokuk, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. M. Gordon.

Mrs. Maggie Hamilton of Chicago, is the guest of Miss Ida Hamilton.

Miss Gail Sympson spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Henry Springer, in Springfield.

Mrs. J. M. Owen is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Gardner, in Quincy.

Mrs. Alfred Hoover, of Chilicothe, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jesse Steckle.

Dr. E. M. Robbins is attending the state dental society in Peoria.

GOVERNOR VETOES THE AUTO BILL

Persons Driving on Public Highways Will Not Have to Turn Aside When a Motor Car Approaches.

PRESENT LAW GOOD

By Terms of Bill Liability Was Placed on Person Who Did Not Turn Out—Signs Insurance Bill.

Governor Carroll has refused to attach his signature to the bill by Representative Dunlap of Clinton county requiring persons driving on a public highway to turn aside when a motor car approaches.

By the terms of this bill the liability was placed upon the shoulders of the person who refused to turn out upon signal from a motorist, for any damage that might result.

It is to this section that the governor is opposed. He declares that much harm will come from it if it becomes a law. He sent the bill back to the legislature once, but it came back to him unamended. Hence he refuses to sign it, which amounts to a veto.

The communication sent by the governor to Secretary of State Hayward, explained his action as follows:

Hon. W. C. Hayward, Secretary of State—Dear Sir: Herewith I transmit to you house file No. 14, without my approval, for the following reasons:

As to the purpose of the bill I have no objections, but its provisions regulating passing when one party overtakes another are entirely too drastic and in my opinion will, if it becomes a law, lead to much abuse and even litigation.

The bill is modeled, in some respects, after the New York law, but it goes much beyond the provisions of the statutes of that state. We have a very good law now with regard to passing on the public highways when parties meet, and should have a law regulating passage when one person overtakes another, but it is my opinion, and in this I am supported by the judgment of the attorney general, that this bill goes to an unreasonable extent and opens the way for much abuse.

The bill was by me returned to the legislature with the request that the part which I have referred to be so amended as to remove the objectionable features, but in the last days of the session it was again sent to me without amendment. I do not feel that I can give it my approval without doing an injustice to the public, hence, as required by section 16, article 3 of the constitution, I herewith file it with you with my objections. Respectfully submitted, B. F. CARROLL, Governor.

The governor has signed the insurance omnibus bill of Auditor of State Bleakly, which he has been holding up. He placed a different construction on certain sections of the measure than did the auditor of state. Finally securing an opinion from the attorney general, and upon an agreed construction of other provisions of the bill with the auditor of state, the governor signed the measure.

The governor also signed the Clarkson mining bill Saturday. This is the last of the bills before him, and completes the grist of bills sent down to him by the general assembly.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Robinson and daughter Valley, visited with Mrs. McAndrews of Charleston Sunday.

Mrs. Rolla Foss and daughter Vera returned to their home in Salem last week after an extended visit with the former's mother, Mrs. George Purdy.

Little Gladys Hentzel came out from Donnellson Sunday to visit her aunt, Mrs. E. B. Wallingford.

Otto Hennies and family were Sunday callers at Chas. Eyler's.

Miss Winnifred Wedel spent Sunday with Miss Ella Ott.

Miss Lulu Kincaid spent last week with her Grandmother Leazer, of Houghton.

Al Holdefer and family were guests of relatives in Mt. Pleasant over Sunday.

Miss Lula Eyler entertained her friends, the Misses Bank and Krebill of Donnellson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wedel were calling at George Ott's Sunday.

Ernest Hackard and family of Donnellson Sundayed at the parental home.

Sam Evans returned home from Denver, Colorado Monday where he has been sight seeing the past week.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

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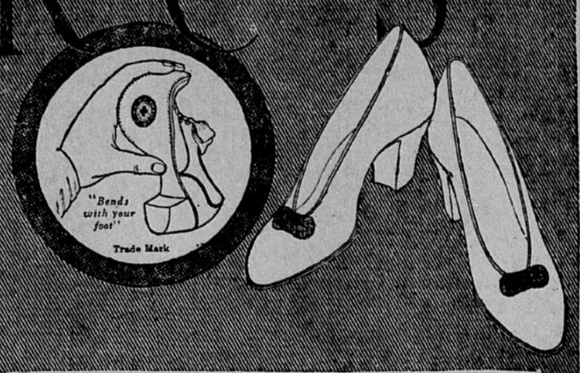

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