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# KILLING OF ELWELL IS BIG PUZZLE

## Society Murder in New York One of Greatest Mysteries.

# SHOT IN HIS HOME

## No Weapon, No Signs of Struggle, No Unlocked Windows.

New York report: Every element of the classic detective tale has appeared in its most dramatic setting in the Elwell case which since June 11 has defied solution by the foremost sleuths of this city. Wealth, divorce, the glitter of Broadway night life, beautiful women gowned and jewelled for the ball, the race track, the gaming table and, far removed from the frenzied whirl of the "bright lights," the dotting parents in their vine-shaded home in the country—all these are woven and interwoven into what has been pronounced by detectives the deepest mystery of years.

In its most sinister guise, murder at the hands of an unknown and unsuspected assassin, death came to Joseph Bowne Elwell in middle age when his most engrossing cares amounted to anxiety over a favorite race horse, some intricacy of his ruling passion, bridge whist, or an after-theatre engagement with "the women in black" or "the lady in gray."

Still breathing, though a large calibre bullet had plowed through his brain, Elwell was discovered at 8:30 in the morning of June 11 in his pajamas and slumped down in a chair against the wall of the reception room on the first floor of his three-story house in West 77th street. He died several hours later without speaking a word which might betray the identity of his slayer.

He was found by Mrs. Marie Larsen, Elwell's housekeeper, arriving for her daily work of tidying up the house. On a table at his side were several letters, one of which, from a racing associate, had been removed from the envelope. The letters had been delivered by the postman at 7:35.

There was no weapon, no foot-print, no evidence of a struggle, no possible clue except a 45-calibre shell, such as is ejected from an automatic pistol of the army type, and the stub of a cigarette different from those Elwell habitually smoked. Doors and windows were securely locked.

### SUICIDE THEORY UNTEENABLE

Experts declared that a suicide theory was untenable because Elwell could not have held the fatal pistol far enough from his head to avoid powder burns, even were it possible to account for the disappearing powder marks on the dying man's forehead, but no burns.

As soon as the idea of self-destruction was rejected, the man-hunt all over the country, into every crevice of society, and for years back into the dead man's past. Every relative, every friend, every casual acquaintance or servant, everyone who had ever seen the dead turfman, was found and examined. Every possible motive for his killing was explored. Love affairs, long buried, were exhumed, and the principals crisscrossed to discover a motive for the crime. Every real or suspected enemy was probed. All led to the same end—a wealth of information about the dead man's leisurely life, his reputation for suave good nature and his conquests of women's hearts. But not a ray of light on the crime itself.

The known facts of how Elwell spent the night before his death are few. During the early evening he was one of a dinner party at a large hotel. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewiston, Miss Viola Kraus and a South American journalist who met Elwell for the first time that evening. At a nearby table sat Victor Von Schlegel, the divorced husband of Miss Kraus, and Miss Lily Hope Anderson, a singer whose home is in Minneapolis.

All who were present agreed afterward that there was no show of ill-feeling between Elwell and Von Schlegel, though they brushed shoulders on the dance. Several times with Von Schlegel's former wife dancing with the sportsman, Elwell was seen to be talking to her. After leaving the hotel the Lewiston party, including Elwell, went to a roof garden theatre, where they remained until 1:30, when all left and Elwell was seen to start on foot toward his home. Here ends all unassailable evidence of the murder victim's movements. A man told investigators he had seen Elwell and a woman in an upper Broadway dance hall at a much later hour. A neighbor claimed to have seen Elwell driven home by a man in a racing car at 2:30. A taxicab driver asserted he had driven the sportsman home directly after he left the Lewiston party.

### TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S STORY

More important evidence seemed to lie in the statements of Margaret Entler, a telephone operator, who declares she tried to put through two telephone calls from Elwell's home between 2 and 2:30 o'clock on the morning of the tragedy. The number called in each case was that of William H. Pendleton, a former racing partner of Elwell's. When interrogated, he said he could not imagine why Elwell should have been so anxious to communicate with him during the early morning hours. They had not been intimate for many months, he said.

After two weeks of investigation and merciless publicity the small army of investigators became definitely separated into two factions. Both

preface their theories with the statement, "nothing is impossible," and each clung doggedly to its pet "solution."

The first faction, including a majority of the detectives, said, "What if the doors were locked? Some enemy, man or woman, killed Elwell."

The second, numbering many of Elwell's former friends and some of the cleverest detectives, retorted, "What if there were no powder burns? Elwell killed himself and someone who arrived before the police hid the pistol."

After the funeral, Joseph S. Elwell, father of the dead man, declared his unflinching belief that his son had been murdered.

Elwell's wife, who admitted that she was contemplating divorce proceedings when she heard of Elwell's death, adhered to the suicide theory, and expressed indignation that the racing man made no provision in his will for her son.

During the course of the investigation, Assistant District Attorney Joyce ordered the detention of Mrs. Larsen, the housekeeper, as a material witness. Many were convinced that the woman's anxiety to "avoid scandal" was concealing evidence which might lead to the apprehension of the guilty person. Her release was ordered by District Attorney Swann, who said that no evidence sufficient to hold anyone had been secured.

# HER DYING ACCUSATION

New York, July 6.—The body of a well-dressed woman was found to-day in Central Park lake. A card on her person said:

"I am the wife of Daniel M. Bedell. I stuck to him in adversity, but when prosperity came, he sought others."

# ALARMED BY MUTINY IN INDIA

London, July 6.—The mutiny of the Connaught Rangers in India has excited considerable alarm here. Ever since the armistice the War Office policy has been to send Irish regiments to distant stations, and there is an unusually large proportion of them at present in India, Egypt and Mesopotamia.

The public is waiting for details of the Indian trouble, as so far only an official account has been published together with a despatch from the Reuter's Agency, which is virtually officially controlled. The prolonged delay about Amritsar by the Indian Government makes the public here sceptical about Indian official statements.



### TO SEEK DIVORCE?

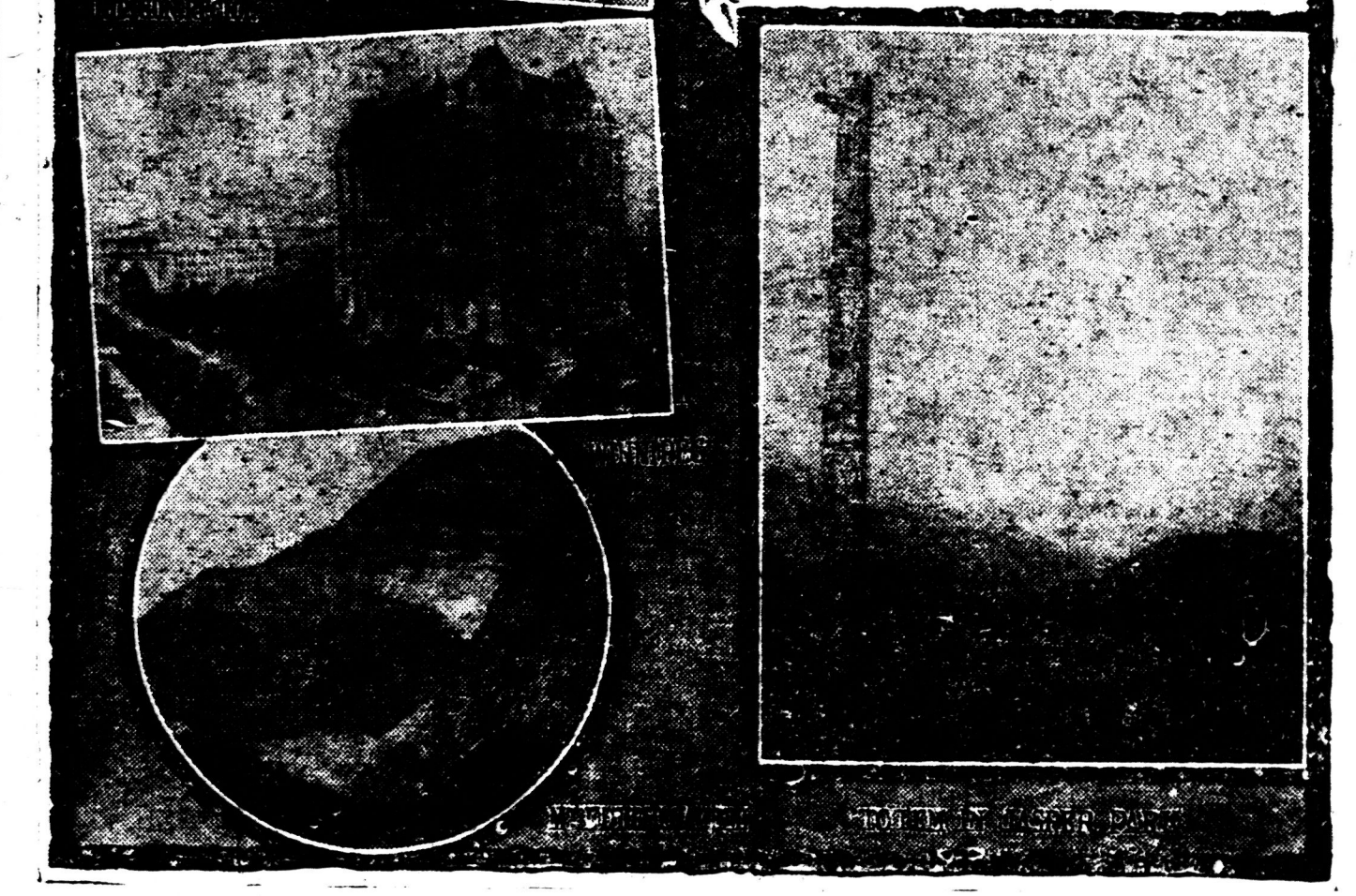
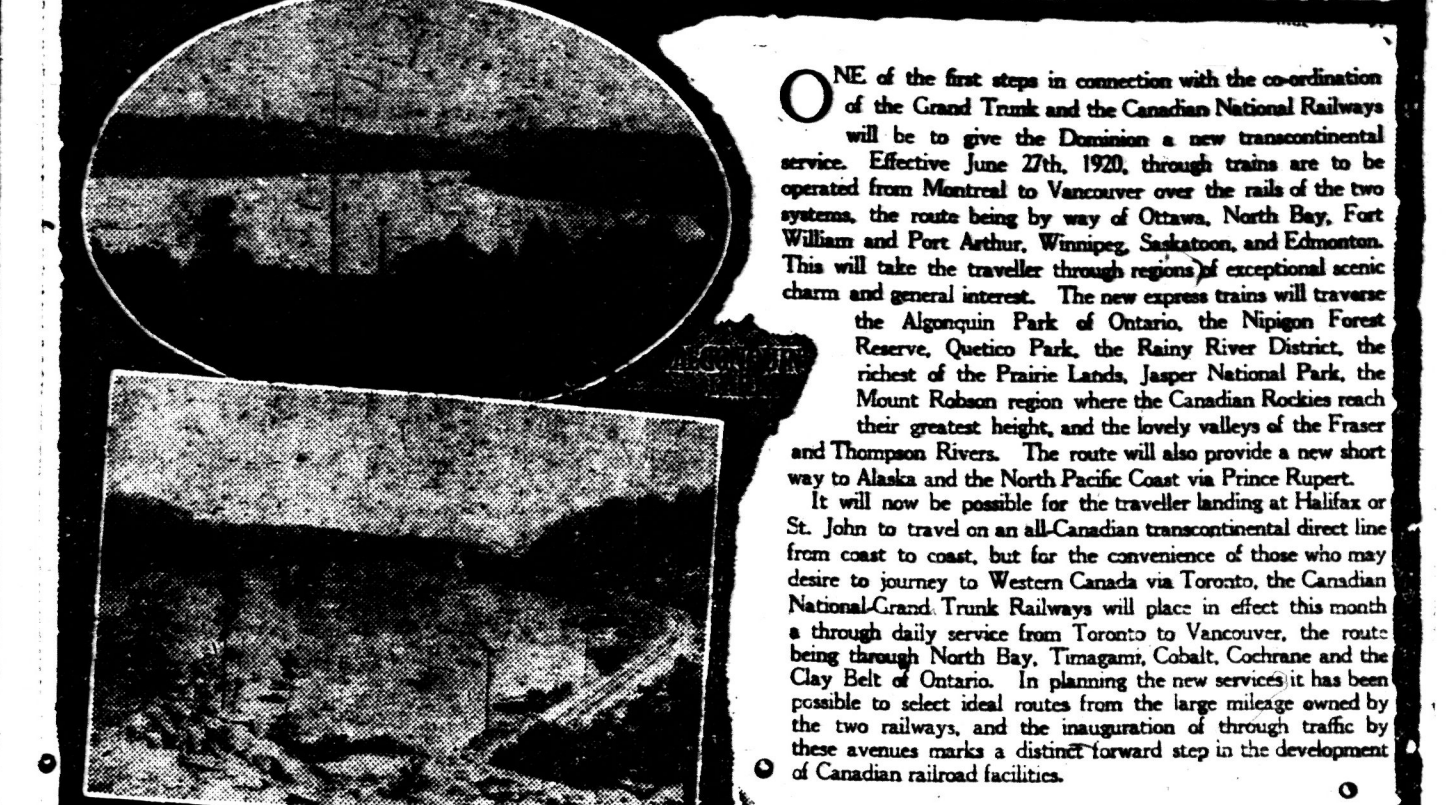
Cabled reports indicate that Lady Hadfield (above), wife of Sir Robert Hadfield, (below), the English ironmaster, has taken up her residence in Nevada with the intention of suing for divorce. Lady Hadfield was formerly Frances Wickersham. She was married in 1914.

# ANCONAS WON

### In Egg-Laying Contest at Brandon, Man.

Brandon, Man., July 6.—A pen of ten Anconas owned by W. H. Howe, Winnipeg, led all Canadian pens in the Experimental Farm Egg-Laying Contest here. At the end of the 34th week these birds have laid 1,323 eggs. White Wyandottes owned by G. F. Thompson, Minnedosa, Man., and Thomas Lund, Stonewall, Man., are in third and fourth places, second being held by an Ottawa pen of Barred Rocks owned by J. E. Rhodes, Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Quebec contest have no birds with over 1,000 eggs. There are 162 pens of ten hens each in the seven contests.

# Inauguration of New Transcontinental Service Marks Important Development in Canadian Railroad History



# AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

### O. A. C. Meeting Hears of Conditions in Wool.

### And the Work of the U. S. Farm Bureaus.

Guelph report: That the price of wool has very little to do with the price of clothing was a principle enunciated by Mr. L. E. O'Neill, Secretary of the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association, in an address on "The Wool Situation" before the conference of the Agricultural Representatives of the Province, in session at the Agricultural College. Mr. O'Neill's remark came in reply to a question as to the explanation of the high price of clothing in view of the shattered state of the raw wool market, and was the summing up of a lucid explanation of conditions from the standpoint of the co-operative marketing agency.

"During the war the demand was for the coarser grades of wool, with the result that very high prices were secured for the Ontario production," Mr. O'Neill explained. "Now the demand is for the fine grades, and all Ontario wool, from medium combing down, is left untouched. Much of last year's wool of the lower grades is holding its price, and wool houses are unable to realize anything on it. Money is tight, and credit is scarce, and the result is that the big wool houses have quit buying. One of the largest wool houses in Boston is now in the hands of the receivers, while another has offered to liquidate at a loss of over five million dollars. Any buying at present is purely speculative. With us the banks have cut advances no fewer than four times from twenty-five to fifteen cents, and up to the present we have sold only 75,000 pounds of wool. We have had representatives from only two wool houses to see us, and have been able to send out only one bunch of samples."

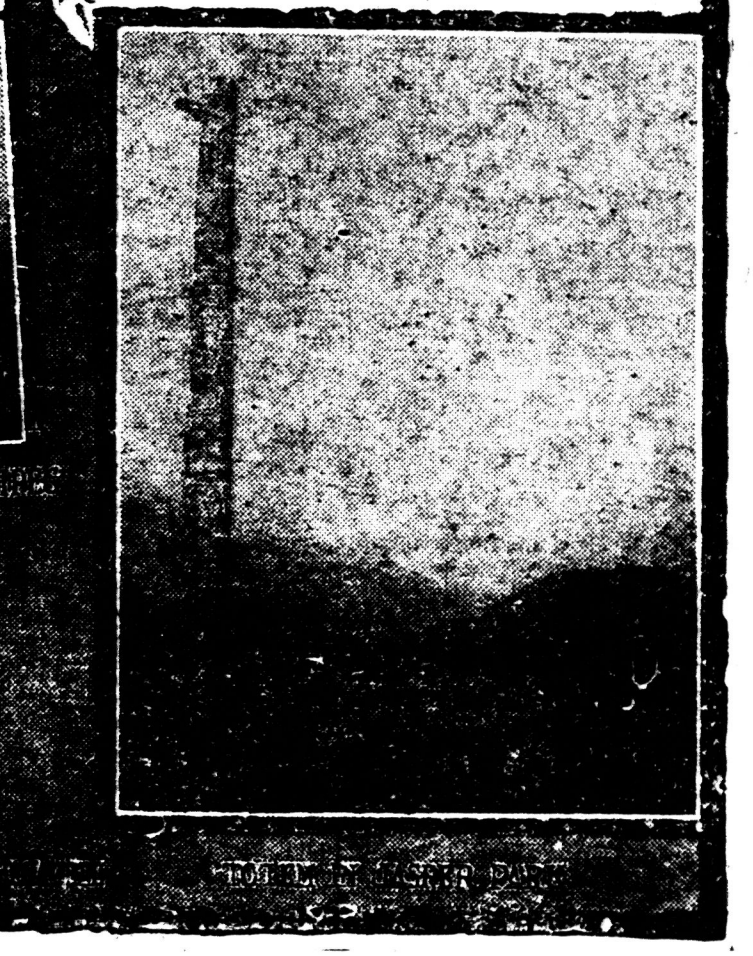
Mr. O'Neill explained further that the state of the market necessitated close grading, with disadvantage to the seller. Whereas during war-time doubtful wool always got the benefit of the doubt and was graded up; now the same wool is graded down invariably. Illustrating this, he mentioned the fact that a lot of 10,000 pounds left unsold last July from a total output of 200,000 pounds has since been "turned down" so low that it is equally as good as the other 190,000-pound lot that sold before it."

### FARM BUREAUS GROW.

An extremely practical address was given by Mr. L. R. Simons, Assistant County-Agent Leader of Ithaca, N. Y., on departmental extension work and farm bureau organization in the United States. Mr. Simons gave a brief review of the growth of the movement from the time of the establishment of the original "agents," when finances were provided from other than farm sources, to the present day, and dwelt particularly upon the value of the smallest unit, the community bureau. "Nothing is done in any community or in any county unless the farmers residing there ask for it to be done," Mr. Simons said.

The speaker traced the growth of the county agent system across the line, a system that corresponds very closely to that of the chain of agricultural representatives in Ontario. The expenses for conducting this work in the States, according to Mr. Simons, is almost entirely borne by members of the National Agricultural Association, non-political in character.

ONE of the first steps in connection with the co-ordination of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National Railways will be to give the Dominion a new transcontinental service. Effective June 27th, 1920, through trains are to be operated from Montreal to Vancouver over the rails of the two systems, the route being by way of Ottawa, North Bay, Fort William and Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Edmonton. This will take the traveller through regions of exceptional scenic charm and general interest. The new express trains will traverse the Algonquin Park of Ontario, the Nipigon Forest Reserve, Quetico Park, the Rainy River District, the richest of the Prairie Lands, Jasper National Park, the Mount Robson region where the Canadian Rockies reach their greatest height, and the lovely valleys of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers. The route will also provide a new short way to Alaska and the North Pacific Coast via Prince Rupert. It will now be possible for the traveller landing at Halifax or St. John to travel on an all-Canadian transcontinental direct line from coast to coast, but for the convenience of those who may desire to journey to Western Canada via Toronto, the Canadian National-Grand Trunk Railways will place in effect this month a through daily service from Toronto to Vancouver, the route being through North Bay, Timagami, Cobalt, Cochrane and the Clay Belt of Ontario. In planning the new services it has been possible to select ideal routes from the large mileage owned by the two railways, and the inauguration of through traffic by these avenues marks a distinct forward step in the development of Canadian railroad facilities.



# GEMS SHOWER UPON BISHOP

### Of Zululand, After Appeal in London

### To Anglo-Catholics, for Mission Fund.

London, July 6.—Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at Albert Hall, where the Bishop of Zululand presided over the Anglo-Catholic Congress. At his suggestion 72 hours' effort is being made to raise \$250,000 for foreign missions, and the response was almost embarrassing in its enthusiasm.

Men and women crowded round the stewards, watches from their fingers, bracelets from their wrists and dropped them into the haversacks that were used as collection bars. Many went up to the platform with large parcels which, when unpacked, were found to contain leather cases in which were turquoise brooches and necklaces, diamond and pearl pendants, silver salvers and personal jewelry of every description.

### RAINS DELIGHT WESTERN FARMERS

Calgary, Alta., July 6.—With 12 to 14 hours' rain in some portions of Alberta and periods extending up to six hours at others, and with every indication of a continuance of the downfall, farmers are most jubilant and a great wave of optimism is sweeping the province. The rain has come at a most opportune time for although crops in many sections were looking most promising there was growing uneasiness as to the almost immediate need of moisture.

The official report issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway is to the effect that there was heavy rain all Sunday night and Monday morning from Red Deer to St. Lucan and McLeod and as far east as Strathmore. Rains have been heavy in the south. The Canadian National Railways report heavy rains from Calgary north-east to the Saskatchewan border.

Local experts state that the present moisture is sufficient to carry rye through to harvest, is sufficient for three weeks so far as wheat, oats, barley and flax is concerned.

# MARKET REPORTS

## TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS MARKET	
Dairy Products	
Butter, whole dairy	0.20
Do, fancy	0.22
Margarine	0.27
Eggs, new laid, doz.	0.55
Chickens, lb.	0.35
Live Poultry	
Chickens, Spring, lb.	0.40
Do, lb.	0.35
Chickens, roasting, lb.	0.45
Ducks, Spring, lb.	0.40
Turkeys, lb.	0.45
Live Poultry	
Fowl, lb.	0.22
Do, lb.	0.20
Roosters, lb.	0.22
Ducks, Spring, lb.	0.45
Fruits	
Apples, doz.	0.40
Rhubarb, bunch	0.25
Strawberries, box	0.20
Vegetables	
Asparagus, 3 bunches	0.25
Beets, new, 2 bunches	0.25
Carrots, 100-lb. bags	0.20
Cabbage, each	0.15
Cucumbers	0.15
Horseradish, bunch	0.15
Lettuce, leaf, doz.	0.25
Lettuce, head, each	0.10
Onions, Bermuda, doz.	0.20
Do, green, beh.	0.05
Potatoes, bag	0.40
Do, peak	0.40
Do, new, peak	1.00
Peas, 100-lb. bags	0.18
Radishes, bunch	0.15
Spinach, peak	0.25
Tomatoes, lb.	0.25

SUGAR (WHOLESALE)	
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	19.00
Do, do, medium	18.50
Do, hindquarters	23.00
Do, do, medium	23.00
Carcasses, choice, cwt.	23.00
Do, medium	23.00
Do, common	18.00
Veal, common, cwt.	14.00
Do, medium	15.00
Do, prime	18.00
Heavy hogs, cwt.	20.00
Shop hogs, cwt.	15.50
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# MAIN TURKISH TREATY STANDS

Spa, Belgium, July 6.—The important clauses of the peace treaty with Turkey will remain as they are, it has been decided by the Supreme Council, in session here. At this morning's meeting, with Premier Venizelos of Greece, present, the Council decided it would be impossible to grant the Turkish request for the revision of these clauses. A commission of experts will be appointed, however, to study the minor clauses,