

strong suspicion that Crippen London Cellar murderer and accomplice are amongst saloon passengers. Moustache shaved off, growing a beard. Accomplice dressed as a boy, voice, manner and build undoubtedly a girl." This was the first time that the wireless had been used to catch a criminal.

As the *Montrose* entered the British territorial waters of the St Lawrence River Inspector Dew, disguised as a pilot, came aboard. This was Crippen's second mistake concerning his evasion. Had he sailed directly to the United States, it would have required an international arrest warrant followed by extradition proceedings, complicated by the fact that he was a US citizen. The captain invited Crippen to meet the pilots as they came aboard. Dew removed his pilot's cap and said, "Good morning, Dr Crippen. Do you know me? I'm Inspector Dew from Scotland Yard." After a pause Crippen replied, "Thank God it's over. The suspense has been too great. I couldn't stand it any longer." He then held out his wrists for the handcuffs. Crippen and le Neve were arrested on board the *Montrose* on 31 July 1910. After discovering the circumstances of his arrest, when Crippen alighted he cursed both Captain Kendall and his ship.

He explained that his wife had eloped with a lover and he had felt too humiliated to admit this. Belle was about to leave him, taking half his life savings. She was also in the way of his affair. Crippen's trial revealed the startlingly meticulous manner in which he had disposed of his wife's body. After killing her, he professionally removed her bones and limbs, which he then burned in the kitchen stove. Her organs were dissolved in acid in the bathtub, and her head was placed in a handbag and thrown overboard during a day trip to Dieppe, France. Throughout the proceedings and at his sentencing, Crippen showed no remorse, only concern for Ethel's reputation and prospects. At his request, her photograph was placed in his coffin and buried with him.

Crippen and le Neve were tried separately at the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London. After just 27 minutes of deliberations, the jury found Crippen guilty of murder. Dr. Crippen, was hanged in Pentonville, England, on November 23, 1910 for murdering his wife. He has gone down in history as the first criminal to be captured with the aid of wireless communication.

Captain Kendall later became master of the *Empress of Ireland* which was wrecked on the 29 May 1914, with the loss of 1,012 lives. She sank off Father Point, Quebec, the exact place where Crippen was arrested. Kendall survived the disaster.

On 28 December 1914, a storm raged and the *Montrose* broke her moorings. She sank in the English Channel. The last sailor to leave the *Montrose* before she broke up was named Crippen!.