

ions

Corsets

Waists

... \$1.75

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Corset

... 90c

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DRUCE MYSTERY

EXCITES ENGLAND

Trial of Case Arising Out of Claim to Duke of Portland's Estates

CHARGE OF PERJURY LAID

"Great American Affidavit Maker" Gives Remarkable Evidence

London, Nov. 8.—Hundreds of persons vainly sought for admission to the hearing of the famous Druce mystery case was resumed. Herbert Druce, son of the late Thomas Charles Druce, is charged with perjury by his nephew, George Holliday Druce, who alleges that the defendant on the 23rd day of March, 1898, at Bertham, committed wilful and corrupt perjury in an affidavit, and that he also did so in the Probate court in the third and fourth days of December, 1905.

The charge is incidental to the Druce claim to the estate of the Duke of Portland, and dates back to 1885. At every step of the case has been vigorously contested by the present Duke of Portland. In brief, the remarkable case centres about the old question whether Thomas Charles Druce, at one time owner of the famous Baker street bazaar, who was said to have died 43 years ago, was or was not, the same person as the recent eccentric fifth Duke of Portland, who died in 1874.

Interest in the proceedings today was heightened by the alleged theft, since the previous session, of the diary of Miss L. Robinson, a daughter of a southern tobacco planter, who was employed as an amanuensis in the Baker street bazaar, where she saw the late T. C. Druce, father of the George Druce who in turn was the father of George Holliday Druce, claimant to the estates, as the Duke of Portland, whose name was T. C. Druce she claimed to be able to establish.

Many titled persons occupied seats on the magisterial bench, and the Princess von Hatzfeldt and Ladies Lytton and Grey. Eminent counsel have been engaged on both sides, and the Duke of Portland, Lord Howard de Walden, the occupants of the estates, are equally represented.

The proceedings opened with a tilt between Horace Avery, K. C., for the defence, and A. Thelby Jones, K. C., for the prosecution. Jones read a letter dated in the month of August, 1905, which contained in a letter of plaintiffs' counsel to the effect that the defendant had been seen with the theft of the diary which Miss Robinson averred was stolen from her in the street. Counsel for the plaintiff eventually expressed regret that the letter had been written.

Sensational Evidence.

Robert Caldwell, of Richmond, N. Y., testified that he knew the late Duke of Portland, both as the Duke of Portland, T. C. Druce at Welbeck Abbey, and at the Baker street bazaar. Mr. Caldwell stated that he treated the duke at both places for a season of the nose.

There was a buzz of excitement when Mr. Caldwell testified to the junction with the duke he arranged the death and mock funeral of Druce so that his dual personality could be maintained. He declared that the duke's request he employ a carpenter to coffin the corpse, and put two hundred pounds of lead and put the duke in the coffin himself. The funeral occurred the following day.

The witness further testified that he saw the duke on the morning of the funeral at the Baker street bazaar. When shown the two photos, Mr. Caldwell declared that they were photographs of the Duke of Portland in the character of T. C. Druce.

Witness was then asked to account for the beard shown in one of the photographs, and he replied that he had seen the duke wear a false beard and had seen him take it off. A day or two later he asked the Duke of Portland if the so-called "Druce" left a will. The duke thanked Mr. Caldwell for reminding him of such trifling points, and said he must have one made.

Mr. Caldwell then gave a detailed account of his introduction to the Duke of Portland, and the fact that he was a physician, Sir Morell Mackenzie, who died in London early in 1892. Mr. Caldwell referred to his intimacy with the duke in his own name, and both at Welbeck Abbey and the Baker street bazaar.

Mr. Caldwell also testified that he received presents from the duke aggregating about \$50,000, besides the fee of \$25,000. He remained in England six years after the funeral, and sailed to America in 1871. He said the Druce case mentioned in New York papers in February of this year and communicated with Druce's lawyers.

The Stewart Story.

Cross-examined by Mr. Avery, Mr. Caldwell admitted that he had been described as the great American affidavit maker, but he added that it was not true. Mr. Avery questioned Mr. Caldwell closely on the subject of his alleged offer to sell a New York newspaper story about the forged will of the Duke of Portland, and the robbery of the grave of A. T. Stewart, the great dry goods merchant, of New York city. The witness admitted that he had corresponded with Mr. Stewart about the matter, and also admitted he had suggested that Mr. Stewart should be buried in the same grave as the Duke of Portland, and dug up the body. Pressed to explain why it was not to exhort money, the witness said that he desired to return him some letters which had been sent between Judge Hill and Mrs. Stewart, which were securely locked in a safe specially built to hold them, which cost \$3,500. Mr. Caldwell refused to say where the safe was kept, but asserted that he had a key to it, and that another man had a key to the room in which the safe was kept. The witness admitted that he had himself not to divulge the contents of the letters during Judge Hill's life, but said he had offered

EAST IS SWEEP

BY FIERCE STORM

Gale Works Havoc to Shipping in Quebec and Maritime Provinces

WIND 75 MILES AN HOUR

Damage Reported From Quebec, Montreal and Other Eastern Cities

Quebec, Nov. 7.—The windstorm which raged in Quebec last night and early this morning was the worst which has visited this section of the province since 1902, and from reports received the storm extended over a wide section. Quebec harbor presented a terrible scene. Vessels and pontoons were torn to pieces and drifted about in the angry waters. Many wharf buildings were destroyed. The government steamer Druid was struck by a pontoon, and in turn collided with the Canadian, both being damaged. The schooner Luminas, Capt. Warren, of Murray Bay, was carried into the mouth of the river St. Charles. The tide was naturally high, and the vessel dashed against the iron bridge at the foot of L. H. P. Co., being dashed to pieces, and also damaging the bridge so that the cars could not cross it for a time. Before the schooner was dashed against the bridge, however, it collided with another vessel and sank it.

The wind registered 75 miles an hour at Quebec observatory. From all directions come reports of damage done by wind in the eastern provinces and fences being blown down. The city is entirely deprived of electric power, and many poles and wires are down. Many telegraph lines are broken.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—During the severe gale which has swept Montreal during the past 24 hours, the city of Germaine broke from her moorings and was carried right across the channel. She now lies partly submerged off Longueuil. During her wild career across the river, the force was swept a couple of miles, but fortunately escaped striking anything. The channel is not obstructed.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 7.—The storm gale which has swept the coast of the United States, and some of the deluge of rain. The schooner St. John, Capt. Morrison, dragged anchors and went ashore, but was floated with some difficulty.

Richibucto, N. B., Nov. 7.—The schooner Tartar, of some 65 tons, owned by K. Lagan of this place, was totally wrecked this morning while entering the port. The crew were saved, being blown up from the cabin, on which they floated away on Saturday night with a load of coal. She crashed on a reef while trying to enter the harbor in the face of the gale, and soon pounded to pieces.

Ashtabula, Ohio, Nov. 7.—The steamer A. A. Georges is in distress outside of Ashtabula harbor. The gale is driving her toward the breakers. Lifesavers and a tug have gone to her assistance. The Georges carries a crew of seven. Several other ships are outside, unable to get into the harbor. A heavy northwest gale prevails.

The lifesavers subsequently succeeded in taking off all the members of the crew. It is thought the Georges will go on the beach. She will probably be seriously damaged, and the crew will be rescued.

Three Rivers, Que., Nov. 7.—About sixteen barges loaded with pulp wood and lumber broke from their moorings in the tortoise sale last night and sank above the new wharf here. The steamer Bourgeois, owned by the city, has also gone to the bottom. No lives were lost.

Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 7.—A heavy storm, the first of the season, is prevailing in northern New York. Several inches of snow fell.

Two coal barges, the Onondaga and Black Diamond, both heavily loaded with coal, were sunk off Stony Point, in Lake Ontario, yesterday. The crews were rescued.

ELISA LYNH BACK

WITH SAHOR DEAD

Mack Lynch, an Irishman, Dies After Debauch in Fore-castle of Bark

INQUEST HELD ON BOARD

Remains Brought Ashore Yesterday Afternoon for Interment Here

(From Friday's Daily)

With her flag drooping at half-mast the German bark *Elisa Lynh*, Capt. Pundt, which left about midnight Wednesday with over two million feet of lumber in hold and lashed on deck from Chemlains for Antofagasta, in tow of the tug *Lorne*, put back to Royal Roads yesterday with an able seaman, Mack Lynch, of Dublin, 45 years of age, dead on board. The dead man was found huddled in a heap in the fore-castle either smothered or dead from alcoholism when the watch was aroused as the tug was about to let go the sailing craft outside the straits.

Sailors ran to Capt. Pundt with the news that death had come among the roysterers in the fore-castle and he shouted to Capt. Bliton, of the *Lorne*, not to let go the hawser. The German tri-color was dropped to half-mast and the tug started back with her tow to William Head, where Dr. Anderson, the quarantine officer, was notified of the death on shipboard. He came to the city with the quarantine tender *Madge* and took off the coroner, Dr. E. C. Hart, Capt. J. G. Cox, Lloyd's agent, and an undertaker, and with a coroner's jury made up from those on board the *Madge*, an inquest, was held, at which evidence was given by Capt. Pundt and the seaman "the big drunk" on board the vessel.

Lynch, the dead man, was one of those who came from Fern on the vessel, and did not come ashore here. The *Elisa Lynh* anchored in Royal Roads to ship a number of seamen and those taken off were mostly intoxicated. They brought off much whiskey with them, and all hands had a roystering time in the fore-castle the best part of two days. All hands were drunk when the watch was called, and Lynch had passed. He was found doubled up in his bunk when the other seamen tried to rouse him, and after some of them had shaken him severely they found him dead. The body was brought ashore and will be interred here.

EXCLUSIONISTS' REQUEST

Urges Minister to Have National Act on Chinese Exclusion

POWER ENGINEER

DEFIES THE MAYOR

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—"I'll just wait till he gets it," laughed Cecil B. Smith, Winnipeg's power engineer, referring to the Mayor's demand for his resignation. "Should I resign, he asked, 'just because the Mayor slanders me?'"

Mr. Smith can be dismissed on giving notice, but he has already given notice, and he will play them. He places the position which has arisen in Winnipeg at the door of the city corporation interests, which might be "jured by the new power plant."

"I thought long ago," he says, "that the school board tonight passed a resolution asking the government to amend the Chinese restriction act by providing refunds to Chinese alleged students."

REASONS FOR THE MONEY STRINGENCY

Minister of Finance Speaks of the Situation—Handling of Public Money

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Hon. W. S. Fielding in an interview today on the financial situation, said no doubt there were special circumstances which increased the burden of the money market, but the general foundation of the difficulty was to be found in the fact that the Canadian system in leading banks was not so sound as in western Canada, there was unfortunately some conflict of statement. On the one hand it was alleged that banks were refusing to supply the means necessary for the usual handling of the crop. On the other hand, the leading bankers stated that the banks were giving accommodation for all immediate needs, and that the only difficulty was in the general circulation of money, and that it is only speculative business for which credit cannot be found. The finance department was trying to ascertain the real facts of the situation.

There is one point, said Mr. Fielding, upon which perhaps a word of explanation would be useful, and that is the quarters very necessary, in order that erroneous impressions may be removed. On the one hand, the United States secretary of the treasury assisted by banks in the United States by depositing large sums of government money had a good reason for doing so, and that is to give similar help. Mr. Fielding had the question asked, "Why does not the minister of finance help Canadian banks just as Mr. Cortelyou helped American banks?" "The question arises," he said, "from a misunderstanding of the financial methods of the two countries, that which the United States government does not do in a while under pressure of severe stringency, the Canadian government is doing all the time. The United States government does its own banking. The moneys received as taxes and otherwise go into the United States treasury. If required at once for the payment of obligations they pass out again quickly and in general circulation, but if, as often happens, there are vast sums not so required, these moneys are withdrawn from the general business of the country and locked up in the United States treasury vaults. Once in a while, under pressure of revenue, the treasury yields up some money and deposits it in the banks of the country.

On the other hand, the Canadian government does not do this, and is entirely different. Apart from certain moderate reserves, necessary to protect circulation and savings bank deposits, there is no such withdrawal of money from general business and locking it up in the government treasury. Every dollar of revenue that comes to us in any shape or form is instantly deposited in the banks. Whatever is required for the immediate obligations passes out at once into circulation. Whatever there is over required for the time being is available for the banks' general business. Thus we are in a position to answer the question, 'Why, if we touch the community the kind of help the United States government only gives once in a while, under great pressure.'

DELAY COLLISION ENQUIRY

Mr. Justice Martin Has Not Yet Received Commission to Hold the Investigation

TAMPIO STRIKES IN SEYMOUR NARROWS

Salvor Going From Esquimalt to Assist P. C. S. Co.'s Big Freighter

(From Saturday's Daily)

A cool, daylight burglary occurred in Victoria yesterday afternoon, when the residence of R. C. Swords, 52 John street, was entered and a satchel containing \$25 and a number of valuable papers was taken. There is at present no clue to the perpetrator.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Swords went out for a short time, leaving the satchel on the clothes rack in the front hall. In about an hour she returned and found the satchel gone. A peculiar feature of the case is that a few days ago Mrs. Swords lost the key of the front door and it is barely possible that the two losses may be connected.

HOME IS BURGLARIZED

Residence of R. Swords is Entered and Satchel Containing Money and Papers Taken

NOTICE

RAYMOND & SONS

7 PANDORA STREET

Wish to inform their numerous patrons that they have in stock a full line of SATIN FINISH ENAMEL AND AMERICAN ONYX TILES. The latest and new styles in MANTLES, FULL SETS OF ANTIQUE FIRE IRONS AND FENDERS. Complete from designs that were in use during the seventeenth century. We also carry lime, cement, plaster of Paris, building bricks, Fire Brick, Fire Clay. Please call and inspect our stocks before deciding.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

WORK WANTED—Upon a poultry farm where experience in operating incubators can be gained. Apply Duncan MacRae, Duncan, B. C.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Cedar posts delivered. T. C. Smith, Royal Oak, P. O.

FOR SALE—50 cents each; receipt for making waterproofing for clothing; also, without receipt, for metal; furniture polish cleans and produces a lustrous finish. Instantly receipt 40 cents; receipt 75 cents; promptly sent for \$1.00. J. A. Biddle, Crofton, B. C.

EDUCATION OF INDIANS

Delegation From Churches Requests Encouragement From Minister of the Interior

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—Rev. John Ferrier passed through the city today.

While in the east Mr. Ferrier was a member of the delegation of ministers and laymen to the Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican churches which interviewed Hon. Frank Oliver in reference to the future of the work of the churches and the improvement among the Indians. The object of the members of the delegation was to increase the general efficiency of the Indian schools. In order to do this, more money is required. Should the additional money be furnished the equipment of a number of the schools will be greatly improved. All buildings will be perfect from the standpoint of sanitation, and the management of some of the institutions will also be bettered. The churches will continue to superintend the workings of the institutions, as in the past, and will be responsible for any deficits arising from bad management.

The Minister expressed full sympathy with the purpose of the delegation, and action will probably be taken in accordance with the wishes of the representatives of the churches.

Medicine Hat's Scheme

Medicine Hat, Nov. 7.—The town has decided on a rather novel plan of tiding the corporation over the financial crisis without crippling its efficiency. The scheme is to issue municipal securities in the Dominion, and to take the necessary funds at present. Later, when bonds can be sold to advantage, the mortgage will be withdrawn.

Russian Official in Disgrace

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—M. Gurko, vice-minister the interior, who was implicated in the great grain scandal during the famine relief operations of 1906, has been guilty of a crime, sentenced to dismissal from office and ordered to make restitution to the amount of over \$25,000.

SETTLERS' RIGHTS ARE AGAIN TO BE DEBATED

Title to Land of Syndicate, Ready to Ship Coal Questioned

On behalf of the E. & N. railway, A. P. Luxton, K. C., is proceeding with the case to test the rights to the land in the property formerly belonging to the Fiddler estate, and recently purchased by a syndicate, of which John Arbuthnot formed one. The syndicate, which purchased the property some time ago through the agency of J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P., has proceeded with the development of it. They commence to ship coal from South Wellington today.

While the provincial government and the interested settlers were contending that the final decision by the provincial council in the McGregor case, the original Settlers' Rights case would settle the question once and for all, the railway company is not content to let the matter rest, and as the circumstances in connection with the settlement of the land in each case differs, hold that they have ground for action. The railway company has made a claim which will apply for an injunction to restrain the present owners from carrying on the work of mining.

The province, according to the terms of the Settlers' Rights Act, will have to pay the expenses of the case in order to protect the original grant.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATAL DAY OF KING EDWARD

Royal Salute of Twenty-one Guns Will Be Fired at Work Point

WATER SUPPLY INCREASED

The Recent Rains Have Added to Goldstream Lakes Supply

Kaiser Starts for England

Berlin, Nov. 8.—Emperor William and the Empress departed shortly before the appointment to the position of Imperial Chancellor, and Prince Oscar, his young son. The public is demonstrating enormous interest in the personal solicitations of the Emperor and Empress, and the Emperor's departure is being greeted with cheering crowds, among the people being several members of the cabinet, prominent military officers and other officials.

Sanitarium Officials

Vancouver, Nov. 8.—Dodd, formerly of this city, but more recently of Saranac Lake, N. Y., has been appointed to the position of sanitary secretary in connection with the new sanitarium at Tranquille. He will travel about the country and by personal solicitations further the work and aims of the association. Dr. Irving, who lately arrived in Victoria from the sanitarium at Gravenhurst, Ont., has been appointed medical superintendent.

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per lb.	10
per dozen	100
per doz.	40 to 50
per doz.	40
local, 4 lb. box	8 to 10
California, per basket	60
per doz.	25
table, per lb.	25
table, per lb.	25 to 30
each	1.00
F. box, 2 lbs. for	1.50
per doz.	20
per lb.	20
per lb.	20
California, per lb.	30
each	30
per lb.	30
per lb.	30

Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

At 115, Caldonia avenue, on 8th instant, the wife of H. T. H. of a son.

At No. 260 Gravenhurst avenue, on November 3, 1907, and Mrs. W. B. Debbage, a son.

MARRIED

PEARS—In this city, on the 1st inst., at the Bishop's Palace, the Lordship Bishop Orth and Edward, fifth son of Thomas Esq., of H. M. Cautons, of city, to Sophie, second daughter of George Pears, Esq., of Metcho.

BREED LIVE STOCK

Two choice Ayreshire bulls; a pair of Suffolk Down rams; and choice Yorkshire boars and sows. Special prizes given for swine at 1907 Exhibition, New Westminster were won by this herd. Fairbank Farm, Jos. Thompson, proprietor, Chilliwack, B. C.

Lightly Shop-Worn

CORDREONS

At Less Than Actual Cost

ONLY A FEW LEFT

ETCHER BROS.

GOVERNMENT STREET