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THE SHOE MAN

WOMAN HAS CONFESSED

Voluntary Statement in Connection With the Recent Washington Tragedy

Washington, May 20.—The mystery attending the killing of James Seymour Ayres of Port Austin, Mich., a census office clerk, in the Kewmore hotel, early Wednesday morning last, and which, because of the peculiar circumstances surrounding it, has aroused Washington more than any tragedy in years, was solved to-day by a voluntary confession from Mrs. Lulu I. Bonine, a married woman and a guest at the hotel, that the three shots which ended Ayres' life had been fired in a struggle between herself and Ayres.

Mrs. Bonine, whose husband is a drummer for the wholesale drug house of Dewitt & Co., of Chicago, explained her presence at Ayres' room at 2 o'clock in the morning by saying that he had come to her room complaining of a chill, asking for medicine and had induced her to follow him to his room to talk over some matters of difference that had been between them. She said that she dressed herself in a wrapper and went to his room. He had preceded her and when she opened the door and walked in, he quickly closed it and informed her he had enticed her to the room for his own purposes, and said if she did not submit to his wishes he would kill her. Ayres, Mrs. Bonine said, was undressed and had a revolver in his hand, and in a struggle for its possession, which ensued immediately after she entered, it was discharged three different times, the shots striking Ayres at each discharge, the last one proving fatal.

After her statement, which was made to the chief of police and a number of other officers, Mrs. Bonine was placed under arrest and taken to the house of detention, where she will be held pending the result of the coroner's inquest, which has been in session since Saturday, and at which Mrs. Bonine was to have appeared tomorrow as a witness.

The tragedy which resulted in Ayres' death, was discovered first about 8:30 o'clock last Wednesday morning, when his dead body was found in his room at the Kewmore, a small family hotel of very moderate prices situated not far from the capitol.

An examination of Ayres' body showed that he had been shot three times, one ball entering the left leg, another the left arm and the third penetrating the heart and causing death. Suicide was the first theory advanced, but statements from two witnesses that on the night of the murder they had seen a woman descending the fire escape leading from in front of Ayres' room at the hotel and disappear into the parlor of the house, ended this theory and the killing quickly developed into a mysterious and sensational affair that baffled the police until today.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN DEWET LOCATED WITH BUT 40 MEN

Eight Hundred Boers Cross the Orange River—Lord Kitchener's Latest Report of Casualties—One Thousand Additional Prisoners Taken.

London, May 21.—A Cape Town despatch, dated yesterday, says:—Eight hundred Boers have crossed the Orange River from the north-west, and have reinforced the commandos in the eastern districts. The latest reliable report locates De Wet near Philippolis, in Orange River Colony, and not far from the Cape line, with 40 horsemen. All the commandos in the Orange River Colony have instructions to cross the Orange River. Several British patrols have been ambushed.

BOERS USE DYNAMITE.

London, May 20.—Lord Kitchener reports to the War Office, under date of Pretoria, May 18, as follows:—An armored train has been dynamited south of American Siding. Major Heath of the South Lancashire, was killed.

KILLED, WOUNDED AND CAPTURED.

Lord Kitchener also reports that last week 19 Boers were killed, 14 were wounded, 238 were made prisoners and 71 surrendered, and that 212 rifles and 105,000 rounds of ammunition were captured.

BRITISH OPERATIONS.

Cape Town, May 20.—Gen. Bindon Blood has just concluded a successful

concerted movement against the Boers in the Northern Transvaal. The British columns engaged in the operations covered a wide area, routing the commandos that opposed them, and capturing 1,000 Boers and great quantities of supplies, stock and wagons in various districts. Gen. Blood conducted the operations in the centre, with Col. Blumer on his left flank and Gen. Kitchener on his right. The Boer commander, Gen. Ben. Viljoen, abandoned everything, but succeeded in making his escape with a few mounted men. The Boers did not make a stand at any point.

THE END NEAR.

London, May 20.—For the first time in months a more hopeful view is taken of the war situation. The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria, who has hitherto been pessimistic, declares that the end really seems near. The first pinch of winter and the fact that a campaign in the bush really increases their own difficulties far more than those of the British, seem to prove to the Transvaal burghers the hopelessness of the struggle. For nearly two months their sole initiative has been confined to attempts at railway destruction by a few desperadoes. Voluntary capitulations continue in a stream daily, and now are spreading to the northern districts of the Orange River Colony. The correspondent asserts that if the results of Lord Kitchener's coming activity resemble those of the last month only a few hurried fanatics will remain in the field by the time Sir Alfred Milner returns to South Africa.

CITY CYCLISTS MUST LIMIT SPEED TO 8 MILES PER HOUR

By-law to that Effect Passed at Last Evening's City Council Session—Other Important Business Transacted.

All the members of the council attended last evening, except Ald. Taylor, who was out of the city. This, too, despite the fact that there was a considerable attraction in the parade of the soldiers.

A communication from the trustees of the estate of the late John Green, in reference to the \$200 left with the city, the interest to be used in keeping the deceased's grave in good order. Referred to the Clerk.

Requests to trim trees from Thomas Groves and Alistair McKay, were referred to the Chief of Police.

A petition for an electric light at the corner of Duke and King streets, was referred to the Property committee.

D. R. McGavin's account for \$122.07 in reference to the Board of Works. Henry Torrington asked permission to temporarily close up Inches avenue from Richmond street to the G. T. R. Referred to the Board of Works.

Frank Judson's account of \$4, was referred to the Board of Works.

Frank Cartier, John D. Thompson and John Paulucci wrote asking for an itemized account of the cost of the material used in constructing a plank walk on the north side of Wilson avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

The Chief of the fire department wrote asking for the spring clothes for the firemen. Referred to the Property committee.

The G. T. R. wrote, acknowledging receipt of communication re gates on Wellington street.

Wilson, Kerr & Pike wrote, stating that in the suit of Stevens vs. Chatham, the plaintiff had failed to bring the case to trial, and the firm asked permission to make a motion to have the case dismissed. Granted.

THE WABASH WORKS.

Mayor Sulman presented the communications that had passed between himself and Mr. Ramsey, of the Wabash Railroad. Mr. Sulman had wired Mr. Ramsey, asking him when and where a committee of the City Council could meet him.

The Wabash official stated that he expected to be on the Buffalo division within the next two or three weeks, and he would stop at Chatham and look over the site.

The Mayor had then replied, asking Mr. Ramsey to let the city know when he was coming.

FINANCE.

Chairman Scane, for Finance, reported as follows:—

1. Re fine of Harry Duff, for spitting on sidewalk. Recommended no action.

2. Robert Cooper's account \$24.30, less \$1.90—\$22.40 taken off, was found correct and paid. Shea's account also correct and paid.

3. That the committee did not consider the financial conditions of the city would warrant any grant to the Bernier expedition, therefore recommended no action.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Marshall, for Board of Works, reported as follows:—

1. St. Clair street sidewalk, we advise lowering in some places from 6 to 10 inches. The City Engineer is to confer with Mr. Braekin in order to have the matter satisfactorily with all parties concerned.

2. The communication from J. Innes as to unsanitary condition of the outlet of Lacroix street sewer. We have ordered the Engineer to place a boiler sheet iron hood onto the lower end of sewer vent so as to be at all times below low water mark.

3. Re the petition of W. F. Malcolmson relative to porous drain tile from lawn tennis grounds. Matter referred for further consideration and report at next meeting.

4. Re petition of J. J. Oldershaw to erect office at East side of Aberdeen bridge, we recommend that petitioners be allowed such privilege, also to move bridge tender's house and steps from bridge at their own expense, under supervision of City Engineer.

5. The Chatham Mineral Water Co. Limited, has expressed the desire to yield up to the city the privilege heretofore given to the Company to build upon Victoria Park, and to procure from the city the water or dead end of Stanley avenue from William St. to the river, be added to the property on the northerly side thereof, owned and occupied by G. G. Taylor, from whom the company has the option to purchase.

Your committee recommends the exchange upon the following conditions:

1st. That the expense of the proceedings to close up and sell the end of Stanley avenue, and make the exchange be borne by the company; that right of entry for the purpose of repairing or improving existing sewers be allowed to the city.

2nd. That the company build and maintain at the end of Stanley avenue in the river, a wharf which will be suitable for fire purposes and allow city free use of same for such purposes together with free access thereto, by a good roadway. Your committee recommended that it be referred back to your committee and the City Clerk to give all notice and take all necessary proceedings in the matter as recommended, under advice of city solicitor.

Ald. Fleming for the Property committee reported as follows:—Re the petition of J. H. Blackburn, janitor Harrison Hall, your committee recommended that the city pay one-third of the cost of house and fuel for six months, which will amount to about \$250 per month, as we consider the basement of Harrison Hall very unhealthy place to reside in during the summer months, when there is no fire kept in the building.

Re the request of Col. J. B. Rankin, asking the Council to have Tecumseh Park lighted for military purposes, we beg leave to report having put four lights in the Park, situated in such position as we thought would light up the place to best advantage.

INDUSTRIAL.

Chairman Cowan, of the Industrial committee reported as follows:—Re communication from Wm. Drader, asking the city to supply fire protection for his mills and yards, we would recommend that a four-inch pipe be connected with the Head street main and run down the street to a hydrant in the mill yard, a distance of four hundred and sixty feet, at an



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approximate cost of \$274.10, as per estimate of Supt. Jones of the water works department.

The committee also recommended that the city grant the Chatham Manufacturing Co. fire protection gratis.

The reports were all adopted. Ald. Cowan asked if it was the intention of the Board of Works to repair the crossings broken by the steam roller.

Chairman Marshall—it was when they require it.

Ald. McCaig said that the city engineer had dismissed Mr. Brady and Mr. Hook, two hard-working civic employees. He would like to see the men reinstated.

Ald. Scane—Just at present there is no crossing cleaning to be done.

Ald. Pritchard—I have seen the men working a day like to-day.

Ald. McCaig—Both men are good citizens and good, straightforward men. I know further that they do not clean the crossings a day like to-day.

Ald. Edmundson asked the Board of Works if they were going to clear the obstructions from the piers at the Aberdeen bridge. He also asked if they had any intention of fixing the sidewalk on the south side of Emma St.

Ald. Marshall replied that the Council would have to take the initiative in regard to that walk, and this would be done.

Ald. Scane wanted to know if the Dowsley people were going to build and what was being done.

Ald. Cowan said that the firm would be here this week, making arrangements to start at once.

Ald. Cowan asked what had been done in the matter of market shed repairs, tenders for which the Property committee had been instructed to ask for.

Ald. Fleming said that the chairman was out of town, but the tenders had not been asked for through a misunderstanding.

Ald. Pritchard asked what trees in the Park were to be cut down.

Ald. McCaig replied that the trees marked with chalk were the ones doomed. The chairman had had nothing to do with the picking out of the trees. He had only carried the chalk.

Ald. Cowan (with memories of a previous tree-marking expedition) — There were no arrests.

The Mayor—Not yet.

The Mayor desired to know of the Minister of Finance when he proposed to strike the rate.

Ald. Scane replied that he would do so as soon as the Court of Revision had met.

Chairman McCaig, of Parks and Cemetery, asked permission to advertise for tenders for the removal of the trees on Tecumseh Park. Granted.

Ald. McCaig asked for \$10 for lighting the band stand on Tecumseh Park.—Granted.

The cutting of the grass at the cemetery which left in the hands of the Parks and Cemetery committee to deal with. Ald. Fleming and Pritchard were out at the cemetery Monday afternoon and they said that the three men now employed cutting the grass were not able to keep it down and it would take about six men to do the work.

Ald. Cowan asked that \$50 be placed to the credit of the Industrial committee.—Granted.

Ald. Cowan moved Ald. Marshall, Taylor, Modesteur and Cowan as a committee to look into the Torrens' system of land registration, and the motion carried.

Ald. Scane's name was also on the committee but he was asked to be kept off. He said that his mind was already made up in regard to the system and that towns where it was in use were not satisfied with it.

Chairman Cowan, of the Industrial committee, presented the proposition of D. McLachlan. He proposed to build a college costing \$12,000, and asked the city to advance him \$19,000 to pay the interest. He would get the money at about four per cent. Mr. McLachlan would use only one end of the property and the balance would be used for park purposes. This would cost the city \$250 a year, as Mr. McLachlan would ask that \$7,000 be lent him without interest for the first