

DOWNIE ARRESTED, BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE PROSECUTED BY FIRM

**\$1,100 Stolen from Office
of T. S. Simms & Co.
Yesterday**

**Clerk Found on Floor to
All Appearances
Unconscious**

**His Story Not Believed,
and Later Money is Found
in Box Under His Desk**

W. HERBERT DOWNIE.

Undisturbed and so far as is known intact the eleven hundred odd dollars which was yesterday stolen from the vault in the office of T. S. Simms & Co., Union street, was discovered at ten o'clock last night by Sergeant Campbell in a search for a missing box and under the desk of W. Herbert Downie, the invoice clerk of the firm.

The arrest of Downie was immediately effected by Chief of Police Clark at the former's boarding place, corner of Leinster and Carmichael streets, and the youth who is suspected of planning and perpetrating one of the most daring daylight robberies in the history of the city, is now behind the bars at the central police station. Mr. Reid, of the Simms Company, announced last night that the charge would not likely be pressed.

Downie is little over twenty-one years of age, his record has been a comparatively good one and the firm is loath to press against a man in whom every confidence has been placed during his connection with the concern.

Yesterday shortly before one o'clock it so happened that Downie was the only clerk in the counting room, the others of the staff having gone to their homes for the lunch hour. The door of the vault was closed but not locked, and the pay roll of the week, amounting to some eleven hundred odd dollars, was deposited on a shelf within.

The temptation is supposed to have proved too great for the young invoice clerk and the robbery to have followed in natural sequence.

When Downie was discovered at the long story of his having been seated at the typewriter when he was grabbed from behind. He produced a number of black and blue marks about his throat in support of this, but they soon were off, and the police believed from the first that they had been self-inflicted. Everything in the case pointed to a thief who enjoyed an intimate knowledge of the firm's affairs. For the first time in a month the pay roll had been withdrawn from the bank before the robbery.

The robbery itself was consummated in less time than it takes to shake the proverbial lamb's tail. At twelve-twenty p.m. G. F. A. Anderson, a member of the firm, left the office with everything apparently in ship shape.

At 12:40 or thereabouts "Jere" McEachern, the teamster, discovered the invoice clerk, W. Herbert Downie, lying apparently unconscious in front of the safe. In the interval the vault had been rifled and some twelve hundred dollars removed.

John Wood, who was employed in the shipping room immediately adjoining the office, states that he saw or heard nothing. The occupants of the houses and factory across the street, notified by the police, the employees of the company looking in front of the premises were not aware of the happening of anything untoward. Indeed with so much confusion, a stroke was the robbery perpetrated that a solution of the mystery at the time seemed well nigh impossible.

ALL IN HALF AN HOUR.

G. F. A. Anderson left the office at twelve-twenty-five, telling Downie that he was going home. Downie asked where Mr. Anderson replied to the latter shop. He regarded this later as being somewhat suspicious, but thought nothing of it at the time. On the way up the street Mr. Anderson encountered Scraggs and Carroll, two employees of the company. When he returned to the office it was five minutes after one o'clock. He found the counting room in a turmoil, with Sheppard, McEachern, Carroll and others, bending over the apparently unconscious form of the shipping clerk. Upon the entrance of Mr. Anderson, Downie was heard to exclaim: "The money is gone," and the investigations of the vault that followed led up to the first knowledge of the robbery.

The teamster, McEachern, who first

discovered that something was amiss, had occasion to enter the office at about twelve-forty. He stumbled over the body of Downie lying prone between the typewriter desk and the door of the vault.

He states that the clerk murmured something of the cash, but he did not connect the occurrence with a crime until the arrival of Mr. Anderson. Immediately upon finding Downie he summoned assistance and proceeded to resuscitate him.

COULD REMEMBER NOTHING.

Upon coming to, Downie stated that he could remember nothing of what had happened in the interval of his being throttled, and his return to consciousness.

He stated that he was sitting at the typewriter facing the stairs leading up to the factory and back to the entrance leading in from the shipping room when he was grabbed as in a vice and thrown backward to the floor. Upon losing consciousness he heard in a stage whisper the words, "Hurry up, the safe," but could remember nothing further. Downie when found produced a number of black and blue marks about the throat and appeared to be generally shaken up. He stated that he was generally shaken up, and that his stomach was aching him as if he had been jumped upon.

During the period that Downie was left alone in the office but one person, Miss Cunningham, had left the building. She noticed that no one was in the counting room as she left. Scraggs and Carroll, the two employees who met Mr. Anderson on his way to the barber shop, entered and punched the clock at 12:35. Scraggs noticed that the office was empty and remarked the occurrence to Carroll, but he thought nothing more about the matter.

Just about this time Downie had occasion to enter the shipping room for the purpose of conferring with Wood in the matter of an invoice, and he thought that this explains the fact of there being no one in the office.

POLICE NOTIFIED.

After helping to resuscitate the unconscious Downie and upon discovering the vault rifled, Mr. Anderson immediately notified the police and Officer Olive was immediately dispatched to the factory.

Chief of Police Clark was at his dinner when notified of the robbery by Officer Olive, who was on duty at the Central station. Without waiting to finish his meal he hastened to the scene of the robbery and found Downie lying apparently unconscious. When commanded by the chief to get up he did so almost instantly, and his first words were "All the money is gone."

After taking a survey of the place, Chief Clark hastened to his office and summoned Detective Killen, Sergt. Campbell, Officer Cavanaugh and Special Officer Lucas, and these men were at once put to work on the case. Sergt. Campbell and Detective Killen visited Miss Agnes Cunningham, who is employed in the factory and who left the office between 12:40 and 1 o'clock, after waiting some time for her week's wages. Miss Cunningham stated that at the time she left the office it was vacant. Of this she was sure, as she wanted to get her wages before going home.

On returning to the factory Detective Killen called Downie into a private office and put him through an examination, but failed to bring out anything new. A close examination of his neck did not reveal any such bruises as would be expected to be found on a man who had been strangled until he became unconscious.

Downie stated that the last person he saw before he was attacked was a man by the name of Greely, who, according to the time clock, went through the office at 12:30 p.m. He also said that he did not hear any noise until he was seized and strangled. The officers made a close examination of the office and safe, and after questioning all the office help left the building.

Chief Clark then sent Detective Killen to Fairville and Officer Lucas to Portbury to watch all the outgoing trains, while Officer Cavanaugh remained at the Union depot. About 3 o'clock these officers returned to the office and reported that there was nothing new in the case. About 8:30 p.m. G. F. A. Anderson called on the chief and after considering all stand-points, and taking into consideration the evidence gathered by the police, he decided that the money had been taken by Downie, and that, as he had not had time to remove it from the building it must still be there. Sergt. Campbell then accompanied Mr.



AMERICAN QUEEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Felix M. Warburg of this city has purchased of George Watson the black saddle mare American Queen, that was second to Dr. Crockett in the class for ladies' saddle horses at Madison Square Garden last fall. She is a little over 15, 2 hands high, and in finish, manners and paces is a typical woman's horse. Hugh Wilmoughby bought her for Mr. Watson last summer at a little town in Missouri, where his trained eye picked her out on the street in the shafts of a farmer's buggy. She is a daughter of Big Dick, a bush bred Missouri trotter and saddle horse that was also the sire of Ike Taylor, the horse that defeated Miss Ann at the Chicago International.

PEACE BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SERBIA IS ASSURED

**Neutral Power to Offer Its Offices in Hope
of Settling Difficulty — Matter Will
Require the Most Delicate Handling**

LONDON, Feb. 20.—It was learned here today that one or more of the neutral powers will very shortly offer their good offices to Austria and Serbia in the hope of settling the differences between these two countries. Who will do this has not been decided, but in any case it will not be Great Britain. Negotiations to this end have been going on for several days between the signatories of the treaty of Berlin, and when it is decided what power is to take the initiative the others will lend their support by urging Vienna and Belgrade to accept the offer. The powers realize that this matter will require most delicate handling. They are convinced, however, that some step is necessary to lessen the existing tension and as soon as the details are arranged they are prepared to take it. The indications point to the selection of France to take the initial step in the offer of good offices, and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be distasteful to Austria-Hungary.

TO AWAIT ACTION OF POWERS

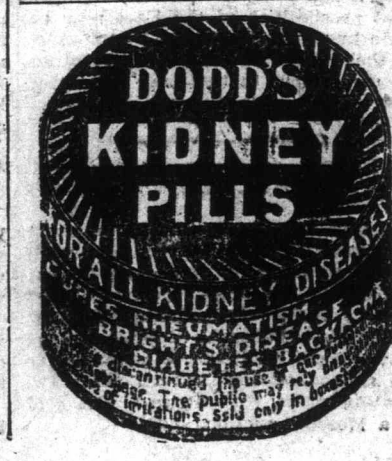
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—Russia has determined upon the quiet recognition of Ferdinand of Bulgaria as an independent sovereign during his forthcoming visit here, to be present at the final funeral rites over Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich, but formal ratification of the independence of Bulgaria, declared by Ferdinand and Timova, October 5 of last year, is to be postponed awaiting that joint action of the powers without which the treaty of Berlin cannot be changed. Ferdinand will be received with royal honors and styled king, not prince. It was explained au-

Anderson to the office, and on searching noticed a box under the desk of Downie, and on lifting it up the missing money was found in a small hand-satchel. The money was taken by Mr. Anderson and handed over to Chief Clark, who then accompanied Sergt. Campbell to Leinster Hall, where they found Downie preparing for bed, and placed him under arrest. They took him to central and placed him in charge of Officer McLaren in the guard room.

Sergt. Campbell returned to Downie's boarding house and procured some bedding and after being searched he was placed in a cell without being informed that the money had been found.

Much credit is due Chief Clark as well as the other officers on the case for the speedy manner in which the case was handled. Sergt. Campbell, who placed his horse and sleigh at the disposal of the department, rendered valuable assistance, while the other officers, particularly Killen and Lucas, worked untiringly. Killen had gone home for supper when the arrest was made, and Lucas was engaged during the evening in shadowing the house in which Downie boarded.

Downie belongs to Harvey Station, N. B., and has been in the employ of the firm two and a half years, part of that time being employed as traveller for the company, and was always regarded as honorable.



WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.—Charles Hiver, Belgian, who arrived in this country two years ago with the intention of going to Fairville and his wife and family, whom he had left behind in Belgium, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday, having walked the entire distance from Calgary, leaving there December 15th. Hiver received a letter from his wife in Belgium saying that she was dying of consumption, and asking him to hurry back to her. He wanted to see her alive. Having very little money, Hiver started on his long journey on foot, intending to walk all the way to Saint John. After hearing his story, kind-hearted citizens subscribed a sufficient amount to pay his passage to Belgium.

FOUND GUILTY ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Pittsburg Grafter Is Convicted

—Appeal Will Be Made

RELEASED ON BAIL

PITTSBURG, Feb. 20.—After deliberating twenty minutes this afternoon the jury in the case of Captain F. Klein charged with accepting and using a bribe, in connection with an advance pending in councils relating to the city depositories, returned a verdict of guilty.

Klein, who will appeal the case, The convicted man was released on \$2,500 bail and will be tried later on additional charges of conspiracy in the case.

HAD TO AMPUTATE BRANKMAN'S LEG

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Feb. 21.—Yesterday afternoon John Smallwood, brakeman on the Indian Point Branch, while shunting cars in the Millerton yard, fell off a car and under the wheels of an engine which went over his right leg, cutting off part of the foot and crushing the lower leg. Dr. Wilson accompanied the injured man to Newcastle and Doctors Pedolin, Desmond and Nicholson were summoned. After a consultation the four doctors decided that amputation was necessary and they cut off the leg about three inches above the knee, the operation being performed at the residence of the patient's father, Cameron Smallwood, who was so badly hurt on the same railway over one year ago. The young man is resting easily today and he is expected to recover. He is about twenty-five years old and married.

HE PASSES AWAY DURING SERVICE

MONTREAL, Feb. 21.—Death came with startling suddenness to G. A. Perry, of this city, today. He attended St. Matthias' church for the purpose of hearing Bishop Farthing preach. Just before the sermon began he was stricken with heart failure. He was removed to the vestry and medical assistance summoned, but he passed away during the progress of the service. The late Mr. Perry was a brother-in-law of Mr. C. R. Hosmer.

REPORT TO NEW YORK ON COBALTE

(New York Times.) A New Yorker, who has just returned from the Cobalt district in Canada, was deeply impressed by the report he heard of a fashionable wedding in the back country. Two habitants met on the train and took the seat next to his. "Ah, Antoine," one of them exclaimed, "we have been here at the wedding of Pierre Courbetin and Emile La Roche you shall never forget them. So gentle! So much luxury! Every one so 'appy' on so grand an affair! Think of it, Antoine!—every one wear de Prince Albert pants and deen de real ginger ale!"

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PROBLEM YET TO BE SOLVED

The Case Against Downie

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that his friends are sending in and is absorbed in the reading matter that has fallen to his hands since his incarceration.

His counsel has visited him on a number of occasions, as has his former pastor. He talks freely and is evidently in good spirits.

Many stories were in circulation yesterday about the prisoner, one of them going so far as to state that he had committed suicide, but these reports were of course without foundation.

As the country court meets tomorrow it is altogether likely that the examination will be concluded today.

CATHERINE BURKE LOSES COMMANDER

Captain Doggett of Nova Scotia is Washed Overboard

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