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WITNESS OF ROSENTHAL MURDER SWEARS WEBBER AND SULLIVAN WERE PRESENT AT THE KILLING

Dramatic Incident at Coroner's Investigation, When Louis Cresce, a Waiter, Pointed to a Prominent New York Gambler, and Later Identified Sullivan, Alleged "Go-between" for Police and Gamblers—Mayor Gay- nor Takes a Hand.

NEW YORK, July 26.—(Can. Press.)—Testimony that "Bridgie" Webber, in whose gambling house the murder gang, which killed Herman Rosenthal, is said to have congregated for the assassination, and Jack Sullivan, alleged go-between for certain of the police and gamblers, were in front of the Hotel Metropole at the time Rosenthal was slain, was given in coroner's court this afternoon. Following these statements Sullivan, who has been held as a material witness, was rearrested on a charge of homicide, and Webber was held without bail for the coroner's inquest on Aug. 15.

Louis Cresce, a waiter, testified at the coroner's hearing that he saw the assassination. Two men sat in the "murder car," while four others who stood nearby, shot Rosenthal. Cresce identified Webber as one he had recognized on the scene and pointed out Sullivan as having been there immediately after the shooting.

John Reiser, known in the underworld as "John the Barber," testified that he had seen Webber near the Metropole after the shooting, and that "Bridgie" was running.

Mayor Gaynor took a decided stand to-day in the turmoil. He wrote to Police Commissioner Waldo, directing that Police Lieut. Becker, charged by Rosenthal with being in league with the gamblers, shall not be suspended or put on trial without evidence to justify his conviction and dismissal. "On the other charge" that Becker instigated the murder of Rosenthal, the mayor said: "This is possible, but so far there is no evidence to support the charge."

Lieut. Cowtan, in the presence of Commissioner Waldo, publicly denied that he had made statements to the grand jury that gamblers could not remain open without police protection.

Patrolman William E. Fife, who was in the Metropole at the time of the murder, was served with charges preferred against him by Chief Inspector Schmittberger. The complainant says that Fife failed to take proper action at the time in causing the apprehension of the murderers, and also failed to report to his superiors any information of value.

Saw Rosenthal Slain.

At the coroner's hearing to-day, Louis Cresce gave the first testimony relative to the actual slaying of the gambler. He arrived in New York the day before the shooting to look for a job and happened along by the Metropole just before the assassination. There was a large gray automobile

Another U.S. Poacher Caught

OTTAWA, July 26.—(Special.)—The department of marine and fisheries has received a telegram that the revenue cruiser Newington has captured an American fishing vessel named the Thelma, which was caught poaching.

Particulars as to the place of capture are not given. This makes the Newington's second capture in a week, and the fourth vessel taken into custody flying the Stars and Stripes by Canadian cruisers in two weeks.

DREADNOUGHTS NOT PROMISED

Nothing in Persistent Reports of \$30,000,000 Contribution is Borden's Emphatic Statement.

LONDON, July 26.—(C.A.P.)—It has been stated in usually well-informed quarters in the past day or two that Hon. R. L. Borden and colleagues were convinced that the international situation demanded instant action on the part of the Dominion, and are prepared to recommend the contribution of six million pounds for the construction of three Dreadnoughts.

Interviewed, the premier said: "You have my authority for stating the reports are absolutely incorrect."

LAI D CLOTHES ON RIVER BANK IN ORDER TO DECEIVE CREDITORS

National Dock Strike Fails

LONDON, July 26.—(Can. Press.)—The attempt of Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seaman's Union, to organize a national strike of transport workers in support of the striking London dockmen, has failed. The reception of Mr. Wilson at the ports he visited in an effort to propagate the strike movement was so lukewarm that further efforts to prevail upon the men to go out will be abandoned.

It is expected that the failure of Mr. Wilson will lead to an early resumption of work on the London docks.

Frederick Cowtan, Who Supposedly Was Drowned in the Humber Last Year, is Now Living at Brampton, and Told the World Why He Deceived His Friends.

After many of his relatives and friends had mourned him as drowned in the Humber River, in August last, and the police and Matt Ackroyd had dragged the river for seven days to recover his body, Ernest Frederick Cowtan, a former resident of West Toronto, has at last turned up alive with his family in Brampton, Ont.

On Aug. 10, 1911, three young men who were walking along the western bank of the Humber River, on the right fork, near the old mill, found a light suit of clothing. Nearby were several insurance books, and a few other trifles. One of the books contained the name of Cowtan.

Enquiry at Cowtan's home on Durie-street, Ward Seven, elicited the fact from his wife that he had left that morning shortly after 7 o'clock to take his customary morning swim.

County Constables Simpson and Bolton immediately went to the spot and dragging operations were commenced at an early hour the following morning.

Searched Four Days.

Mate Ackroyd was notified, and with the police boat spent four days in a vain attempt to locate the body. It was then decided that Cowtan, who had been in the habit of diving from a log, must have struck a log and the searchers came to the conclusion that the remains were pinned down to the river bed.

The use of dynamite was considered, but discarded as useless, owing to the many holes in the river bed at that spot.

The city men then gave up the work. County Constable George Simpson, however, still fished about in the holes in the river, in the vicinity of the log from which Cowtan was in the habit of diving. In the end he, too, gave up the search.

Seen on a Car.

Mr. Ross, a neighbor of Cowtan's, came forward and stated that he had seen Cowtan on a Dundas-street car at 3:30 on the afternoon of the day on which he had disappeared. He described Cowtan as wearing a dark suit. The police questioned Mrs. Cowtan, but she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, as there were several small children, and the family was in rather straightened circumstances.

Cowtan's name went down in the civic books as one of those drowned in the Humber, whose body had not been recovered.

Some time later two residents of Durie-street were going to work, as an early hour in the morning, when they noticed a man walking towards them who answered the description of the supposedly drowned man. When spoken to the man did not answer to the name of Cowtan.

In the Cellar.

While a young woman was visiting the Cowtan home one evening she was startled by hearing the noise of a fall in the cellar. When asked for an explanation Mrs. Cowtan stated that there were rats in the house, and it probably was caused by the animals knocking over some boxes. It developed later, however, that the noise was made by Cowtan, who had gone into the cellar when the door bell rang.

During the next week or so the blinds on the Cowtan house were kept down. This gave rise to a suspicion in the minds of the neighbors that all was not as it should be, and consequently when Cowtan returned home one evening several of the neighbors were watching from windows.

Helped to Move.

In December the Cowtan house was rented to another party. A man who, the neighbors believe, was Cowtan, as—

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EIGHT DETROIT ALDERMEN ARE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF TAKING BRIBE MONEY

Secretary of Civic Committees Alleged to Have Shared in Graft Conspiracy in Deal With Wabash Rail- road—Case Worked up By Burns Detectives—Confessions Made

DETROIT, Mich., July 26.—(Can. Press.)—Eight aldermen and the secretary of the common council committee were placed under arrest this afternoon on charges of accepting bribes and conspiracy to accept a bribe for their votes and influence in the passing of a measure affecting city property recently transferred to the Wabash Railroad. At least six other arrests of aldermen are expected at any moment and it is alleged that \$370,000 passed hands, in sums of from \$100 to \$10,000.

The bribery was consummated and the arrests accomplished under the personal supervision of Detective William J. Burns.

The officials already arrested are: Thomas Gilman, president of the council, who is alleged to have received \$10,000; E. R. Schreier, Jr., secretary of the council committees and also secretary of the American League of Municipalities, who is charged with conspiracy to bribe, and agreeing to accept \$500; Aid. Joseph L. Thelton,

said to have accepted \$500; Aid. Martin J. Ostrowski, alleged to have received \$300; Aid. Francis O'Brien, conspiracy; Aid. Louis Toss, said to have received \$300; Aid. Frank J. Mason, Aid. Lois Boro and Aid. Delmel, the last three being charged with accepting \$100 each.

Said to Have Confessed.

Aid. Gilman has long been known in city politics as "Honey Tom." When arrested this afternoon it is said he turned over \$1000 and made a complete confession. Schreier, who it is claimed by the authorities, engineered the deal, was arrested in his office. He had not received any money, but the officers claim that he went to the office with the detectives who were acting under the guise of Wabash Railroad officials, to get his money and discontinue the officers who had just arrested Gilman. It is said he also made a statement to the officers.

The detectives claim that they have caught their men not only with marked money, but by telephonic testimony and photographic records.

The invitation which culminated in the arrests to-day has been going on since February, when rumors of graft in the councilman's body began to attract serious proportions.

RECIPROCITY IS REPEALED DUTY ON PAPER \$2 TON

United States Senate Votes 37 to 26 for Complete Re- scinding of Act After Hard Battle Over Print Paper Clause—Tax on Incomes Above \$5000.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(Can. Press.)—The senate to-night, by a vote of 37 to 26, passed the house excise tax bill, which would extend the corporation tax law to individuals and corporations on incomes in excess of \$5000.

The bill as passed included a provision for the repeal of the Canadian Reciprocity Act, and a substitution of a 32-per-cent rate on print paper. Senator Borah's income tax bill was defeated.

The excise measure would levy upon all persons firms or co-partnerships an annual tax equal to one per cent of net income in excess of \$5000.

Senator Cummins' permanent tariff board amendment, which was carried over yesterday in the wool fight and then lost in the final upheaval when the LaFollette bill passed, was attached to the excise bill by a vote of 23 to 28.

Fight Over Reciprocity.

The chief fight, aside from that centering about Senator Borah's income tax measure, came upon the Canadian reciprocity amendment offered by Senator Groun of North Dakota. The amendment adopted by the senate, 37 to 26, provides for the complete repeal of the reciprocity law and for the establishment of a rate of 32 per cent on print paper imported from Canada, in place of the present duty of 22.75. The text of the provision fixing a new tariff amendment was then adopted.

Wanted Free Paper.

The portion of the reciprocity law now in effect, which admits paper free from Canadian provinces which do not discriminate against the United States was defended by Senators Williams, Bacon, Smith of Georgia and other Democrats. They declared the free paper provision of the reciprocity law should be allowed to remain in effect and said under such an arrangement they would be glad to support a repeal of the balance of the law.

Senator Bacon finally offered an amendment to repeal all of the reciprocity law except the free paper section. It was defeated, 27 to 47, by a vote of 27 to 47.

Clapp, Poindexter and Worke being the only Progressives who voted for it. The other Progressives who voted for it were Groun and Bacon.

NEW ARCHITECT WAS APPOINTED

F. E. Belfry Chosen by Board of Education at an Initial Salary of \$3000.

F. E. Belfry is the choice of the board of education for the position of architect to superintend the designing of buildings for Toronto schools. Meeting in the city hall yesterday, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the property committee, and ratified the immediate appointment of Mr. Belfry. The committee reported that sixteen applications had been received for the position. Mr. Belfry will receive a salary of \$3000 a year, subject to increase.

Trustee Lewis moved that the finance committee be authorized to expend the necessary amount of money to carry out the arrangements for the teaching of swimming to children as outlined by Mr. Smith of the playgrounds association. The motion was carried.

A notice of motion was filed recommending that William Mann and Robert McLaren be paid \$2000 per year in future. The men are carpenters and have been receiving \$1500 per year, which is below the union standard.

PERILS LIE IN "SWAT THE FLY"

Board of Health of London, Ont., Condemns Campaign as Exposing Children to Disease.

LONDON, Ont., July 26.—(Can. Press.)—Members of the board of health are much opposed to the proposed "swat-the-fly" campaign for this city, and the question will be discussed at the next meeting of the board.

One member called at the health inspector's office to-day to learn where the idea originated, and why it had been taken up without consulting the board.

"The idea is absurd," he said. "Even if a million flies are killed that will only be the issue of three flies in a year and to do this children will haunt swill barrels, manure piles, and refuse heaps where they will be in more danger from germs than the whole city would be from flies."

"We recognize the menace to the public health that the fly is, but instead of sending children into all kinds of danger in trying to kill them for remuneration we should issue bulletins telling the people of the danger arising from eating food that has been touched from flies and that would do more good than a dozen contests."

Dr. Burden, also a member of the board of health, could not say that he approved of the contest. "It will surely attract children to places where all kinds of dangers from disease lurk, and I cannot see where much benefit can be derived from it," he said.

JNO. L. WILLMOT DIED SUDDENLY

Well-Known Former Toronto Business Man Passed Away Yesterday at Grimsby Farm.

Word was received in the city last night of the sudden death from heart failure of John Langworthy Willmot, who for many years was a well-known and highly respected business man in Toronto, and who, some two years ago, removed from the city to take up fruit farming at Grimsby.

He was born at St. Helier's, New Jersey, in 1859, and came to Toronto with his father, the late Edward Willmot, when in his third year, settling in the then Village of Yorkville. He completed his education, he entered business with his father until the latter retired about 1875, since which time he continued the business himself until two years ago, when he purchased a fruit farm at Grimsby.

He married Mary Ann Stollery, daughter of the late Colonel William Stollery, who survives him with a family of four, three sons and one daughter, Harold E. of The Globe staff, Mrs. Walter P. Higgins of Toronto, and Roy and Fred at home.

Mr. Willmot was a member of Ashlar Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and during his long residence in Toronto was a prominent member of the B'or Street Baptist Church, where he was conspicuous in Sunday school activities. In politics he was a Conservative.

Mr. Willmot had been in the best of health and the end came shortly after seven o'clock last evening with startling suddenness. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

ALL-RED LINE IS URGED ON BORDEN

Influential Deputation Assured That Question is Receiving Utmost Consideration.

LONDON, July 27.—(C.A.P.)—Hon. R. L. Borden and colleagues received an influential deputation yesterday on the question of an all red route from Great Britain to Canada, and from Canada to Australasia. The deputation included Lords Wearvale and Montagu, Sir Jas. Troubridge, C. N. Armstrong, Sir Jas. Mills, New Zealand, and representatives of shipping and transport interests.

Hon. Mr. Borden assured the deputation that the question was receiving the utmost consideration by the government, and would be glad to receive further suggestions on their return. Particular mention was made also of the immense advantages of arming merchant and other ships on the Atlantic and Pacific.

ROME BEHIND JUDGE MONET?

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MONTREAL, July 26.—(Special.)—The Montreal College people are circulating a petition to the Pope setting forth that as civil complications will not permit the college going any place except Ilerve, a suburb of St. John's, and that any interruption of the studies will greatly damage the course, his holiness is requested to intervene.

It now transpires that before Judge Monet made his address at St. John's he had paid a secret visit to Rome and had it out with Cardinal Merry del Val. In March, so the story goes, Judge Monet told his family that he was going to Vancouver, but he called for Rome instead, the only man in the secret being Mayor Gervaise, who presided at the St. John's demonstration.

What transpired between the judge and the papal prime minister no one knows, but the fact of the learned judge taking such an advanced position after seeing the Vatican people makes the situation very interesting.

BROCKVILLE TO TAKE HYDRO

BROCKVILLE, July 26.—(Special.)—At a special meeting held this afternoon, the town council authorized the mayor and clerk to sign a contract with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission for the transmission of cheap power to Brockville. It is expected that the power will be ready for delivery here by the first of the New Year.

SWANSEA POLES STOLE LUMBER

Martin Gyra and John Gommaull, two Swansea Poles, were arrested shortly after eleven o'clock last night by County Constable George Simpson, assisted by District County Constable Dennis. For some time the Dominion Sewer Pipe Company has been missing stock of lumber from the yard. County Constable Simpson has been on the watch and last night his vigil was rewarded. The two Poles started away with a quantity of lumber but were caught by the police. They were taken to No. 6 station and locked up.

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Martin Gyra, Brother of Mike Gyra, Who Was Murdered at Humber, Arrested With Companion.

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French Nobleman's Tragic Death.

LONDON, July 26.—The Duc de Loze, a French nobleman, to-night fell down the elevator shaft in a home he was visiting and died from his injuries a few hours later.