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WOMAN MURDERED AND THROWN INTO JERSEY POND

Victim Was Comely and Such of Her Clothing as Found Was of Fine Texture

Crime Evidently Committed on Lonely Spot on Hackensack Meadows—Night Watchman Identifies Body as One Who Passed Him in Company With a Man Late at Night, and an Hour Later He Returned Carrying a Big Bundle.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—A murder combining the elements of mystery and deliberate cruelty, which took its toll of the ordinary, was committed on the Hackensack Meadows in the town of Harrison early today, and the nude body of the victim, a comely woman of perhaps 30 years was nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond. Only the feet projected when chance passers-by broke the ice in which the exposed portions were incased and dragged the body ashore this afternoon.

The dead woman was finely featured; her hair and nails gave evidence of a recent and scrupulous toilet and such of her clothing as was subsequently found suggested in texture and style, an owner of refinement, rather than one whose habits might lead her to frequent the vicinity of the crime. The pond in which the body was thrown is made by the overflow from the Passaic River, and is directly across the river from this city. The body had not been identified tonight. Its description does not correspond with that of any woman reported to the police as missing.

Two men who reported a yacht moored near where the body was found, are detained by the police, but the most important clue obtained was furnished tonight by Peter Coogan, a watchman employed by the Marine Engine Company, who recognized the body as that of a woman whom he had seen crossing the meadows in company with a man early today. Later he saw the man alone. He then carried a bundle in his arms. The man was short and stout. Coogan, whose duties keep him in the neighborhood of the murder, told the police:

"While out-duties at 2 o'clock this morning I saw this woman in company with a man cross the meadows, going in the direction of the pond. They passed so near me that I am able to recognize the woman's features. Some time later, perhaps an hour, the man returned and again passed me, this time going in the direction from which the two had come when I first saw them. This time the man was alone. In his arms he carried a bundle which he had not had before. In build he was short and thick."

Coogan could not give a better description of the man.

Two girls returning to their homes in

QUEBEC HAS A SENSATION

Woman Dead from Poison and Husband Marries Another

MURDER SUSPECTED

Omer Rochette Accused of Killing Wife in Order to Collect Life Insurance and Incidentally to Wed Another—Both Have Fled.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Without the presence of Omer Rochette, the husband who is suspected of having poisoned his wife to wed another woman, and incidentally procure the insurance made payable to him, the deferred inquest on the body of Marie Plamondon, his wife, was opened this morning at the morgue, and the evidence adduced corroborated the sensational rumour which has been the general topic of conversation in the city during weeks past, and proved conclusively that the deceased woman died from arsenical poisoning.

Dr. Marois, who made the examination in company with Rev. Mr. Flon, professor of chemistry at Laval, testified, Tests revealed the existence of a minute quantity of two grains of arsenic in the stomach, which while further quantities of the deadly drug were found in the intestines. The heart, lungs and other organs of the deceased seemed to be sound, which permitted of no other conclusion but that she died from arsenical poisoning.

Rochette has left the city with the woman he married a few days ago, and his wife's mysterious death, and was last heard from in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

WILL NOT HURRY THE GRAND TRUNK

Railway Commission Gives Them Time to Appeal Two-Cent Order.

NOSSE FAREWELLS

Japanese Consul Departed from Ottawa Thursday Homeward Bound—Has Pleasant Things to Say About Canada, and Hopes to Return.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The railway commission has decided to give the G. T. R. until March 1st to appeal to the supreme court of the privy council in the case of Robertson vs. the G. T. R., that is to say, the enforcement of a two-cent rate and the placing of third class cars on the company's line between Montreal and Toronto. The decision of the commission prepared by Judge Killam and approved by the other commissioners is as follows:

"The order in this case was issued without communication of a draft to the parties. The details were settled by the board. No time was allowed after final depositing of an appeal to the supreme court for the arrangement of steps to be taken in force, although the order directed that tariffs should be prepared and filed. Necessarily some period of time was required in order to prepare for the new service."

"While I do not feel any doubt as to the correctness of my conclusion, the question of law involved and while that conclusion has been unanimously affirmed by the supreme court of Canada, I cannot say that the argument for the railway company was so frivolous or unreasonable that the judicial committee of the privy council will not give leave to appeal."

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BRUTAL MURDER BY ENGLISHMAN

Aged Brampton, Ont., Man Shot Dead by Immigrant Employee

ATTACKED SON

Desperate Struggle for Mastery Ensued Before Young Curry Was Able to Beat the Murderer Into Submission.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 26.—William Curry, aged about 80 years, one of the most respected citizens of Peel county, was murdered at his residence in Toronto town-ship Christmas night. The tragedy occurred at the home of the murdered man's son, James Curry, ex-reeve of Toronto township, who himself was feiled by the assailant and somewhat seriously injured.

William Curry, the dead man; James Curry, his son, and a hired man, John Terrier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne (Eng.), were sitting in the dining room on the evening of Christmas night. At 9 o'clock the senior Curry retired to his bedroom, which opens off the dining room. A few minutes afterwards Terrier got up stretched himself and said: "Well, I think I'll go to bed, too." Then he walked over to the corner and picked up a double barreled shot gun. Turning suddenly on James Curry, the only other occupant of the room, he aimed the gun at him and said: "You—you laughed at me when we were firing the pump the other day. It's my turn now."

At that moment Curry, senior, who had been in bed in the adjoining bedroom, hearing the angry words, appeared at the door of his room clad only in his night clothes. "Put down that gun, don't make a fool of yourself," he cried to the hired man. Instantly the man turned on him and fired. The charge struck him in the breast and being close range made a terrible wound. He died almost instantly. Terrier then turned his aim again on the son, who jumped at him and knocked the barrel upwards, the charge going into the ceiling.

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SEIZED SUSSEX LIQUOR DUMPED INTO THE RIVER

Clergymen, Constables, and Large Crowd in "Funeral" Procession

Man Who Owned It Forfeited \$1,800 Bail and Was Sentenced to Thirty Days in Jail in His Absence—Great Applause Greeted Magistrate's Decision Confiscating the Ardent—Similar Cases to Be Tried.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 26.—A large number of people visited the police court room this morning to hear argument on Scott Act cases, which have caused much interest of late. Only two cases were disposed of today. The first was a standing case against the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, which was dismissed.

Court then adjourned to Medley Memorial Hall where the seized liquors were stored. The case against Sylvester Madden, who was held on bail amounting to \$1,800, was next disposed of. Madden did not appear and his bail was forfeited. It is the intention of the authorities to proceed against the bondsmen. The evidence in the Madden case was heard, a number of witnesses examined and it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that a large quantity of the liquor taken was the property of Madden and was kept for the purpose of sale. There was no defence.

A. A. Wilson, K. C., of St. John, appeared in the interest of the temperance people. Magistrate Hornbrook was not long in rendering judgment. He found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to thirty days without the option of a fine, and gave an order for the destruction of the liquor belonging to Madden. The Magistrate was applauded after his decision.

Court was then adjourned and the remaining cases will come up on Tuesday next.

Late in the afternoon preparations were made for the destruction of the liquor. When it was learned that it was to be destroyed, a large crowd gathered to witness it. A procession was formed headed by Rev. Frank Beard and Rev. Dr. Rogers, next came Inspector Casack and his body guard, then "the trimmings" followed by about 200 citizens. They proceeded along the left bank of the Kennebecosis River to what is known as the town dumping ground, here some twenty-six cases, four kegs and six barrels were destroyed. The bottles were broken by means of a sledge hammer and the contents were dumped into the river. It was an amusing sight.

Rumor has it that some of the bottles by mistake slipped into the river and are now on their return to St. John, and that a telephone message was whispered along the line to Apohaqui, Norton, Bloomfield and Hampton to have their ahed nets in readiness as there was something in the stream.