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AN IMPORTANT CLUE.

McWhirrell, the Alleged Murderer, Talks of the Crime.

DETECTIVES HOT ON THE SCENT

The "Young Englishman" Turns Out to Be a Scotchman With a Cockney Accent—The Story Told by Walker, the Alleged Accomplice.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Detective Greer unearthed a most important link in the chain of evidence against William Walter McWhirrel, the alleged murderer, yesterday. The clue obtained is of such importance that it is almost certain that that officer will arrest his man to-day.

McWhirrell did not leave Toronto until Thursday noon. Detective Greer is fully informed of his movements on Wednesday last and also on Thursday up to noontime, so that the alleged murderer had but little start of the authorities after all.

McWhirrell was in the habit of calling at the home of a carpenter named Brown, on Price street. On Wednesday afternoon he invited Mr. Brown to go out for a walk, and together they proceeded to the Rosedale hotel on Yonge street. McWhirrell seemed terribly excited. His eyes were restless and very bright. He would jump when anyone opened the front door. After supper he picked up a paper and said:

"They seem to think that the murder was committed for money. I will bet my life that when it is all known it will be seen that robbery was not intended."

When asked what the murder was committed for he gave this significant answer:

"That murder was committed that the old man's will might be secured. They did not want money."

Who McWhirrell Is.

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—That Englishman who has been causing a good deal of anxiety in connection with the murder of the old Williams couple near Port Credit is now known, and turns out to be a Scotchman with a decided English accent, which no doubt has been the means of throwing the officers of the law off the scent. His name is Walter McWhirrell, alias McGuire, and is known as a professional burglar. He was accompanied in his deal with Lowrie in selling the horse by a young man named John Walker. This youth was arrested by a constable at Havelock, Ont. Walker has told all he knows about his companion.

What Walker Said.

On the night of Thursday, the 14th instant, between 9 and 10 o'clock, he met McWhirrell, or, as he knew him, Maguire, at Fitzgerald's hotel on York street. While drinking together, Maguire, who he claims was a stranger to him, told him he had a horse for sale, and asked if he knew where a purchaser could be found. After some conversation they parted, Walker going across to Tobin's restaurant to spend the night and Maguire stopping at Fitzgerald's. Friday morning Maguire came across and they had breakfast together at Tobin's, spent the morning round town, and had dinner at the same place. After dinner Magnire said he had to meet a man at the Exhibition grounds who had come in from the country with him the previous day, and Walker saw no more of him till about midnight, when he came back to Tobin's and slept that night in another bed in the same room with him. He was very wet when he came in.

On Saturday morning Maguire went out first to get the horse and cutter, telling Walker to meet him on King street, which he did, and together they drove to Little York, where Walker had told him he thought he could find a purchaser for the horse in the person of a man named Donohue, for whom he had previously worked. They found, however, that Donohue did not need another horse, and driving away from there noticed Butcher's place, and Walker said he knew that milkman and suggested they try there. The story of the proceedings at Butcher's is already well known, and Walker's account agrees in general narrative with that already published. There are some discrepancies, however, which further inquiry will probably rectify. Walker says they tried to sell outright to Butcher, whereas Butcher said the request was only for the animal's keep for the winter. Then Butcher most persistently declared he had no previous knowledge of either of his visitors, but Walker showed conclusively that they were well acquainted.

Not making a deal at that time they drove away down the road and had a drink at a hotel, for which Maguire paid, and after that Maguire told him to take the rig back to Butcher and he would keep it till Monday. He did so, and Butcher received it without asking any questions. They then came back to the city and put up at Tobin's that night. On Sunday they walked to Butcher's, and not finding him in began to groom the horse, Butcher came in while they were thus engaged, and then Walker told Butcher who he was, and Butcher at once recognized him.

On Monday morning Walker walked out to Butcher's place and got the horse, which he brought in and delivered to Maguire at the Don bridge. Maguire told him to meet him again at noon on the corner of King and Church streets and drove off up River street. Walker kept the appointment and waited on the corner till two o'clock, but Maguire did not turn up. Then Walker went down to the Union Station to sell papers to get money for a meal, as Maguire had not paid him the promised dollar, and shortly after arriving there he ran across Maguire, who had a parcel under his arm. This parcel he gave to Walker, saying it was a roast of beef for Butcher, and telling him to take it to Butcher on King street, near the Ontario brewery. He did as directed, found Butcher, and handed over the parcel. In parting with Maguire at this time, which was between 2 and 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, the 18th, and the last time he saw him Maguire said he was going either to Buffalo or Kansas City.

In concluding his story, which he told in a straightforward way and with apparent general veracity, Walker said he stayed round the city until Wednesday, when he started east in search of work, and had beat his way as far as Havelock, where he was arrested in the manner described.

Maguire and Walker then returned to the city, the former going again to Tobin's, and the latter, having no money, went to the Salvation Army hotel on Wilton avenue. Before separating, however, Maguire told him to go out in the morning and get the horse and meet him with it at the Don bridge and he would give him $1 for his trouble. Maguire then took from his pocket a memo book, and, tearing a leaf out, wrote "291½ Parliament street," on it, and handing it to Walker, told him to give it to Butcher and say that he (Butcher) was to go to that address for the cutter and harness. It may be here mentioned that the police have that memo, which was in the possession of Lowry, the purchaser of the horse.

Description of McWhirrell.

William Walter McWhirrell, alias McGuire, is described as follows: Age, 28; height, 5 feet 6 inches; dark complexion, brown eyes, dark brown hair, bald forehead, mole on both cheeks, scar on second forefinger of left hand, scar in the corner of his right eyebrow, good teeth, prominent mouth, small brown moustache (may be shaved off now), eyebrows meet over the nose, slim build.

The Conclusion Arrived At.

This is the conclusion that has been come to in regard to the perpetrators of the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, namely, that one or perhaps both fugitives are making their way as fast as their legs can carry them in an easterly or northeasterly direction from this city. Perhaps the Christmas festivities now on among the little communities through which they are passing is aiding their flight and preventing their identity being known. In times of good cheer people are apt to forget the gruesome and the horrible deed of December 14, and it is possible that the murderers are by this time far out into the country enjoying the hospitality of some farmer, to whose unsuspecting ears news of the crime has not yet come.

From the fact that Detectives Slemin and Greer gave up this trail at Scarboro', it may be safely inferred that they are working on clues nearer, or actually in the city, or it is just as probable that investigations regarding the guilt or innocence of Frank Losee, who was liberated on Saturday, compelled their return. From enquiries it would seem that something more than Frank Losee's protests of innocence brought the officers hither, and that they think that there has been a separation of the murderers. From investigations made by a reporter it would seem probable that one of the suspected men is still hovering or hiding in the slums, while the other has taken leg towards the country.

The grounds of the supposition are these: The consensus of evidence of witnesses now points to the perpetrators of the murder possessing two distinct traits of character. One was an expert horseman or driver, or coachman, who, without actually taking part in the terrible battering of the old Williams couple, kept himself in the back ground, hitched the horse and did the driving. His accomplice was evidently a burglar, at all events a man of low, brutal instincts, who did the killing, pilfaged the horse and took what money he could quietly lay hands on. Some new witnesses will appear at the adjourned inquest on Wednesday and are expected to give some important evidence bearing on the first man and his housing of the horse and cutter during the two nights before it came into Butcher's possession. It is just possible that he is still in the east end of the city.

TO MORE PEACEFUL SCENES.

A Well-Known Printer and Journalist Retires From the Field.

PALMERSTON, Dec. 26.—Mr. J. T. Lacy, who originated the Palmerston Telegraph here, and has conducted it continuously for eighteen years, has been compelled through affliction to retire from the sphere in which he has long been a notable figure. Some four months ago Mr. Lacy was taken with what appeared to be a stroke of paralysis, depriving him of the use of his left arm and leg. Lately his right leg has been stricken, totally incapacitating him from further activity. Mr. Lacy is the personification of the editor of the old school. He was born in England and served the seven years' term of strict discipline in the art of printing that many Canadian journalists of to-day yet well remember. During his long residence here he might have been considered the oracle of the community at large and the autocrat of the council board, and many events in the history of the town stand as tributes to his fearless and forcible pen. Mr. Lacy has the sympathy of a large number of residents of this locality, as well as of his brethren of the press, in his misfortune. The Telegraph will probably be discontinued.

The Quebec Lottery.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Regarding the "Quebec lottery scheme," the so-called "Society of Arts," which has legal authority here says that it rests with the Ontario Government, and not with the Dominion Government, to investigate whether its operations are legal, at least as far as the business it carries on in this province is concerned. The provincial governments are entrusted with the administration of "criminal justice," and if the Quebec scheme which is now largely advertising its business in Ontario is an evasion of the law and of the criminal code, it is the duty of the Attorney General of the Province to deal with the matter.

Suspicious Death of a Canadian.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Dr. Haighton Noyes, a young man about 26 years of age, was found dead here at his office, 386 Sixth street. The cause of his death was not apparent and the coroner was notified. From the position of the body it looks as though the young man had sat on the bed and gradually became unconscious. An investigation will be made and the stomach analyzed. The dead man came from Canada, and at present his mother is living in Windsor.

Ottawa's Ice Track.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The races on Lansdowne park yesterday constituted the opening of the Ottawa Driving Club's winter track. For an artificial ice track it was in splendid condition and the time was fast even at the turns.

Quarantine Amended.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The Order-in-Council providing for the closing of the cattle during the winter along the international boundary has been amended so as to make it applicable to the territories and omitting Manitoba and British Columbia.

Baroness Macdonald in Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Baroness Macdonald of Earnscliffe, is now in Riviera, Italy, accompanied by Hon. Miss Mary Macdonald. They are staying at San Remo.

Appointed Customs Inspector.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Alfred Boultbee, ex-M.P. for East York, has been appointed custom inspector for Western Ontario, in place of the late T. C. Newburn, deceased.

The Damaged Resolution.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The battleship Resolution, which was damaged in a gale in the Bay of Biscay while on her way from Plymouth to Gibraltar and returned to this port, will go to Portsmouth for repairs.

Disasters on the Ward Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Seneca, which returned to Havana Sunday morning with fire in her forehold, was sunk in the harbor at that port yesterday in order to save her. The Ward Line people are much exercised over the numerous disasters of the past year. The company's steamer City of Alexandria was burned on the way from Matanzas to Havana November 1. A few weeks ago a dynamite cartridge was found in a sack of coffee shipped in the freight of the City of Washington. In the case of the City of Alexandria the fire was preceded by an explosion among the freight. In the present instance the flames were discovered among the freight in the forehold. Had it not been discovered in time to put back, the indications are that the loss of life would have been greater than on the City of Alexandria, when eleven of the crew were lost.

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The King of Siam is seriously ill.

Influenza is increasing in London, Eng.

Senator Charles Guinot, of France, is dead, aged 66.

George C. Magoun, the well-known New York banker, is dead.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is suffering with an attack of influenza.

Hon. J. J. Fraser has been sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

Lieutenant Governor Mackintosh was tendered a complimentary ball at Calgary.

An uprising against President Hereaux is reported to be imminent in San Domingo.

The Liberals of East Peterboro' have again nominated Mr. Thomas Blezard, M.P.P.

The tariff bill is to be called up in the U.S. House of Representatives on January 8.

Water broke into Oak Hill colliery at Minersville, Pa., and drowned a number of men.

On Sunday the Methodist Congregation of Mount Forest contributed a collection of $1,000.

The Russo Servian commercial treaty has passed the first reading in the Skuptschina at Belgrade.

Rev. J. L. George, M.A., of Belleville, has been elected moderator of Kingston presbytery.

Rev. W. T. Hicks died at Sault Ste. Marie of typhoid and heart failure, resulting from la grippe.

The Rathbun Company's office and freight shed at Belleville harbor were destroyed by fire.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on January 4.

James Connors, one of the worst criminals in Chicago, was shot and killed while committing a burglary.

It is again stated that the Emperor of Germany will pardon the French spies who were sentenced last week.

Thomas Swinarton ex-M.P.P., who formerly represented Cardwell in the Local House, died at Bolton, aged 76.

The Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs declares that Spain will not permit further shuffling on the part of Sultan.

The arrears of unpaid taxes in Servia amount to 30,000,000 francs, and the country is in danger of bankruptcy.

A London cable announces that the Acrington election resulted in the return of Lee (Gladstonian) by 258 majority.

The new opera house at Woodstock was totally destroyed by fire Friday night shortly after the audience dispersed.

A Vienna cable says that Louis Kossuth was recently compelled, owing to poverty, to sell his immense library for $180.

The disaffection in Poland is increasing, the quartering of Russian soldiers among the inhabitants is especially resented.

South Huron Liberals have nominated Mr. M. Y. McLean of The Seaforth Expositor as candidate for the Legislature.

At Sandwich H. J. White, late of the Walkerville Malleable Iron Works, was found guilty of embezzling funds of the firm.

A Montreal despatch says a Cleveland syndicate, with Mr. H. A. Everett at its head, has secured a controlling interest in the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company.

According to a census taken in 1892, the population of Japan is 41,089,940, of whom 20,752,265 are males and 20,337,674 females.

The Tavistock flour mill was completely destroyed by fire, along with 8,000 bushels of wheat. The loss amounts to about $8,000.

A fire in Sheffield, Eng., caused over $1,000,000 damages to the establishment of Hovey & Sons, drapers, and other buildings.

Owing to alarm caused by the bomb outrage in the Lyceum Theater, Barcelona, several of the theaters had to suspend business.

The Consumers' Oil Company of Petrolea has decided to go into liquidation owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the oil trade.

A meeting to consider the scheme for establishing a ladies' university in Hamilton was held in the Wesleyan Ladies' College, that city, on Friday.

A sensation has been caused in Budapest by the arrest of a gang of banknote forgers, among whom is Leopold Goldschmidt, the noted artist.

The directors of the University of Chicago has decided to locate Yerkes' observatory at Geneva lake, Wis., as an annex to the University of Chicago.

The resolution condemning the Cleveland Administration for its action in the Hawaiian matter has been tabled by the House Committee on Foreign Relations.

Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture, has taken out a suit for libel to the amount of $25,000 against Ernest Pacaud, proprietor of l'Electeur, of Quebec.

James Brinkman, a well-known settler of Prince Albert district, committed suicide by cutting a hole in the ice of the Saskatchewan River and plunging into the water.

The British sealing schooner Maud S. has won her case in the Japanese court. The vessel was seized by Russians, charged with sealing within 30 miles of Mandarski island.

Bruneau, the half-breed who killed Snake Child, an Indian, at Calgary on Saturday night, was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to ten years in Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

Hugh Steed, son of a farmer living near Essex, fell from the back of a horse and was badly trampled by another animal which he was leading. The young man's injuries are believed to be fatal.

The latest news from Honolulu shows that the Provisional Government is erecting barricades and digging rifle pits, with the intention of forcibly resisting any attempt of restoring the Queen to power.

There has been a general election in New Zealand lately and the Government was restored by a handsome majority. It was the first election since woman suffrage became law, and ladies were conspicuous at all polling places. Nearly 20,000 women voted in North Island alone.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Christmas was celebrated at Osborne Home as usual. After divine service, attended by the whole household and conducted by the Rev. Clement Smith, chaplain, the Queen drove out. A family dinner was followed by a select party given by the Princess Beatrice's oldest boy. At Sandringham the Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York attended service in the Parish church. They passed the rest of the day in absolute quiet.

BRITAIN'S CROPS.

A Statement of the Board of Agriculture Shows Smaller Returns.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—This morning's Standard says: "A statement has just been issued by the Board of Agriculture estimating the produce of wheat, barley and oats in Great Britain for the year 1893. It affords no ray of hope for the farmer. The yield of barley in England was 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1892, of oats 6,000,000 less, though the area cultivated for both grains exceeds that of the previous year. The acreage of Great Britain under wheat decreased by 200,000 acres and the yield was 9,000,000 bushels under that of 1892. Rents within recent years have fallen 60 per cent, yet they must fall 25 more if farming is to be made to pay."

Suspected of the Prague Murder.

PRAGUE, Dec. 26.—Four men have been arrested on suspicion of having murdered Rudolph Maiva, better known as Rigoletto, of Tuscany, who was killed beside a Christmas tree in his house here on Saturday. Their names are Dolzel, Dragoun, Dvorak and Kria. They were examined yesterday, but no facts were elicited except that they all were members of the same secret society. They are believed to be Young Czech agents, who killed Maiva because he was said to have betrayed the secrets of the notorious "Omladina" and to have aided the police generally in learning the plans of the Young Czech agitators. At the examination Dolzel offered to confess if he could get a release from the oath of the secret society. Dragoun refused to allow him to speak out the truth, but Dolzel remained silent. The police believe the crime is that [illegible] Maiva's door to [illegible] Dragoun throttled Maiva [illegible] bed him. Dolzel [illegible] with blood when he was [illegible]

The Pope's Successor.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A Rome correspondent says that the clearness and vibrating force of the Pope's voice when he spoke before the Sacred College on Saturday surprised all hearers and must put a stop to immediate speculation concerning his successor. "This speculation has been centering upon Cardinal Monaco La Valletta, continues the correspondent, "but the confidence of his supporters weakens with the sudden health of the Pope, for the Cardinal seems to be on the verge of a decline. Cardinal Vannutelli is fast becoming first favorite among those interested. Next to him comes Cardinal Parocchi."

Pelloux Withdraws His Decree.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A despatch from Permanent says that President Pelloux has withdrawn the proposed decree [illegible] the Parliament from this city, has withdrawn the law and disorder bill, and has released the deputies who were in the Dobanto and Italian Constitutional [illegible] stationed at Milan, expected them of sympathy with Mello.

Between Pope and Czar.

ROME, Dec. 26.—An entente between Russia and the Vatican has been formed on the nomination of Bishops of Poland. Russia has removed her interdiction of Catholic bishops going to Rome and on Friday the Pope gave an audience to a Polish bishop.

The Pope Recovered.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The Pope has recovered from his recent indisposition and is now enjoying excellent health and spirits. His voice is clear and powerful.

Accepted the Reduction.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The tin plate workers of North Wales, have accepted the employers' ultimatum of a 10 per cent. reduction of wages. Their action is considered important, as it is expected to lead to a change in the standard of wages fixed in 1874.

They Fought a Duel.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—A pistol duel was fought three days ago at Innsbruck between Lieut. Teucher and an army surgeon. Teucher was killed and the surgeon was shot in the neck. The challenge was due to a trial dispute.

Dreadful Death.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—[illegible] celebrated dramatic [illegible] typhoid fever.

CHEWED BY A CANINE

And Over 1,000 People Watch the Operation and Dare Not Assist.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—A large Newfoundland dog, weighing over 100 pounds, in resenting a kick from 14-year-old James Collins, in Covington yesterday, literally chewed him to pieces. The dog jumped on the lad, knocked him down, and tore one of his ears off. A crowd of over 1,000 people were attracted by the boy's screams, but not one of them had courage to interfere. A policeman finally succeeded in lassoing and afterwards shooting the dog, but before this was accomplished the boy's body had been terribly torn and lacerated. He will die.

Fire Record.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—The club house and all the stables of the Pittsburg Driving Park Association at Homewood were burned this morning.

KITTANNING, Pa., Dec. 26.—Yesterday the barn on the Keystone stock farm, in Manor Township, owned by Brewer Bros., was destroyed by fire. Twenty-two horses perished. The loss is $20,000.

LUCAN, Ont., Dec. 26.—A small stable belonging to Mrs. Rebecca Porte, situated in the rear of her premises, took fire yesterday and was burned to the ground. There were two horses belonging to Dr. Shaw which were also burned.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 26.—A new double dwelling house on Tower road, one-half only was occupied, was almost destroyed by fire last night. Insured for $3,000.

Robbed an Express Messenger.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—A special from Marshall, Texas, says a Pacific express messenger named McCullough was knocked down on the railroad station platform by a negro and robbed of a pouch which contained from $5,000 to $6,000. Although the act was done while a crowd of people was on the platform the robber escaped and there is no clue to his identity.

Four Persons Drowned.

JENNINGS, La., Dec. 26.—Saturday D. Thibodeaux and wife, Widow Thibodeaux, three little daughters and a Mr. Miller left Mengentean in a skiff. A storm arose, the boat was swamped and all but Thibodeaux and Miller were drowned.

Balloonist Killed.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Aeronaut Killips made a balloon ascension on Sunday during the performance of Pubillone's circus. When 60 feet up he fell from the trapeze. He was unconscious when picked up and died an hour afterward.

The Corbett-Mitchell Fight.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 26.—Members of the Duval Club are intensely wrought up about Governor Michaelis' message to the effect that the Corbett-Mitchell fight shall not take place in this state. Several of them have gone to Washington to interview denouncing the Governor, and pledging themselves that the fight will occur according to the arrangements at ringside.