

CONFESSION OF FOURNIER

Cold Blooded Recital of a Terrible Crime
—The Accused Man Sat in the Box
Listening to the Reading Without
Any Expression of Emotion.

Of all the dastardly deeds that were ever committed in the annals of criminality there was never one that excels in cold-bloodedness and brutality that for which Victor Fournier is on trial for his life and to which he has made a confession of being a party. It is a confession of Fournier, made on Monday, the 15th inst., before the authorities and which was read in open court at his preliminary hearing this morning that is particularly remarkable for its diabolism and entirely unaccompanied by any expression of sympathy for the victims or sorrow at the part he admits taking in their destruction. During the reading of the long confession covering 15 pages of closely type-written paper and particularizing in detail the motive prompting the deed and the deed itself, Fournier sat in the prisoner's box and never changed a muscle and never uttered a word, as if he was in no wise concerned in the proceedings.

Only once during the entire morning did he show any agitation and that was after the evidence of the prosecution, which consisted entirely of the reading of Fournier's confession, was in and the magistrate was asked by the crown prosecutor to order the commitment of the prisoner for trial to the superior court. Just before the order of commitment was read to him Fournier's attorney spoke to him for a moment, when Fournier arose to his feet and said excitedly and gesticulating rather wildly, "That ——— killed them. I did not do it. It is hard enough to rob a man without murdering him." Fournier was quieted down and was asked if he had anything to say. His attorney answered for him and said that the defense would be reserved for the trial at the sitting of the superior court.

The announcement made in last night's Nugget that Victor Fournier and Edward La Belle, the accused murderers of Bouthillier, Constantine and Beaudoin, would be up for preliminary examination this morning was the means of filling the police court long before the time set for the hearing. Every seat and every inch of available standing room was fully occupied and a large number stood at the doors and windows endeavoring to get a sight if not being able to hear the proceedings.

At 10:25 Edward La Belle, accompanied by Sergeant Smith and two constables, was brought into the court room and immediately the court was called to order.

Magistrate Wroughton presided and called La Belle to the box.

The crown was represented by Crown Prosecutor Congdon and the prisoner was represented by Attorney Noel.

On behalf of his client Attorney Noel asked that the case be remanded until next Thursday, as he was expecting word from La Belle's brother-in-law, Mr. Leonard, and would then know at what time to expect him. The crown prosecutor consented to the enlargement until next Thursday but stated that he would object to a further enlargement for the preliminary hearing. The order was given granting the enlargement until Thursday and it was mutually agreed that an enlargement be made until the same date for the other charge which is to come up tomorrow morning.

La Belle was then taken back to the guard room and immediately after Victor Fournier was brought in. The prosecution and defense stated their readiness to go on with the preliminary examination so Fournier was called to the box and the charge of the murder of Guy Beaudoin was read to him. This was the charge laid yesterday.

Mr. Blankman, the court stenographer, was called as the first witness by the crown and asked to identify the transcription of the confession which Fournier had made in the presence of Inspectors Rutledge and Wroughton, Sergeant Smith, Detective Welch and the witness who took the confession in shorthand. The witness stated the copy produced and put in as evidence was his own transcription and was a true and correct copy. The confession was made voluntarily without any inducement or threat being made to the accused. This he testified to after referring to the notes and reading therefrom the prisoner's own words in which he stated that he was making the statement of his own free will, was proud of it and would kiss the Bible a hundred times on every statement made. In reply to other questions the witness stated that no hope had been offered to the prisoner for making the statement and no pressure had been brought to bear on him to force him to do so in his presence.

The confession itself was then read by the crown prosecutor and was the only evidence put in.

The confession deals with the movements of the prisoner from the time he left Dawson in company according to his own statement with La Belle.

The latter had asked him to go to Whitehorse stating that there was

SCIENCE ADVANCED

By Lieut. Peary's Late Expedition

Such is the Opinion of Dr. Cook the Famous Arctic Explorer.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
 New York, Sept. 19.—Dr. Cook, the famous Arctic explorer who formerly was with Lieut. Peary, declares that Peary's latest expedition means no failure, adding materially to the annals of science even more valuable than would be the actual discovery of the pole itself. Cook declares that Arctic exploration is handicapped only by food and transportation difficulties.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS

Return in Good Ship Fram

Have Been Engaged in Exploring Some Unknown Parts of Greenland.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
 Uthshire, Sept. 19.—The Arctic steamer Fram arrived here today with the Sverdrup expedition. The Fram has been used in exploring the unknown lands in northern Greenland.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA.

Mr. E. E. Lindig will open the 33 below Bonanza roadhouse this evening with a swell dance.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hecker Brewett have just returned from the outside looking better for their trip home. Mr. Brewett will operate on Adams hill the coming winter.
 Mr. A. Garvie, the popular hotel man from Grand Forks, has just completed a fine two story building for the accommodation of his constantly increasing business. This gives Mr. Garvie two large buildings and there is no question but that he will do the hotel business of Grand Forks this winter.

Messrs. Wm. George and A. Zuber have purchased the old Brook claim, and have erected the first frame cabin on Gold Hill. The boys are now making extensive preparations for winter work.
 One of the most enjoyable affairs that has taken place on Gold Hill for many a day occurred last Monday evening at the Lindsay residence when baby Mary Corinne Lindsay was christened. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton standing as sponsors for the little one. Many handsome presents were given after which the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast during which fine music was rendered by Morgan & Co.'s band. Mr. Lindsay's champagne punch was a feature not to be forgotten. Dancing, music and singing were indulged in until a late hour. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Falk, Boyce, Charlton and Lindsay; Messames Whitehead and Bowhay; Messrs. Clegg, Fairfax, McDowell, Kearney, Lindsay and Cavannah; Messrs. Yacht, Morgan, Gladwin, Willard, Dublin, Flannigan, Vincent, Johnson and Avery.

Work Has Begun.

Today at noon the first sod on the foundation of the athletic association building was turned and about a dozen men are employed in making the excavations for the mudsills which will support the superstructure. The work will be done by day's labor under the superintendence of McLennan & Mero, the well known contractors. How deep it will be necessary to go in order to secure a good foundation is not known, but it will doubtless be at least six or eight feet. As soon as the foundation is completed a small army of carpenters will be given employment and the building will be rushed forward with all possible speed. It is expected that portion of the structure that will be devoted to the rink will be under cover within a fortnight and the management is now seriously considering the advisability of having the opening at once marking the event by having some big athletic affair before the arrival of the skating season. If such a course is decided upon an effort will be made to pull off the Burley-Hector fight there instead of in one of the theatres. The seating capacity will be about 3500.

HON. JAS. HAMILTON ROSS NOMINATED

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ernment itself, and should not be left to private individuals; therefore, be it.

"Resolved, That the government be requested immediately to make careful examination and obtain reports upon the subject with a view of cancelling forthwith the Treadgold concession and undertaking such supply as a national enterprise.

Prior to the adoption of the resolution concerning the Treadgold concession, Frank P. Slavin asked permission to say a few words. He referred to the injury that had been done the country by the granting to Treadgold of his enormous concession and the monopoly of water given him and something must be done at once to cancel it. "I came here five years ago at a time when no one knew the value of the country. We knew there was gold here in abundance but we could not say how long it would last nor what the end would be. Then came the concession question. I secured one running from Big Skookum to Irish gulch before there was even a hole sunk on Gold Hill, but when I went to Fawcett to sign it he refused. Now we have Treadgold on top of all of us with the most gigantic concession of all and had it not been for the unusual heavy rains this summer there would have been many idle men for the want of water." The speaker spoke of the government of Australia and the manner in which water for many of the rich mining districts had been provided. He was in favor of the Dominion government doing likewise in the Yukon; providing the water and selling it to the miners on a sliding scale with a maximum price of \$1.00 per acre foot and a minimum of \$0.25 per acre foot. The speaker said that the low grade prize would never be a better claim could afford to pay more. "I have often thought," said he in conclusion, "how unfortunate it is that the present commissioner was not here in the days of old Tom Fawcett. If he had been things would not have been as they were and many of the difficulties of the past three or four years would never have appeared." (Prolonged cheers.)

Wm. Thornburn was not exactly satisfied with the resolution just read. He wants no one to have an exclusive right to put in a water system, but instead would like for anyone to have that privilege who might desire it. He had in mind a gentleman who had the necessary funds at hand and if given permission would put in a system that would supply the entire district with all the water that was required. He offered an amendment to the resolution to that effect.

H. C. Crofton, Monte Cristo, did not approve of the amendment and wanted the original resolution passed as read. The government has all the capital needed for such an enterprise and no private individual should be considered in the matter at all. It should be a federal institution built by the people and for the people.

F. T. Congdon was also against the amendment and made a splendid speech in support of his contention. If the amendment were passed it would be as much as presenting the government an alternative. "If you can't supply with water allow some one else to do it." The government can and will accede to the wishes of the people if such desires are presented in a proper manner.

D. H. McKinnon considered that the Thornburn resolution was only another case of the difference between twaddle and twaddle-dum and asked who the nigger in the fence was that he wished to favor so greatly and upon what terms.

The amendment upon being put to a vote was completely snuffed under, receiving but six votes.

The secretary continued the reading of the resolutions.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention many of the concessions now held were obtained by fraud and imposition; that it is in the interests of this territory that such concessions should be annulled, and to that end that inquiry should be set on foot to ascertain the circumstances of such fraud and imposition, and action taken by the attorney general of Canada in the premises.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention, it would greatly tend to assist in the working and development of mines in the territory, to permit the importation of mining machinery of a class not manufactured in Canada, free from all customs duty.

"That the convention views with satisfaction the increase of the number of elective members of the Yukon council, and respectfully recommends that the membership of the council be made wholly elective, without delay; and further, that all matters of a purely local character be committed to the council for deliberation and determination.

With the reading of the last clause Mr. Thornburn was again on his feet with an amendment. He desired that the making of the mining laws be delegated by parliament to the Yukon council.

Mr. Slavin was opposed to the amendment as such would be interfering with the powers of the Dominion. He would be glad to see, however, the appointment of a minister of mines to whom could be made recommendations of what was needed against the granting of the same. Mr. Shoff administered the death blow to the amendment by saying it is of such low grade that it could not be dealt with by the Yukon council, unless the land within the territory was given to the Yukon by the Dominion. The amendment died on the table.

The secretary continued:

"Resolved, That a policy should be adopted which would prevent the obtaining of concessions for hydraulic mining, except in places where the dirt is of such low grade that it could not be profitably worked by other methods and that before any hydraulic lease should issue, notice should be given by the applicant by publication in the newspapers of his intention of applying for such lease, so as to enable protests to be entered against the granting of the same; and that the owners of hydraulic concessions already granted should be compelled to carry out the strict terms of their leases, and that in default of their so doing, their leases should be cancelled."

At the conclusion of the reading of the report seriatim, Mr. Shoff stated that he had an additional resolution to offer which he considered would meet with the heartiest approbation of everyone present, prefacing the reading by saying "that the Liberal party had been in power for the past six years during which time the trade of the Dominion had more than doubled and that an era of prosperity had been enjoyed the like of which had never before been experienced. He thought the time opportune to extend to the government the congratulations of the party in the Yukon upon the unqualified success that has attended their efforts in the past six years. The resolution to that effect, and expressing an unbounded faith in the policy that is being pursued was passed and a copy ordered sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The report of the committee on permanent organization and standing committees was presented by R. P. McLennan and was as follows:

"Your committee appointed to act as general and standing committees, beg leave to report that it was

"Resolved, That a general executive committee be appointed to act until the election is over, said committee to be made up as follows:

"Dawson to be represented by the president and fourteen members, said members to be appointed at a general meeting.

"Grand Forks, including Upper Bonanza, El Dorado, adjoining hills and Lower Bonanza as far as No. 60, to be represented by the president and five members to be appointed at a general meeting, said five members to be appointed with a view to represent said adjoining districts.

"Whitehorse, by the president and five members.

"That the president of all Liberal clubs organized elsewhere throughout

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the territory be members of the executive.

"In any district where no Liberal club exists at present that the executive proceed to call a meeting at such places and one man be appointed at such meeting to act on the general executive."

The chairman then announced that nominations were in order. George R. Smith, owner of 37a below upper discovery on Dominion, was at once on his feet and the honor of presenting Mr. Ross' name before the convention fell to him. He said:

"Mr. chairman and gentlemen: It affords me very great pleasure in presenting the name of a man whom we all know and one I know on the outside. One who is particularly well fitted for the office, one whom the miners know and in whom they have the utmost confidence. From Manitoba to the Yukon there is not a man who has the power at Ottawa that he has nor one who can do as much for us as he can. He is a friend of the workingman and I am a workingman. I nominate the James Hamilton Ross. (Continuous cheers)

We want a man who will represent our interests in a manner which will result beneficially to us, and I ask, you, gentlemen, who can do more for us than Mr. Ross? I represent a district where the men are almost a unit for Mr. Ross. I circulated a petition where there were 136 voters and 95 of them signed it asking that Mr. Ross be supported in the nomination and I have no doubt of the outcome. Now gentlemen I am no speller and can't make a speech, but I have known Mr. Ross down in the territories and he was our friend there and will be here. I ask, this convention to support me in the nomination I make of Mr. Ross."

Again the building fairly shook with applause which became more emphatic as a picture of Mr. Ross was hung up to view. Seconds to the nomination came thick and fast, seeming the desire of nearly every delegate to show the enthusiasm of his support. H. C. Crofton, of Monte Cristo, Mr. Matheson, of Sulphur, F. P. Slavin, of Bear, Robert Lowe, of Whitehorse, C. George Johansen, of Hunker, Dr. Elliott, of the Forks, T. G. Fraser, of Gold Bottom, E. Bennett, of Gold Run, J.

Approves Marconi's System
 Special to the Daily Nugget.
 Paris, Sept. 19.—The French government will establish wireless telegraphy between the islands of Martinique and Guadalupe in consequence of frequent interruptions to the cable service.

Fatal Collision.
 Special to the Daily Nugget.
 Pittsburgh, Sept. 19.—A collision on the Pittsburgh and Western near Whitmore, Pa., this morning, engineer Bennett was killed and four trainmen and several passengers injured.

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