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"LOOK OUT! DO YOU WANT TO KILL THE MAN?" MORKIN SHOUTED TO WARD IN THE FIGHT

Joseph Ward Arraigned
in the Police Court on
a Charge of Murder.

NEW WITNESSES
GIVE EVIDENCE

One Man Swore That Ward
Punched and Knocked Down
Alexander Warwick.

Joseph Ward was given his preliminary hearing before Magistrate Love this morning on a charge of murdering Alexander Warwick on April 3, and after hearing the evidence the case was adjourned for a week.

Several new features have developed.

James Fox, a witness whose evidence was not taken at the inquest, swore that from where he was standing in the barroom he saw Ward trip Warwick when he was standing at the top of the stairway.

Another feature brought out is that the statement made by Thomas Morkin that Ward was accompanied by a man named Talbot, is incorrect, as Talbot was not there at the time. Ward, however, was accompanied by someone, but as yet who he is has not been made public.

Ward took matters very coolly. He sat by himself in the far corner of the prisoners' cage, and followed the evidence with much interest. He did not seem to be worrying in the slightest and looks fresh and well.

Thomas Morkin, the first witness called, stated that on Saturday, April 3, he saw Alex. Warwick at the Morkin House in the afternoon about 2 o'clock. Witness was standing outside the front door when Warwick came out shortly before 6 o'clock.

The Row.
Joseph Ward came along with a man named Talbot. Warwick and Ward had some conversation in a low voice and then Ward asked Warwick if he wanted to fight. Warwick said, "Yes, if you want to fight, I'll fight you."

Ward then tripped Warwick, and the latter fell on the stairs, and grabbed one of Ward's legs.

Ward reached over and hit Warwick lightly on the head. Ward and Talbot started in to the hotel, and Warwick followed. There was a scuffle at the top of the stairs and Ward put his hands on Warwick and pushed him backwards.

Ward's Condition.
"What condition was Ward in as to sobriety?" asked Mr. McEvoy. "He was neither drunk nor sober," "In what condition was Warwick?" "He was sober."

"What was Warwick doing there from 2 o'clock? Did he live there?" "No, Warwick was in the barroom most of the time; just hanging around the bar."

"Was he in the habit of spending his Saturday afternoons in the Morkin House?" "He had spent that Saturday afternoon and the Saturday before in the barroom, but not before that, as he had only just got off the Indian list."

"He was a drinking man, then?" "Yes." "Did Warwick strike at Ward when he tripped him outside the door?" "No, he fell down."

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The Proposed Steel Plant

Whether or not the United States Steel Corporation will establish its Canadian branch in Port Stanley should be known within a very short time.

Ald. Ferguson has been in communication with Mr. W. H. Beatty, the Pittsburgher who was in London not long since in connection with a gas proposition, and that gentleman has written to Ald. Ferguson stating that he will consult Mr. A. G. Dinkley, president of the Carnegie Steel Corporation, at once.

"I laid all the information I could before them," said Ald. Ferguson. "I told them of the advantages of Port Stanley for such a plant, and did my best to make the Port's claims as strong as I could. Mr. Beatty is in close touch with the Steel people, and he will arrange an interview if there is any possibility of their coming this way. There is not much use of going to Pittsburgh unless they give some encouragement. Mr. Beatty will keep me in touch with the business, and I am hopeful that something will come out of it."

"There is a possibility that the company will come to the Port. All we can do is to bring the advantages of this part of Ontario to their notice, and then we can find out."

"I will know very shortly Mr. Dinkley's views on the matter."

WIRELESS PHONES IN USE BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Minister of Marine Talks With Operator at a Distance of Thirty Miles—Remarkable Results Secured by a Danish Inventor.

Paris, April 12.—Naval Lieutenants Colin and Jonce, the inventors of a wireless telephone apparatus, with which they succeeded last fall in communicating with Dieppe from Paris, today introduced a new and greatly improved apparatus. The Minister of Marine exchanged conversations with operators at Melun, a distance of 30 miles, and he declared that the result was a vast improvement over that obtained by the ordinary telephone.

In December, 1907, dispatches from Berlin declared that Waldemar Poulsen had succeeded in telephoning without wires from Copenhagen to Lyngby, near Copenhagen, a distance of 250 miles. Dispatches said that the sound of music played in Berlin was distinctly heard at the other end, that messages were exchanged, and that the transmission left nothing to be desired in the way of clearness and audibility.

NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD RESIGN

Mr. Pugsley Is Ready to Defend Himself on the Floor of the House.

Ottawa, April 11.—Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, arrived tonight. Interviewed, he declared emphatically that he saw no reason why he should resign from the cabinet, and that he was prepared to defend himself on the floor of the House.

"The report of the royal commission," he said, "is not supported by the evidence. I was called as a witness, produced a number of checks and vouchers, and Mr. Powell who was the legal adviser of the commission, declared himself entirely satisfied. My testimony might have gone more into detail, but as the commission was apparently satisfied with my explanation, there was no occasion presented for any amplification. The general public have now before them the report of the commission, but with the evidence, and the testimony adduced before the commission, its report carries little weight and naturally has been received with surprise."

"Had you any personal interest in the company?" "None whatever. I simply acted for the province, and as an officer of the province."

"The commission," he added, "lays stress upon \$134,000 being unaccounted for. They certainly do not claim that I received a dollar. As to this, I stand on my interview at St. John. A large amount was paid for interest, and this with other payments, will account for the alleged discrepancy. Unfortunately, the secretary and the auditor of the company are both dead."

"Another important thing for you to remember is that the books of the company were subjected to a thorough audit by the province in 1904, yet the commission attempts to go back of this audit for years. They made no thorough examination, but hacked at various items here and there in the accounts."

As to Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie, he said the commission really urged nothing against him, except his acceptance of a fee of \$500 from the province for the sale of some bonds to a gentleman in Chatham, N. B., who happened to be his client.

REIGN OF TERROR IN FRENCH TOWNS

Button Factory Workers on Strike Cause of Violent Scenes and Troops Are Called.

Meru, France, April 12.—The striking button-makers of Meru, whose demands for a continuance of the strike have been followed by violence and disorders, recalling the days of the revolution, have been a veritable reign of terror here, and in the neighboring towns of Crepin and Lormaison. About 2,000 soldiers, under the command of Gen. Nicolas, consisting of dragoons, hussars and cuirassiers, and 50 gendarmes, under the leadership of the prefect of Cluse, are today patrolling the streets of all the towns and the surrounding country, where further violence is to be expected.

The mob is ugly, and cries of "Down with the republic!" are heard constantly. The soldiers are bearing the insults of the people with great stoicism, and although a number of the troops have been injured severely by stones, no arrests have been made.

TIME IS RIPE FOR THE TAKING OVER OF WELLS

Prominent Citizens Speak of the Danger of a Water Shortage This Summer.

There is a decided opinion among the members of the citizens' committee, who promoted the artesian well scheme during the municipal elections last January, that the water commissioners should take hold of the wells proposition and carry it to a conclusion.

All of them who could be reached stated that the time for the wells was fast approaching. There is no doubt that the dry season was approaching.

Mr. John H. Chapman said: "Mr. Beck has demonstrated the existence of plenty of water to be had from wells, and that it is of the very best quality. The scheme should be developed, as there is no doubt the water is there."

Mr. John Labatt is enthusiastic over the scheme. "There is plenty of water here," he said. "It is of the best quality, and is pure, and is much softer than the city supply. It is high time something was done. I do not understand why the commissioners should further delay."

"We have a good well on our property," said Mr. Warren W. Thompson, and Mr. Beck has evidently plenty in his wells. There is no reason why we should not take advantage of them. Mr. Beck is going to build a pumping station, in order to get all the water he thinks necessary for his purpose. It could be turned into the mains directly, and prevent drought this summer. There is no doubt that we need the water badly."

ALL PERU SHAKEN BY GREAT QUAKE

Accompanied by Dense Fog, Clouds of Dust and Subterranean Rumbblings.

Lima, Peru, April 12.—A severe earthquake was experienced here at five minutes past three o'clock this morning. The movement was from east to west, and it was accompanied by subterranean rumbblings. The people of the city were very much alarmed, but no casualties resulted. The quake was attended by a dense fog and clouds of dust. The cornices on a number of buildings were thrown down to the streets, and clocks all stopped. The movement was felt also in Callao, Barranco and Chorrillos.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE STILL ON INCREASE

Many New Houses Will Go Up in London This Year.

Building permits continue to be taken out in considerable numbers, and the prospects for an excellent year for the builders are ample.

Among those taken out since Friday last are the following: J. Sharpe, three 14-story brick-veneer houses on Charlotte street; W. Clarke, 15-story brick on Langarth street; R. Croble, 14-story brick on Oxford street; W. Patrick, 14-story brick-veneer on Briscoe street; T. J. Byrnes, 2-story frame house on Pine street; A. G. Pearson, verandah on house at 251 Sims street, and Arthur McLean, 2-story with attic brick house on Queen's avenue.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH SCARED HORSE

Mr. George McCartney Has a Strenuous Experience With Spirited Horse at the Fair Grounds.

Mr. George McCartney, of 97 Fullerton street, had a very exciting experience at the fair grounds this morning about 9 o'clock. He was driving a spirited horse and had just entered the grounds when the bit came out, and when he got out to fix it, the animal started back, and the driver was hurled into the air. The horse finally gave a lurch which demolished the harness and shafts, and the driver was hurled into the air. The horse started back, and the driver was hurled into the air. The horse finally gave a lurch which demolished the harness and shafts, and the driver was hurled into the air.

G. T. FREIGHT TRAFFIC IS RAPIDLY INCREASING

That freight traffic on the Grand Trunk, both inward and outward, here is picking up rapidly is amply demonstrated by the report of the earnings for the past seven days. The figures show a greater part of his increase of \$4,000 for seven days, as compared with the same period of last year, an average daily increase of from \$570 to \$600.

Up until about six weeks ago the figures here were little better than those of last year, but since that time the week report shows a large increase. The last week compared with the previous seven days gives an increase of about \$500, while two weeks ago there was an increase of \$350 over the same week of 1908.

MATRICIDE ELECTROCUTED.

Ossing, N. Y., April 12.—For the murder of his mother, Susan Arlin, in her home in Brooklyn, one year ago, Bernard Carlin, aged 22, was put to death by electrocution in the Sing Sing prison today. Carlin had been in the current consisting of 1,340 volts only when he was executed. Carlin had been in the current consisting of 1,340 volts only when he was executed.

Late Mrs. Quick.

The funeral of Mrs. Levina Quick was held from the family residence, Edward street, this afternoon and was largely attended. Impressive services were conducted at the house by Rev. A. K. Binks. The pallbearers were Charles McMillan, Wm. McTaggart, Geo. McCullagh, Dan Sprall, Chas. Tulke and Dan McDonald.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS COMING. FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 12-8 a.m. Today—Strong south and southwest wind, with showers; temperature, 40-50; cloudy; Tuesday—Westerly winds; showers; colder again by night.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Victoria 40 40 Cloudy. Calgary 32 32 Cloudy. Winnipeg 22 20 Snow. Parry Sound 42 32 Cloudy. Toronto 40 32 Fair. Ottawa 34 24 Fair. Montreal 38 20 Clear. Quebec 38 20 Clear. Father Point 38 20 Cloudy.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 19-25; London, Sunday, 19-25; Detroit, Saturday, 24-34; Detroit, Sunday, 24-34; Victoria, 38-54; Vancouver, 34-53; Calgary, 24-30; Edmonton, 16-28; Ottawa, 34-50; Winnipeg, 24-30; Parry Sound, 24-30; Montreal, 38-50; Quebec, 38-50; Father Point, 38-50.

WEATHER NOTES.
A disturbance from the west is moving across the great lakes. The weather continues cold and wintry in the Western Provinces, and snow falling in many districts.

NINTH WELL IS ALSO A SUCCESS

Test Made Saturday Night Shows a Flow of About 225,000 Gallons a Day.

DRILLING ANOTHER ONE

Total Amount of Water Now Available Is as Has Been Stated About 2,000,000 Gallons.

If well No. 10, now being drilled, turns out to be as successful as some of the others, nearly two million gallons of water daily will be the result of the artesian scheme to date.

Well No. 9 was tested on Saturday evening, and it has proved to be one of the best of the series, showing 225,000 gallons of water, very similar to the water from the other wells.

It is located at the foot of Bathurst street on the boulevard.

If they average 200,000 gallons each—as it is quite likely they will—that will make 1,800,000 gallons daily of excellent water right at the doors of the consumers.

The Wells.

The estimated quantities of the nine wells are as follows:
No. 1—200,000 gallons.
No. 2—350,000 gallons.
No. 3—250,000 gallons.
No. 4—150,000 gallons.
No. 5—300,000 gallons.
No. 6—200,000 gallons.
No. 7—150,000 gallons.
No. 8—150,000 gallons.
No. 9—225,000 gallons.
Total, 1,500,000 gallons.

With another well, there would be no doubt that the quantity to be obtained would be quite two million gallons, allowing considerable for optimistic measurements, as they have been called.

There has not been a single failure since the scheme has been tried.

LONDON MAN IN THE BRANTFORD POLICE COURT

John A. Green Has Had Some Domestic Trouble in the Telephone City.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Brantford, April 11.—"Til blow them up, house and everything, with this little vital I have here. Do you see it?" This was the statement of John A. Green, a non-union moulder, made to Magistrate Livingston at the latter's residence last night, when Green called to air some recent domestic troubles to the magistrate. It appears he has recently been working for McClellan's of London, while his wife is still resident in the city. The pair have been separated for a short while back, and Green's references in his blow up threat were to the house and its occupants at 24 Bridge street, where his wife has been living. Magistrate Livingston saw the vital of it, and did not care to see any more of it. Green's bluff, as far as he was concerned, would go "ineffective." The magistrate suggested that he go down to the police station and get the police to assist him. Green, who was the worse for liquor acquired the suggestion, and when he arrived was immediately placed under arrest.

Two Charges Made.

Two charges were preferred against Green this morning, for being drunk and for threatening to blow up his wife's house. However, Green thought the concoction with which Green threatened to do all the damage ought to be examined, and it was accordingly handed over to Dr. Pearson. "Nothing but perfume and cheap perfume at that," was the doctor's opinion. However, the magistrate was not a little bit afraid of the disturber, and he did not drop the precious vital near his house last night, or allow a couple of drops to ooze out sufficient to break the news, when his case will be disposed of. The charge of threatening to blow the bottom out of the town with a bottle of cheap perfume-scented talcum will likely be dropped.

MR. JOHN L. DAMPIER DIES AT STRATHROY

Well-Known Former Londone Passes Away in His Eighty-Eighth Year.

Strathroy, April 11.—Mr. John Ludwell Dampier, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of this place, died at noon today after an illness of some time. The infirmities of old age were the cause of his death.

Deceased was born at Bruton, Somersetshire, England, on July 1, 1830. He came to Canada 72 years ago, settling in London, where he was connected with the Ontario Loan and Discount Company for many years. He was also in the employ of the Bank of Upper Canada prior to its failure, about 1880. Mr. Dampier lived retired for some years in London, removing to Strathroy about seven years ago. He was a member of the Anglican Church, and a Conservative in politics.

He is survived by a widow, and one son, Mr. L. H. Dampier, manager of the Bank of Commerce in Strathroy. Interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery, London.

FARMER SUICIDES.

Cornwall, Ont., April 12.—Alexander McCullough, about 60 years of age, a farmer, residing in Glendonald, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in his barn. He had been acting curiously for some time past.

MOUNT ETNA ACTIVE CAUSES ANXIETY

Ashes Are Falling Thick Upon the Country Surrounding the Volcano.

Naples, April 12.—Mount Etna is in eruption. A great cloud of smoke is pouring out of the crater, and as ashes are falling thick in the surrounding country, considerable anxiety is felt, and the progress of the eruption is being watched with anxiety.

TRACK ELEVATION IS STILL VERY FAR OFF

Grand Trunk Railway Has Made No Move in the Matter as Yet.

Nothing has been heard of track-elevation for some time. Mayor Stevely has received no word from Engineers Kelly, nor any information regarding the subject from any other Grand Trunk officials.

The plans for the Toronto work have not been returned to the railway commission as yet, it is stated. Work cannot be commenced on the London end until the plans of the Toronto improvements are disposed of. "I have heard nothing of late," said Mayor Stevely. "We will have our case taken up just as soon as Mr. Kelly gets through with the Toronto plans. It will require some time yet, I presume, to expect that something will be done this season towards settling this problem."

HIGHLANDERS OPEN WITH THE SENATORS

Both Teams Crippled for Initial Contest of American League at Washington.

Washington, April 12.—The weather today promises to be bright for the opening contest of the American League season at the league park in this city. The Washington and New York clubs, which finished last and next to last, respectively, in the stirring struggle of 1908, but both of which are believed to have been greatly strengthened in the meantime, and are scheduled to begin here today a series of four games.

The home team will be as much of a stranger to Washington fans as the visiting club, none of its practice games having been due to arrive here this morning from Columbus, Ohio, and the New York team should reach here about the same time from Newark, both teams having played with and incidentally having been defeated by halcyon teams from the cities, yesterday. But neither team presented its strongest front, nor will it be able to do so today.

Walter Johnson, the local star pitcher, is suffering from the effects of a severe cold, and will not make the slab today. The absence of Johnson, the Washington shortstop, who is also unwell, and Milan, the club's speedy centre fielder, who is nursing a sprained ankle, will necessitate the Washington team going into the game with a temporary line-up.

On the other hand, the New Yorks have been even more unfortunate, being deprived temporarily of the services of their premier first baseman, Hal Chase, who is nursing a cold, and Augustus, the pitcher, who is nursing a cold.

OUTWITTED THE POLICE

Escapes Through Window When Four Policemen Watched the Door.

Hamilton, April 12.—Louis Birk, the news vendor, has the laugh on the police. Yesterday the authorities claimed that he sold papers on Sunday, and they tried to get into his office. Louis locked himself in, and the police had to stay outside. In spite of the vigilance of four policemen, who were put to do nothing else than see that Louis did not escape, the freckle-faced news vendor climbed through a small window into the lifetime of the present generation, under a brilliant sun the river bank white and glistening with the snow. And it was silent, absolutely voiceless for the first time within their memories.

The weight of that silence was an imponderable thing, but it hung heavy on all who listened, with a chilling solemnity more awful than the roar of the rapids.

The Estimates.
All estimates of ultimate damage are conditioned by what the weather may have in store. The best that can be hoped for is a succession of calm warm days. Then the ice will melt gradually and subside bit by bit.

Already it has sunk five feet, and in spots ten, as the support of the water beneath has been withdrawn.

The worse that could happen would be another violent blow from the southwest. By no means is all the ice in the lake out. For the moment the upper reaches of the river are running clear, but as far as the eye can see, the white mantle of the frost blankets the lake.

If that great mass should ever be driven down onto the jam below the damage would be irreparable.

LAKE CAPTAIN DROWNED

Lost His Balance on Ice-Coated Deck and Is Thrown Out Into Water.

Meaford, Ont., April 12.—Captain John McInnis, owner of the fishing tug Primrose, while bringing his tug from Owen Sound, where it had wintered, fell overboard on Saturday and was drowned before assistance could reach him. The accident happened off Cape Rich. The deck being coated with ice, Captain McInnis lost his balance, and falling over the rail into the low water sank immediately. Captain McInnis, who was one of four brothers operating fishing tugs from this port, leaves a wife and three young children. The body has not yet been recovered.

THE SOUTHWESTERN.

Kennedy Park, April 12.—The Southwestern sailing plate of 105 sails, regatta, distance four furlongs, was run here today, and won by H. P. White, skipper of the "Trop. Pilot," which was second and Icy Cup third. Thirteen horses ran.

GORGE PILED HIGH WITH ICE FLOES

Impressive and Unusual Scenes Caused by the Ice Jam at Niagara.

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Fishing Traps, Pumping Stations, Boathouses, Piers, Etc., Wiped Out—No Relief in Sight.

Buffalo, April 11.—Twice this year, the first being the first time since the white men have come to the banks of the Niagara, the voice of the river has been mute. The first time was late in February, when, following a severe northerly blow, the falls ran dry, and now, for the second time, following a severe sou'wester when the flood is frozen solid from bank to bank.

Unprecedented Weather.
Unprecedented weather has brought about unprecedented conditions. On Wednesday of last week the worst gale of the season and the most violent that the records of the weather bureau have ever recorded for April, tore out of the southwest, and following the channels of the Niagara, left ruin in its wake. The solid ice fields of Lake Erie were churned from end to end and piled in a huge conglomeration at the lower end of the lake.

Ice Bridge.
At Niagara Falls there had been a heavy ice bridge in the pool below the cataract since the middle of winter. Under the impact of the mass of ice from the lake above and the added floods brought down by the wind the bridge gave way and began to surge down the rapids, but before it could win freedom in the ampie waters of Lake Ontario the wind shifted again to the north. Instantly the moving floes picked at the mouth of the river. Each instant of cold congealed the pack more solidly and each hour brought added pressure from above.

Unable to Escape.
Unable to escape by the natural channels the level of the river rose by leaps and bounds. The highest flood level recorded from previous years is 25 feet above the normal. Friday night the river was 40 feet above normal.

Water poured over the window sills of the power house of the Ontario Power Company, which had been placed at what all engineers thought to be a safe height above any and all possible danger, and flooded the machines. The tracks of the Great Gorge route were, with few exceptions, expected, covered from the lower steel arch bridge to Lewiston.

Immense Damage Done.
In the lower stretches of the river, where the ice is packed the hardest, every boathouse, every fishing shack with its traps, and the sole capital of the owner, every private pumping station that supplied the summer homes that line the shores, every private landing and the piers of the International Railway, and the Niagara Navigation Company at Lewiston and Queenston are buried beneath thousands of tons of ice.

At Niagara-on-the-Lake the wharf is also overwhelmed and all the bathing houses have been swept off their foundations.

The Damage.
Conservative estimates place the damage at \$1,000,000.

All day long a constant stream of visitors poured down the railway tracks, the trolley tracks, packed the trains and the cars, and even rode and walked across country to see a sight that is not likely to repeat itself within the lifetime of the present generation. Under a brilliant sun the river bank white and glistening with the snow. And it was silent, absolutely voiceless for the first time within their memories.

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