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THEY FOUND THE FALSE KEYS MR. CURZON WILL GO TO INDIA. IT WILL NOW BE WAR TO THE KNIFE

Pare's Story Substantiated in One Respect—All the Lawyers Had a Turn at the Prisoner and He Was Finally Let Go.

Napanee, Ont., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—To-day Pare ended his tale and stepped down from the witness box. To-morrow the Crown is to bring on its other star witness, Miss Margaret French, an outline of whose story has already appeared in The World's columns.

The Crown showed its pleasure when Pare identified the keys and the file found in the police station this morning as ones he had secreted seven days before the robbery. The defence places little weight to this discovery, claiming that while it may be good proof that Pare was one of the tramps arrested before the robbery, it does not in any way implicate Ponton or Mackie.

Pare's evidence to-day showed two discrepancies. In his first story he claimed James Mackie had acted as messenger to bring Ponton to see Holden and Pare this spring in Belleville. To-day he says John Mackie was the messenger and that James never acted in that capacity. His memory was also weak in the case of Port Colborne. In the evidence in chief he said he had stopped off Port Colborne for two days. No amount of encouragement could get the witness to have a lucid moment with his memory.

The Mohawk witness Hill was a typical Indian witness. His brain is sluggish. He is as simple as a babe. His admission that he was paid \$1 and his father \$4 to tell their story was considered peculiar by the defence. That he could remember two names told him in a casual conversation nearly two years ago, but forgot two names told him but two weeks ago, struck the court as freakish.

The court room is crowded daily by the best people in town, and every bit of evidence favoring Ponton is greeted with a smile of satisfaction. There is no doubt that "Billy" is still dear to the hearts of the town. It is stated on reliable authority that two women witnesses of the Crown have just come to town, and are staying at the Tichborne House.

Announcement Officially Given Out in London Yesterday—Sir Charles Dilke Attacks the Government's Foreign Policy—Mr. Balfour Denies That Preference Has Been Given to Foreign Traders in China.

London, Aug. 10.—During the debate on the appropriation bill in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Charles Dilke, Advanced Radical, opened an attack upon the Government's foreign policy, especially in the far East. The Liberal leader in the House, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, followed in the same strain.

The Government leader, Mr. Balfour, replying to the last speaker, said he regretted the absence of the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. George N. Curzon, on account of indisposition, adding "especially as it would have been the last occasion for him to address the House on foreign affairs, a subject upon which he has made so great and deserved a reputation."

Mr. Balfour then announced Mr. Curzon's acceptance of the viceroyalty of India, in succession to the Earl of Elgin. Mr. Balfour contended there was no evidence of preference having been given to foreign manufacturers or traders in China, nor of any intention to put up barriers against British subjects. It was impossible, he continued, to foresee how the struggle for concessions would end, but he saw no reason for the pessimistic views entertained in some quarters.

Regarding Shantung, Mr. Balfour said: "We must treat Germany as we expect her to treat us." Referring to Russia, Mr. Balfour said he saw no necessity for taking a pessimistic view of the situation, and he would be surprised if the British concessionaires did not get their full share.

Mr. Balfour's speech appears to have been intended as a statement of the Government's policy in China, which the Opposition has been demanding before the close of Parliament. He did not enter into details of the complications, and the drift of his explanation was that the Government's critics expected impossibilities.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Balfour said it would not be pretended that the British Empire alone, or in an alliance with another Empire, could prevent the legitimate development of other commercial and military empires. Mr. Balfour then said:

"Though we may not anticipate maintaining our old relative superiority in China, it is expected that the volume of British trade will increase as rapidly in the future as in the past. The question of equal facilities of trade is distinct from the question of concessions."

The Foreign Office this evening formally announced the appointment of Mr. George N. Curzon, until now the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, as Viceroy of India, in succession to the Earl of Elgin.

Opposition Will Contest Every Stage of the Constable Bill—Hence Session Will Be Prolonged—Yesterday's Debate.

Before the meeting of the Legislature yesterday, the Opposition caucused on the Constable Bill, which Mr. Hardy would not bring down the day before without a promise that the Opposition would not provoke a debate on its first reading. It may be safely judged that there will be no conceding this point to the Premier. The Bill will be fought from beginning to end, at every stage and at every juncture. This looks like an indefinite prolongation of the session.

The Legislature forgot for a moment yesterday afternoon the great constitutional issues it had been called together for. The cat and the hog had come and gone, and now in its course through a little remodelled zodiac the assemblyman has reached the ram.

This animal was made the subject of half an hour's cross-fire conversation by Mr. T. D. Hodgins, the Conservative member for East Middlesex, who was constrained to ventilate his pique at being accused of making a boodling deal with the Department of Agriculture.

The Ram to the Front.

After the order paper and under the head of "Questions by Members," appeared the following: "Was a ram purchased by the Government from T. D. Hodgins within the last five years, and if so, for what price? On whose recommendation was the purchase made?"

Also under the order Notices of Motions, appeared: "Order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence relating to the purchase of a ram by the Government from T. D. Hodgins."

Mr. Hodgins explained that he had brought up the subject because he had been accused on the hustings of having sold the animal to the Government at a large price. The Government had purchased it, it was true, at a large price, but whoever got the price it was not T. D. Hodgins. His farm had sold him because he had no use for him, and the purchaser had retained him to the Government at a large profit. He therefore denied any boodling transaction with the Government.

The Provincial Secretary, for the non-sentimental Minister of Agriculture, explained that the department found no record of any transaction with Mr. Hodgins, but would be pleased to look up the name of Glennie. Mr. Whitney was not satisfied that the Government had been exonerated from a charge of paying an extravagant price for a ram during an election campaign.

This "ram policy," however, according to Mr. McKay of Oxford, had been one of the main reasons for Mr. Hodgins' election, since the charges had been made against his opponent instead of himself. "Dan," he said, "circumstances, and \$23 cash had been asked for him by the latter. He had to go, however, in trade for an old horse and some scrap iron—laughter—and was afterwards sold again to the Government.

The returns were brought down.

London Normal School.

Mr. Hodgins had another equally local, but more dignified subject, in the shape of the promised Normal School for London. Mr. Ross, in promising to bring down a return of all correspondence, explained that the Government had been offered a 4-acre site in South London at about \$7500, and that, being situated in an ever-growing locality with a school population of 1000, it was considered acceptable for a combined school and college.

Resumed Debate on the Address.

Then came the debate on the address. It was led off by Mr. Douglas of East Northumberland, who developed one new point. That was that he had defeated Dr. Willoughby, and that the late Conservative whip was out of it for good so far that riding was concerned. He also hinted at a liberal distribution of Tory whiskey from headquarters at the Doctor's office.

Mr. Foy's Able Speech.

It was then 4:15 o'clock, and for the next hour and a quarter the House listened to the maiden speech of the member for South Toronto. There was promise in its beginning, but before Mr. Foy had resumed his seat the infant had developed into a Colossus. After congratulating the Speaker he expressed, with reference to the Fisheries bill, the hope that since the Attorney-General had explained its urgency, it would not be ultra vires, or defective as a result of improper consideration due to haste.

Mr. Foy introduced the subject of the Jefferies Ministers by announcing his intention of voting for the amendments. "One thing," said he, "is to be gathered from this debate, and that is that there are precedents to be avoided and condemned as well as to be followed. [Opposition applause.]

First, there was the precedent cited of the untested one-time Minister, Mr. Morrison. Mr. Hardy had seemed to accede to Mr. Whitney's contention that it was a precedent which should not be followed. What, then, had been the reason of the avalanche of strong words which the Premier had poured on Mr. Whitney because he had questioned that precedent? Mr. Foy thought Mr. Hardy, while apparently addressing the Opposition leader, was in effect talking to hold the lash over his own back-benchers. [Applause.]

The Sealless Ministers.

Mr. Foy was very acquiescent in respect to Government arguments about the Ministers, but his appreciation of these same arguments was most astoundingly oppositionist in their tenor. His plan of campaign was to fight them on their own hypotheses. For instance, he occurred in

PARÉ AGAIN QUESTIONED.

Tells About the Planting of the Money and Its Division.

Prisoner Pare again perched himself upon the witness stand, and Lawyer Porter again began the cross-examination, taking up the story where Pare said Ponton's share had been planted down on the G.E.R. tracks.

Mr. Porter elicited the fact that the shoes taken from Ponton's room were worn away by the crooks. Pare said: "I was responsible for Roach's money, and Holden was responsible for Ponton's. I do not know that Holden told Ponton about the planted money. So far as I personally know, Ponton didn't know where his money was planted. The witness described the box in which the money was planted as a tin cracked box eight or nine inches square and ten inches high. I can't tell whether it was painted over or not. I would not know the box again. I saw no marks upon the box. It had a lid. There were two parcels of money put into the box, one of good money, \$5000, and the other of unsigned notes, \$3000. That was all. There was a number of holes in the hole where the box was planted. One of the post holes was used to plant the box, right under the letters G.E.R. The hole was dug deeper and wider to admit the box.

Pare's life in Montreal.

Pare's life in Montreal was brought out day by day. "I had two trunks at my sister's house," he continued. "She was not at home. I put all the money in one of the trunks and then I went out to buy Jack Roach. At about 9 o'clock that night I was told that Roach was out of town, so I did not see him. The next morning I saw my sister. I counted my money that morning and found I had \$1300, including Roach's money. This was good money. I had \$3000 bad money. I made preparations to go away that night. Before I left the city I went to a carpenter shop and got two pieces of wood with holes bored in them. I took these to my sister's and put the unsigned notes in the holes and plugged them up. These I put into my trunk. In the afternoon I gave \$1400 to my sister, and asked her to deposit it in the Bank of Montreal in her own name. I then told her that when I got to Manchester I would write to her. That night I went to Manchester with my trunk, in which I had the rest of the money."

In Manchester.

Then the lawyer questioned Pare about his trip to, and life at Manchester, where Pare made arrangements to board for the winter.

In the Merrimac Bank I deposited \$1000 in gold. The witness here went back in his story and said he saw Holden in Montreal on Monday night, before he (Pare) left for Manchester. I had no time to talk to Holden. I did not tell him where I was going. Continuing the story of his Manchester life, the witness said he stayed in Manchester till the spring, going for a brief visit to Detroit. Before going to Manchester he had read that Ponton had been arrested on suspicion of robbing the bank. It was intended that after the robbery every one should look after himself.

"Did you expect Ponton to tell all he knew?" asked Mr. Porter.

"I thought he would stick as long as he would be prof. After that I thought perhaps he would give it away."

The circuitous route to Detroit through Canada was questioned by the lawyer.

"If Ponton had not been acquitted you expected he would give the game away?" "Yes, likely."

"You came to Napanee on the very day he was acquitted, where you were likely to be arrested?" continued Mr. Porter.

The witness seemed to be in a tight box. "Did you see Holden before this?" "I saw a man in Manchester who said he lived in Boston with Holden. I told him to tell Holden I wanted to see him about the middle of April, the 15th, on this date, Holden came to Manchester. But because my sister was coming from Montreal we put off our going to Canada till Wednesday or Thursday of the following week. Holden took my address and went to Boston. We had previously arranged to go to Canada. On April 20 or 21 I met

Holden at Boston. We came to Deseronto on Sunday morning. Then we had breakfast at the hotel and caught the noon train to Belleville. We went to the Dominion House and saw James 'Whale' Mackie. We were told Robert was out of town and that John would be in towards night. We waited for John in our room. He came in that night."

Then the trip to Napanee and the getting of the box of money after discussing the matter of the bundle of fifties was repeated.

Dividing the Money.

Continuing, the witness said: The box was kicked away from the fence eastward, and Holden and I took out the money and brought it to Deseronto and on to Belleville. On Wednesday morning we put up at the Dominion House and commissioned James Mackie to bring Ponton. Ponton came in at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Then

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THE FIGHT OVER LE ROL

Conspiracy Alleged Against Majority Shareholders and B.A.C. Officials—Rossland, B.C., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The legal fight for the control of Le Rol is now under way. In Spokane the minority shareholders have entered suit against the majority shareholders and B. A. C. officials, alleging conspiracy and claiming seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars damages. In the British Columbia Supreme Court a motion was made to set aside the County Judge's order appointing a receiver for the mine. Senator Turner and other shareholders will fight the question to a finish, and expect to defeat the B. A. C. in their effort to tie the property up.

Experts say the Deer Park looks better than ever. The stock has advanced. Victoria is again on the up grade. It advanced seven points today. There is now more money in Rossland than at any time in its history. In the last month real estate has increased in value 20 per cent.

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The Consent of the Chancellor of the Exchequer Obtained.

Decrease of Exports From the United Kingdom to All Countries Except Canada—Hon. Charles Russell Coming to Assist in the Solution of the Behring Sea Question.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—The Star publishes the following special cable from London: I learn on unimpeachable authority that the new Imperial postal rates will come into operation on Christmas day, the consent of the Chancellor of the Exchequer having been obtained to-day. Hon. William Mulock will leave for Canada on Aug. 20. It is definitely decided that he shall receive a knighthood, though it will not be announced just yet.

July 24th Returns.

The Board of Trade returns for July show that while the imports into the United Kingdom from all countries decreased less than 1 per cent. for the month, and increased 4 per cent. for the seven months, imports into the United Kingdom from Canada decreased 18 per cent. and 1 per cent. respectively.

Exports from the United Kingdom to all countries decreased 6 and 4 per cent., but exports to Canada from the United Kingdom increased 22 and 10 per cent. The chief increases in imports from Canada for the seven months are: Wheat, 476,000; cotton, 420,000; Bacon, 220,000; Butter, 440,000; Eggs, 430,000; and, 410,000.

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