

MURDER AT WESTMINSTER

Donald Perrier Quarrels With His Mistress, Jennie Fraser, and Hacks Her to Pieces in Her Room.

Both Were Disreputable Characters—Dead Woman Came From Australia—Perrier Under Arrest.

Vancover, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—A most heinous murder was committed at New Westminster early yesterday evening. Donald Perrier, who has been living with a woman of the town named Fraser, following her to New Westminster from this city, murdered her in cold blood in a room in a house of ill-fame. The unfortunate woman was literally hacked to pieces.

Jennie Fraser, the murdered woman, came here from Australia in the spring last by a party of prospectors bound for the Klondike. She went as far as Skagway, where she was married to a man who resembled her old life as a woman of the town, though she is only 24 years of age. When she came to New Westminster, she was introduced to the police as a respectable character. Perrier, who is 28 years of age, was a frequent visitor to her apartment.

Perrier had been hanging around Vancouver for the last two or three years. At one time he was engaged in a cafe on Carroll street, and was looked upon by the police as a morphia fiend. One day a woman went by several names, giving that of "Preston" in Westminster. She was of prepossessing appearance, and was a bad looking fellow. He has a strain of Maori blood in his veins, and is said to have been a sailor. He did not attempt to accept of her advances. This morning in the police court the prisoner was charged with murder.

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CLEARING AWAY WRECKAGE

Thought That the Worst is Now Known of the Great Storm.

London, Dec. 1.—With bright skies to cheer them and a feeling that at last the worst is now known of the great storm, the people of the allied section of New England have resumed the work of clearing away the wreckage and reopening traffic.

Related news from Cape Cod reflecting evidence of the wreck of the steamer Portland has extinguished the last hope that at least a few of those on board had escaped, and it now seems that there was no possibility that any one of the 100 or more persons believed to have gone with the vessel from Boston Saturday night are now alive.

Authorities in Madrid Seriously Alarmed at the Indications of a Move on the Part of Don Carlos.

All Plans Are Elaborated, Even to the Extent of Appointing a Governor of Madrid.

London, Dec. 1.—The Biarritz correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Carlist rising has hitherto been regarded as a purely local affair, but the Carlists is the greatest existing danger to Spain. The authorities are seriously alarmed at the indications of an immediate move on the part of Don Carlos, even to the extent of appointing a governor of Madrid."

JOINT-HIGH COMMISSION. Toronto, Dec. 1.—The Globe's Washington correspondent says it is understood that by Tuesday next Mr. Dingeldey will be able to make some definite announcement as to the probability of a grant of free lumber to the United States to another, and vice versa.

DANUBE ARRIVES. She Brings a Number of Victims and a Yukon Railway Employee.

Steamer Danube, Capt. Meyer, returned this morning from her trip to Skagway and northern ports. She experienced rough weather throughout the voyage. She had 35 passengers and a comparatively large cargo of freight, including in which was a big shipment of salmon. The last of the passengers were the Yukon Railway employees, who report that work will be resumed shortly owing to the cold weather.

RATHER PESSIMISTIC. A Washington Correspondent Feels the Conference Will Result Very Favorably.

THE OYSTER PROBLEM. How the Needs of New York City are Provided For.

NEW YORK CITY will consume 600,000 oysters on a Sunday, says the New York Herald. The daily average during the season, but the consumption is not so great during the winter months. The oyster fishery is a most important industry in the State, and the Government is now endeavoring to improve it.

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ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT

Victoria Scotsmen Do Honor to the Occasion in Stirring Speech and Song.

Enthusiastic and Typically Canadian Gathering at the Driard Last Night, Thoroughly Enjoyed Themselves.

"The night drave on wi' sangs an' clatter," and about the time that dech an' dorus was passing round and hands were clinked for Auld Lang Syne, the day was only an hour or two of dancing. To quote the words of the song which "brought down the house," and which was given with magnificent force and spirit by the band.

The company numbered nearly a hundred representative Scots and other Victorians, and the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The dancing was particularly popular, and the band played with great spirit.

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