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DAVID THREATENED TO SHOOT HIS WIFE BEFORE

On Saturday Last He Had a Revolver and Said He Would Kill Her. Inquest into the Cause of Mrs. David's Death Will Open at Woodstock Tonight—Post Mortem This Morning.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., July 11.—(Special)—Many enquiries are being made from cities in the United States over the Syrian shooting case. Last night Coroner W. W. Hay selected the following jury to enquire into the death of Mrs. Tom David: J. W. Plunder, Isaac Draper, William Lilly, John Cogger, Jr., C. R. Watson, Hugh Dalling, John E. Lead.

Solicitor-General Jones was consulted as to the crown witness, and tonight at 8 o'clock, in the council room, the inquest will commence. This morning the doctors are holding a post mortem over the remains. Mrs. David's mother has wired from Lowell that she is on the way here, and requests that the body be not interred until after her arrival.

Chief Kelly visited the hospital yesterday morning to take the declaration of the dying woman, but as she would not admit that she was in a dying condition, this was not done.

The local Syrians made a mistake in not notifying Chief Kelly that David was carrying a revolver on Saturday, and that he threatened to kill his wife on that day, for if they had done so, he would have been immediately arrested, as the chief was with David and his wife on Saturday trying to make peace. The reason given by the Syrians was that they were afraid of the excited state he was in on that day.

FRREDICTON, N. B., July 11.—(Special)—Tom David, the Assyan, who was hanged in the police court here this morning on a charge of murdering his wife and remanded to jail until Monday to await the report of the coroner's inquest. J. H. Barry, C. C. appeared on behalf of the crown and the accused was unrepresented by the defence. The prisoner told the court that he could not understand English very well and an Assyan named Domingo Stephens was engaged to act as interpreter. "Tell the prisoner," said Col. Marsh, addressing the interpreter, "that he is charged before me that he did on the 8th day of July inst., murder his wife at McAdam Junction."

The two convicts for a moment in their own language after which the interpreter surprised the court by stating that the accused admitted the charge. It was explained to the prisoner that he had not been asked to make any acknowledgment and he was advised to employ counsel and to talk about his case. His reply was that he was unable to employ counsel. The prisoner was then remanded to jail until Monday.

STARTLING IF TRUE Reported That Steamer Victoria Carried Picnic Party and Gasoline on Same Trip Yesterday.

An interesting discussion arose in a well known city restaurant at noon today. Several men were lunching at one table when one of them remarked that he had seen several barrels marked "gasoline" on board the steamer Victoria yesterday, the same steamer afterwards carrying some 300 passengers for the St. Luke's church picnic. With the Crystal Stream horror fresh in mind the question naturally arose whether gasoline was a safe cargo to carry where so many women and children were on the steamer—and what the result of an explosion might be.

The funeral of the late Katherine Sullivan was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her downtown residence, Union Point, Fairville, to St. Rose's church, where Rev. C. Collins read the burial service. Interment was made in Sand Cove cemetery.

FOUND DEAD WITH BULLET HOLE THROUGH HIS HEART

The Murder of Charles L. Burnap is Latest Mystery to Puzzle Boston Police.

SHREWSBURY, Mass., July 10.—With a bullet hole through the heart, giving mute but unmistakable evidence that he had been murdered, the body of Charles L. Burnap, of Hopkinton, was found on the shore of Lake Quinsigamond late Tuesday afternoon.

The murder, it is believed, was committed just after midnight Tuesday morning, and in the presence of a woman. Who she is as much of a mystery as are the details of the murder itself, but the police have every confidence of their ability to locate her.

Investigation thus far has revealed the fact that George Dowbury, janitor of a clubhouse near the lake, heard the shrill screams of a woman just after midnight. The first scream started him and he was even more startled at a second, fol-

EX-RECTOR OF ROTHESAY FEARED BY CORONER'S JURY OF WIFE MURDER

It Was Thought That Rev. Walter Swinburne Hancock Poisoned His Wife to Obtain Her Estate; but Jury Says Death Was Due to Appendicitis --- Hancock is Well Known Here.

LONDON, July 11.—A jury in the Kensington coroner's court today rendered a verdict of death from natural causes in the case of Mrs. Hancock, wife of Walter Swinburne Hancock, formerly an Episcopalian clergyman of Chicago, who died March 22 last. The cause of death being certified as appendicitis. Owing to the suspicions of the woman's son, who is a lawyer, the body was exhumed, and he testified at the inquest that he thought Hancock poisoned his wife in order to obtain her property. The analysis of the contents of the stomach made at the instance of the home office, showed that there was no trace of poison.

LONDON, July 11.—Wilcox, the home office analyst, testified that he had not found the slightest trace of poison in the stomach. Death, he added, was due to heart failure, the result of blood poisoning, caused by appendicitis. There was no trace of poison in any of the medicine bottles submitted to him.

Prior to this expert testimony Dr. Gayford, who was present at the original post-mortem examination, was questioned by counsel for the deceased woman's son. The witness expressed the opinion that

death was due to heart failure "induced by some means which came on slowly and progressively." He did not believe this was due to natural causes. In reply to a direct question of counsel, "What do you suggest, poison?" Dr. Gayford answered: "Yes, poison might have effect on the heart, but leave no trace in the body."

On cross examination Dr. Gayford again expressed the opinion that the death of Mrs. Hancock was accelerated by improper means. He admitted, however, that there was nothing to show that there was any poison in the house at the time of her death, nor anything to suggest that Mr. Hancock had administered anything to his wife.

The coroner in summing up said that the son's suspicions and the doctor's statement of the possibility of poisoning justified the inquest, but the suspicions were now proved to be groundless. The jury returned their verdict without leaving the box.

The Rev. Walter Swinburne Hancock is well known here. Some seventeen or eighteen years ago he was rector of the Anglican church at Rothesay, N.

B. Mr. Hancock was called there from Halifax, where he had been filling a position as curate in one of the churches. He was at Rothesay for some time, and gradually the people grew suspicious that he was not as good as he should be. Different rumors regarding his moral character were circulated, and while there were no charges, he finally found it advisable to resign and return to the United States. While at Rothesay Mr. Hancock contracted a matrimonial engagement with a young lady well and favorably known in the village, but unfortunately for her, it was ultimately broken off. From St. John he went to the States, and eventually drifted to Chicago, where he became assistant rector of St. James' Episcopal church, one of the leading churches of that denomination. He was inhibited by the late Bishop McLaughlin, upon charges preferred by Rev. James S. Stone, still rector of the St. James' church. The charges against him were that he consorted with women of ill repute, and it is said that his career while in Rothesay was investigated, and evidence was found to support the complaint. It is not known here whom he married.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 11 (Special)—Driven to desperation by the thought of the heavy penalty he would suffer, Private Lovitt, of the R. C. A., hanged himself this morning. Lovitt was arrested last night for assaulting Major Thacker, of the R. C. A., and was lodged in the guard room at McNab's Island. At 8:30 this morning, when the sentry entered the guard room Lovitt was discovered suspended from the ceiling.

The assault was made on Thacker last night while he was asleep in his tent. He was struck on the head by a heavy bag and received a severe wound.

THE B. F. SMITH CASE Verdict in Log Stealing Case Not Expected Before Friday.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., July 11.—(Special)—It is not expected that the verdict in the case against B. F. Smith, charged with receiving stolen property, will be reached before Friday morning. This morning was occupied with argument in the crown's case and this afternoon will be given over to the defence.

The case of Wellington Logan against the captain of the tug Waring for alleged damage to his nets, was to have come up in the police court this morning but was set aside until next week.

A gang of laborers from Cobalt passed through the city today en route to Picton. Talking to newspaper men this morning in the depot one of the miners, who was slightly rattled by fire water, said that they had left on account of a strike at Cobalt. While talking to the reporters he held half a dozen bottles of ale in his arms and a "long neck" of whiskey. He first let one bottle of ale drop and when contents washed the walk and when about to board the train he dropped the "long neck," which poured its contents on the asphalt. Another "long neck" however was procured before the journey was resumed.

Active members of the Every Day Club are asked to meet at the Victoria grounds this evening.

All the drummers and buglers of the 62nd Fusiliers will meet at the drill shed tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. No uniforms by order of John Woodland, Sergeant Drummer.

Alfred Seeley arrived from Fredericton today. Hugh H. McLean arrived from Montreal today. P. W. Snider came in on the Boston train today.

LETTER OF THANKS In acknowledging the receipt of \$83.33 for the playground fund, the playground committee of the Woman's Council desire to express their gratitude to Theodore Bird and all associated with him in the dramatic and musical entertainment at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, July 10th, 1907. The committee desire also to express their thanks to the public, although they feel that the entertainment itself was in every sense worthy of the patronage bestowed. To Mr. Bird special thanks are due, as when it was first suggested by him by Mrs. Edward Sears, and later by Mrs. D. P. Chisholm and others, he most heartily consented to the furtherance of the plan for a repetition of the entertainment.

Signed on behalf of the committee, MABEL PETERS, Convener.

Easton, Pa., is Agitated Over Elopement of a Chinaman and a White Girl.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Somewhere in New York are hiding pretty Katie Sourwein and Ung Wing, the Chinaman with whom she eloped yesterday from her home in Easton, Pa. Dozens of plain clothes men last night were searching every nook and corner in Chinatown for the deluded girl and her sweetheart in a desperate effort to rescue the sixteen-year-old before it is too late.

Ung Wing, who is a strapping Oriental thirty-five years old, seemed to have exercised a remarkable influence over the girl ever since he went to Easton several months ago to work in the restaurant of his wealthy brother, Li Wung.

Pretending to be her mother that she was only going to visit friends, Katie would hasten to the restaurant every afternoon

and sit chatting with him. She taught him English, and as soon as he had learned to speak it, the Chinaman proposed that they elope. Evidently both were fearful that they would be arrested before they could leave the city, for they skulked about the baggage room, hiding from the sight of every one who entered the depot. But a small boy who saw them, and who had heard the scandal connected with the school girl's extraordinary love affair, ran to her home and told Mrs. Emma Sourwein, the mother of the girl, that the two were about to go away.

The Easton police telegraphed to Commissioner Bingham too late, however, to permit of getting detectives to the Lehigh train when it arrived at Jersey City late in the afternoon.

Others were thereupon given that the entire Chinese section of the city be searched in an attempt to rescue the young girl before morning.

Katie is less than her sixteen years. Until the Chinaman appeared in Easton she had been one of the most esteemed girls of the younger set there. Her family is eminent, respectable, and her mother declares she cannot account for the child's infatuation for the Chinaman.

CORNER STONE OF NEW ARMY HOME TO BE LAID TOMORROW

With impressive ceremonies in which the various corps throughout the city will participate, the corner stone of the new Salvation Army Citadel on Charlotte St. will be laid at four o'clock tomorrow, Friday afternoon.

The services will be in charge of Brigadier Turner, the provincial commander, who has supervision over the maritime provinces and Bermuda. He will be assisted by Ensign Freeman, who is superintending the building operations and Captain Stairs, who is acting as assistant superintendent of the maritime provinces in his own right and it is expected that he will also assist at the service.

The new building which is expected to be completed and ready for occupation by October first will be two stories in height. It will be built of brick with stone foundation.

The structure will be thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every way and will be a credit to the army and to the city. There will be three entrances at the front, the main entrance in the centre and two smaller doorways on either side. The one on the northern side will give access to the officers of the corps and the one on the southern side will lead into the small hall on the ground floor. This room which will be 30x37 feet will have a seating capacity of 225 and will be used for the regular nightly meetings. It occupies a little more than half the ground floor. Back of this hall, on the left, will be the band room and to the rear of that there will be a stairway leading to the big hall on each side, is devoted entirely to the large auditorium which will have a seating capacity of about 500. A large platform at the rear of the auditorium where there will be accommodation for 100 people.

The entire building will be lighted by electricity and the plumbing and plumbing will be installed.

Ensign Freeman, who is buildings superintendent for the maritime provinces is in charge of the work, and is also doing the carpentry. The masonry is being looked after by John H. Burley, of Leinster street.

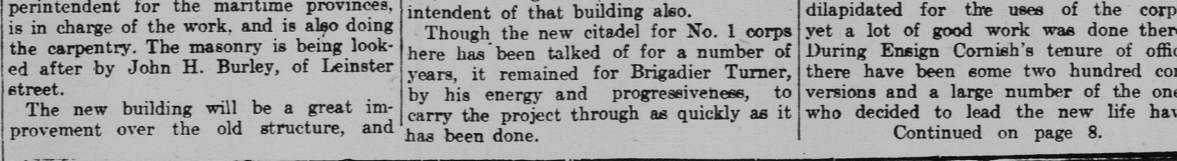
The new building will be a great improvement over the old structure, and

much of the credit due for having the work undertaken at this time is due Brigadier Turner. Although he has only been here about twelve months, he has accomplished many changes that have placed the army work on a better footing here. Last before coming to St. John he was in charge of the work in Montreal and Quebec, with headquarters and supervised the construction of the big citadel in Montreal, which cost about \$80,000. Ensign Freeman was the superintendent of that building also.

Though the new citadel for No. 1 corps here has been talked of for a number of years, it remained for Brigadier Turner, by his energy and progressiveness, to carry the project through as quickly as it has been done.

THE WAR CLOUD. TOKYO, July 11.—(Special)—A can of American timed meat exploded in the kitchen of Admiral Yoho this morning. There is great excitement. The conservative press implores the people to be calm.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(Special)—A woman who hung a kimono on her clothes-line this morning has been arrested. The fleet may be ordered to the Pacific at once.



The New Salvation Army Citadel

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THIS IS AWFUL. Interest in the American-Japanese dispute in civic circles in St. John this morning was eclipsed by developments on the west side of the harbor, indeed competition reigned for a time at City Hall.

It appears that a civic official went over to the west side to ask a contractor would be pleased to be kind as to say how he was feeling this morning.

The contractor immediately went up in the air and replied that it was nobody's business how he felt this morning.

The civic official at once assented to the contractor's remark and returned to the west side of the harbor, but with a heavy heart, having had a little altercation with the captain, and there was some delay.

Before the official could get away he was served with a proclamation signed by all the contractors, warning all civic officials not to set foot upon the west side of the harbor without a permit.

It has been feared for some time that some such course would be pursued, but the blow found the mayor and aldermen quite unprepared. The little difficulty with the waterworks contractors has so much absorbed their attention that they were not prepared for this dangerous flank movement.

Of course the west side contractors may not contemplate any immediate aggressive action, but may be content to hold the west side, for the present. They have not yet warned the ferry steamer to cease running, nor committed any overt act that could be described as an act of open war.

They have simply announced that civic officials would be regarded as trespassers. If at a later period they should seize Wun Lung Wun Gandy and the Ludlow, and cut off all communication with the east side, the situation would at once become critical for the civic authorities confess that they are in no position to carry on a campaign against even one contractor.

It is not noted of late that Ald. Baxter, in his journeys across the harbor, is always attended by a body-guard in uniform. Evidently he appreciates the risk and the acuteness of the situation.

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