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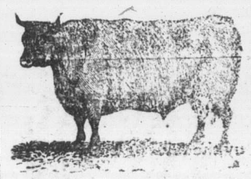

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A Man in Montana Says He Murdered the Williams Couple.

IT WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

Detective Greer Leaves for Anaconda, Mont., to Learn the Truth of the Despatch—It Is Not Credited in the Attorney-General's Office.

ANACONDA, Mont., April 2.—Word comes from Bozeman, a place near here, to the effect that a man calling himself Robert Dalton has made an affidavit to the effect that he murdered an old farmer and his wife near Port Credit, Ont., named William or Williamson. He says that a man named MacWherrell now lies under sentence of death in Brampton jail for the crime, but that he is innocent. He declares he pounded the old couple to death. His object was robbery, but first the old man resisted and while he was fighting with him his wife interfered and he was compelled to kill her too, although he did not know when he fled that they were dead. He was forced to fly because he heard somebody moving about in the yard and saw a man there.

The Story Is Not Credited.

TORONTO, April 2.—A despatch was received in the city on Saturday night from Annaconda, Mont., stating that a man named Dalton, at Bozeman, had confessed to the murder of the old couple at Port Credit. Detective Greer left yesterday for that place to investigate the truth of the story.

The Attorney-General's Office places no credit in the despatch and the general opinion is that it is not very reliable.

Fitzgerald's Bartender's Story.

TORONTO, April 2.—Harry Irwin, who at the time of the murder of the old Williams couple was bartender at Fitzgerald's hotel in this city, and who has been missing since the trial, has turned up.

He states that on the night of Thursday, December 14, he was tending bar in the hotel and remembers MacWherrell coming in there that night. He says there can be no doubt about it. MacWherrell was in the hotel on Wednesday night and drank two or three times at the bar. On Thursday night he sauntered in about 8 o'clock and they both had a drink together. Then after talking for a while the accused went up to bed.

When asked if he was positive as to the night, he said he had no trouble in fixing the time. It was the night before the big snowstorm, and that he worked on that night, but not the next. He says he is positive that MacWherrell was in bed in the hotel on the night Police Constable Cross swore he saw him crossing College street. The next morning he got up and he and Walker had breakfast together, after which he paid his bill and went out at the side door. This is the last he saw of him. Irwin says he did not act at all in the way of a man who had been guilty of a great crime.

Irwin's recollection of the events that happened that night is very clear. He remembers even the size of the coins which he paid over the bar and is positive of all he says.

He said further that he wrote to High Constable Hurst at the time of the trial and told him where he was at the time—in Markdale—and could not understand why he was not called to give evidence.

His evidence will completely upset the case of the Crown, showing that the murder was committed after tea on Thursday evening. It disproves the evidence of several persons who thought they saw MacWherrell that night elsewhere, including Constable Cross.

On this evidence and that of two other important witnesses Mr. Robinette will appeal the case.

Unknown Man Dies in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Yesterday the body of an unknown man lay in Roger's morgue. On Thursday evening the man entered the Central hotel on the Flats, own by Mr. Alex. Goulet, and asked for a small quantity of whiskey. He drank it, sat on a chair, and in twenty minutes was dead. The body was soon afterwards taken to Rogers' morgue, for there was no one about the hotel to identify him. The body is that of a man 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighing about 140 pounds, with dark brown hair, short reddish brown moustache, blue eyes, a somewhat receding forehead, a mark of an old bruise on the left side of the head, and the big toe of the left foot seemed to have at some time been frostbitten. He was dressed in a light drab tweed suit, flannelette shirt with pink and grey stripes. He wore heavy dark grey woollen socks, laced shoes and rubbers and a Christy stiff hat. He had $16 in his pocket.

Took Poison Intended for a Dog.

GUELPH, April 2.—A 4-year-old daughter of William Challoner, who works in Bell's and lives on Perth street, on Saturday picked up a piece of bread on the sidewalk in front of her home and licked the butter off it. Then she ran to her mother and fell fainting on the door step. The bread and butter had been baited with strychnine, and the child soon gave evidence of having been poisoned. A doctor soon arrived and, seconding the prompt measures that had been adopted by the mother, saved the little one's life. It was a very narrow escape, however. The delay of another minute in administering an emetic would have proved fatal. There have been about a dozen dogs poisoned in the vicinity where Mr. Challoner lives.

Released From St. Vincent de Paul.

MONTREAL, Que., March 30.—Charles A. Pitcher, the absconding cashier of the Union Bank, Providence, R.I., who walked out of their bank six years ago with all the assets and currency, amounting to $500,000, in a clothes basket, was released from St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary yesterday. He was arrested in Montreal for bringing stolen money into Canada, and was sentenced to seven years, which, through good behavior, was reduced to five and a half years. He received a suit of clothes and $8 from the penitentiary officials.

Killed by Falling Down Stairs.

QUEBEC, Que., April 2.—Saturday night an old maid named Caroline Pepin was killed instantly by falling down a flight of stairs and breaking her neck. It is supposed she was in a state of intoxication at the time.

Woollen Mill Destroyed.

BRIDGEWATER, Ont., April 2.—The woollen mill here was burned on Saturday morning. Nothing was saved. The building was valued at $3,000 and the machinery at $5,000. The damage to the dam will be about $1,000. Only a small insurance.

Found Dead on the Road.

CANNINGTON, Ont., March 30.—William Towby, a young man who resided here, while returning from Sunderland, where he had been on Wednesday, fell out of the rig and the horses came back alone. Some parties went to look for him, and found him about two miles and a half from town lying on the road dead. Mr. Towby was about 24 years of age, a painter by trade and had been a resident of Cannington for several years.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

Smallpox is increasing alarmingly in Chicago.

MacWherrell's counsel has applied for a new trial.

Jane G. Austen, the authoress, died at Boston on Friday.

Two children of William Shaffie were burned to death at Cairo, Ill., Thursday night.

Jim Upkins, Eduardo Gonzales and Manning Davis were hanged at Paris, Texas, on Friday.

Ten men were killed at the Central mine, Keweenaw County, Michigan, by a premature blast.

One person was killed and several were injured by the bursting of a stand-pipe in Peoria, Ill., on Friday.

It is announced that Prendergast, who assassinated Mayor Harrison of Chicago, will be hanged on April 6.

Word comes from Texas that thousands of people in the lower Rio Grande country are on the verge of starvation.

Geo. Ticknor Curtis, a leading American authority on constitutional law, died suddenly in New York on Wednesday.

During the summer the agitation in Toronto for social reforms will be kept up by sermons in the churches.

All the refineries of the American Sugar Refining Co. closed down last week on account of the dullness of trade.

The little town of Borden, Ind., containtaining 1,000 inhabitants, has been almost wiped out by fire. Loss, $125,000.

At Point Pleasant, W. Va., the boiler of a pumping boat exploded, blowing the engineer John McGuffin, to pieces.

Over 1,000 members of various building trade organizations in New York went on strike on Friday. A general strike is expected.

The Provincial Spring Stallion Show opened in Toronto on Thursday, large classes of horses of high quality being shown.

Among the passengers on the Carthagenian, which arrived at Halifax on Thursday, were 43 girls for Miss Rye's Home at Niagara.

A sensation has been caused in Constantinople by an attempt to assassinate the Patriarch of Armenia as he was leaving the cathedral.

Harry W. Drayton, for twelve years a clerk for the H. B. Claflin Co., New York, shot himself in the heart on Thursday. Cause, ill-health.

Alfred Grant's house at North Sydney, C.B., was burned on Friday morning and his daughter Maggie, aged fifteen, was burned to death.

Two snow slides took place yeterday an Canyon Creek, in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains, in which it is reported three families were buried alive.

A commercial crisis in Argentina is regarded as certain within the next three months, owing to the agricultural losses through the drought.

At Pensacola, Fla., G. S. Huff and bride, who had been married but three hours, were killed by Thos. Trainor, the divorced husband of Mrs. Huff.

The police of Kokomo, Ind., on Friday, captured a gang of twenty freight car thieves and recovered many thousand dollars' worth of merchandise.

Howard Gould, son of the late Jay Gould, and Miss Odetta Tyler, actress in the Frohman Company, have announced that they are engaged to be married.

At a meeting of the Dominion Alliance at Ottawa on Thursday it was resolved to submit a resolution in Parliament declaring in favor of prohibitory legislation.

The W. C. T. U. of New York is conducting a crusade against the habit of injecting morphine into the arms of store girls to give them temporary strength.

John Wilts' residence at McKendree, W. Va., was burned on Thursday morning. His eight children and Miss Mollie Henrick, servant, were burned to death.

All the girls attending the Scott Institute, Atlanta, Ga., were recently vaccinated. Erysipelas developed in the case of Irene Adams and the young woman died.

In the British Commons on Thursday Sir Charles Russell introduced a bill to provide for putting into effect the award of the Behring Sea Court of Arbitration.

A despatch from St. Paul, Minn., says that Wednesday's storm was the most terrific that ever swept the Northwest. A number of persons are reported frozen to death.

The house of Ernest Pietz, four miles east of Port Colborne, was burned on Wednesday night, and a fifteen-year-old hired boy, name unknown, was burned to death.

Sandy McDuff, who escaped after helping to murder Wilson Holton, an old hermit, near Tilbury Centre six years ago, has just been found guilty of another murder in Gladwin, Mich.

In connection with Dun & Company's charges Mr. Erastus Wiman's friends in New York are confident that he will be able to prove that he has been made the victim of a conspiracy.

Willis Bullock, editor of The Hay Trade of Canajoharie, N.Y., was in Washington last week for the purpose of presenting a mammoth petition to Congress in favor of retaining the duties on hay.

John Eli Wade, a farmer of Clark county, Ky., has christened a girl baby born at his house last week Madeline Pollard, after the plaintiff in the notorious breach of promise case at Washington.

A petition will be presented to the United States Congress asking that body to impeach Col. Breckinridge, the Senator whose connection with the Pollard-Breckinridge case has given him such notoriety.

Withdrawn from the C. L. A.

SIMCOE, Ont., April 2.—At a meeting of the lacrosse players of the Western Association, held in Simcoe, it was decided to form an association apart from the C. L. A. Delegates were present from St. Mary's, Brantford, Woodstock, Simcoe and Tilsonburg.

Valuable Trotter Burned.

UXBRIDGE, Mass., April 2.—A Boston and Albany car containing the $10,000 trotter Governor Hill was burned near the freight depot on Saturday. The keeper was in the caboose. Cause unknown.

A Professor Suicides.

ATLANTA, April 2.—Prof. J. Colloway, president of Douglassville, Ga., college, committed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself in the heart.

Archbishop Fabre's Anniversary.

MONTREAL, Que., April 2.—Archbishop Fabre yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment as Roman Catholic bishop of Montreal.

Disappeared From Burlington.

HAMILTON, March 31.—The people of Burlington village are greatly excited over the disappearance of W. G. Neills, town clerk and postmaster, who left town last Monday. Soon after his departure it was whispered around that he was a defaulter, and his sureties decided to investigate his accounts. Only a slight deficit has been discovered in the postoffice accounts, but it is expected the auditors, who are now examining them, will find a discrepancy in the town clerk's books. As Mr. Neills' habits were steady, and he was generally respected, his departure was a big surprise to the villagers.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, March 27.—In the Local House yesterday Mr. Tooley's bill to enable the corporation of London West to issue debentures and to consolidate the debt, and Mr. Mr. Meredith's bill respecting the city of London passed in Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Balfour moved, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Awrey, Bronson, Charlton, Garrow, McCleary, Mackenzie, White (Essex), Whitney and the mover be appointed to enquire into the condition of natural gas fields in various sections of the province and the supply of gas therein; the management and operations of the various companies working the said fields and the desirability, in the interests of the citizens of this province, of imposing conditions respecting the manner of taking natural gas from the ground; the disposal thereof and the preventing of any improper waste thereof, as well as the most valuable economic uses to which it may be applied, with power to send for persons, papers and records and report to the House with all convenient speed.

The motion passed, the names of Messrs. Conmee and Wood (Hastings) being added at Mr. Meredith's suggestion.

Mr. McColl moved the second reading of his bill respecting houses of refuge.

Sir Oliver Mowat objected to the passage of the bill and it was discharged from the order paper.

Mr. Garrow moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Assessment Act.

The motion passed and the bill was sent to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Whitney moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Meredith and Hon. Mr. Hardy thought the bill would involve enormous trouble, and would scarcely be workable.

The bill, however, passed its second reading, and was sent to the Municipal Committee.

TORONTO, March 28.—In the Local House yesterday the following bills passed through committee:

Respecting mortgages and sales of personal property.—Mr. Gibson of Hamilton.

To establish a provincial park at Rondeau.—Mr. Hardy.

To facilitate the administration of justice in the Rainy River district.—The Attorney General.

To extend the power of the High Court in respect of granting maintenance to infants.—The Attorney General.

Mr. Whitney presented a motion for the discontinuance of the numbered ballot in elections of members to the Legislative Assembly. The motion was lost on division, Messrs. McNaughton and McCallum voting with the Government.

TORONTO, March 29.—In the Legislatnre yesterday Mr. McKay (Victoria) moved for a return showing what system of payment the Government adopted in dealing with stockmen at the Columbian Exposition. This motion was agreed to.

Mr. McColl moved for a return giving a copy of the report of Mr. Stewart, provincial license inspector, as to the charge that certain license commissioners in the county of Elgin were owners of licensed premises, and that licenses were refused certain parties on political grounds.

The motion carried and the Speaker ordered that the originals of certain letters which Mr. Harcourt had read in reference to Mr. Nunn's standing, should be placed on the table.

Mr. Balfour's bill to amend the Pharmacy Act was considered in committee and passed without amendment.

Mr. Caldwell moved the second reading of the bill respecting Carleton Place, which proposes to allow the municipality of that town to attract industrial enterprises by the granting of a bonus and the exemption from taxation.

The motion was passed.

Mr. Snider's bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act, by exempting the goods on the premises not the property of the tenant from distraint for rent, was read a second time, and referred to the Legal Committee.

Mr. White (Essex) moved the second reading of his bill respecting executions. It proposed to exempt from execution all the implements required by the agriculturist for the carrying on of his business as well as crops growing or unharvested.

The second reading was lost on division.

TORONTO, March 30.—Sir Oliver Mowat's bill to extend the power of the High Court in respect to granting maintenance to infants was read a third time in the Legislature yesterday. Sir Oliver's bill respecting allowances to the Supreme Court judges was read a second time.

These bills were passed through committee: To amend the Public Health Act.—Mr Bronson. To authorize married women under age to bar dower.—The Attorney-General.

The House went into committee of supply.

Yesterday the executive of the Canadian Press Association, consisting of T. H. Preston, Brantford Expositor, president; W. S. Dingman, Stratford Herald; L. Shannon, Kingston News; A. F. Pirie, Dundas Banner; J. S. Willison, Toronto Globe; E. Holmes, Clinton New Era, with their counsel, Mr. John King, Q.C., waited upon the Government and urged the strengthening of the bill touching the law of libel with reference to the provisions respecting secondary libel and security for costs.

TORONTO, March 31.—In the Legislature yesterday, the following bills were given a third reading: To amend the Pharmacy Act.—Mr. Balfour. To confirm an agreement between the corporation of the town of Gananoque and the Thousand Islands Railway Company.—Mr. Harty. To confirm and validate certain assessments of the town of Trenton.—Mr. Biggar. Respecting the railway debenture debt of the township of Tiny.—Mr. Paton. To confirm a certain by-law of the corporation of the city of Kingston.—Mr. Harty.

These bills passed through committee: Respecting the town of Carleton Place—Mr. Caldwell; to amend the Act to incorporate the Pembroke Southern Railway Company—Mr. Barr (Renfrew); to enable the trustees, executors and executrix under the will of Richard Stubbs to lease certain lands—Mr. Tait.

Dr. Barr moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act. Under the law as it stands a license must be obtained from the municipality by hawkers peddling goods. The object of the bill was to bring under the terms of the provision, owners, as well as agents, not being resident within the county, who sell, or offer for sale, dry goods, tea, watches, clocks, platedware, silverware, jewellery, spectacles, pictures, or carry or expose any goods to be afterwards delivered within the county to any wholesale or retail dealer in such article.

Lord Hannen Dead.

LONDON, March 30.—Lord Hannen, who was judge of the probate and divorce courts, president of the Parnell inquiry commission, and a member of the Behring Sea Commission in 1893, is dead. He was 73 years of age.

Halifax Weavers Strike.

HALIFAX, April 2.—The weavers of the Halifax cotton factory went on strike on Saturday on account of a notice of a ten per cent. reduction in wages, to take effect from April. The manager's version is that about 110 weavers in the factory are out in consequence of the reduction in wages in some lines of goods. They were notified last week that reductions would take place.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, March 28.—Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, delivered his annual budget speech in the House yesterday. He made a five hour speech, reviewing the past results of the National Policy, and declaring that it was the intention of the Government to adhere strictly to their policy of protection.

The tariff as revised embraces many changes in the schedule of dutiable goods, the most noticeable feature being their change from specific to ad valorem duties.

OTTAWA, March 29.—The House quietly got to work yesterday on the budget debate, which will be continued from day to day till finished.

Sir Richard Cartwright began by apologizing for the length of time he would occupy in replying to the speech of the Hon. Mr. Foster. He said that in the first and last halves of the Finance Minister's speech there were inconsistencies. The spirit of protection ran through all the speech, though the much-landed National Policy was mangled and slaughtered. He referred facetiously to the inception of the N. P., making many humorous references and causing considerable merriment. He continued in a semi-sarcastic vein for a time and went on to quote from a former speech of Dalton McCarthy, in which that gentleman said the Conservative party were protectionists only because Mr. Mackenzie was a free trader, and he said he had the word of Mr. Mackenzie that Sir Charles Tupper had said he was prepared with a free trade speech in case the Mackenzie Government had proposed any increase in the tariff.

He concluded by moving the following amendment:

"That all the words after 'that' be struck out and the following inserted in place thereof: While recognizing in the reductions proposed an admission to that extent of the evils inflicted upon the people by the system of high protective duties this House is nevertheless of the opinion that the amendments suggested being based upon the principle of protection and not solely upon the requirements of public service are inadequate to afford satisfactory relief from the burdens of excessive and unfair taxation.

"That the highest interests of Canada demand the adoption of a sound fiscal policy which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade and hasten the return of prosperity to our people.

"That to that end the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient government, should have eliminated from it the principle of protection to particular industries at the expense of the community at large, and should be imposed for revenue only.

"That it should be so adjusted as to make free, or bear as lightly as possible, upon the necessaries of life, and to promote freer trade with the whole world, particularly with Great Britain and the United States."

Hon. Mr. Haggart replied. He spoke of the speech of Sir Richard Cartwright as an effort to talk around the subject, not attempting to deal with the tariff resolutions as introduced by the Finance Minister. He challenged the Opposition to show wherein the expenditure of the country could be reduced. He denied that the Conservative party was corrupt, and said that the contributions from manufacturers were not sufficient to pay for the printing of the pamphlets sent out to the electors. He charged that the boot was on the other leg, quoting from a speech delivered by Sir Richard Cartwright in Napanee in 1878 to show that he had frankly acknowledged that he purchased the constituency. He also quoted from Edward Blake to show that a protective tariff was a necessity for several years in this country. He (the speaker) did not see how taxes could be levied except in such a way as to afford incidental production to the manufacturers. That is the policy of the present tariff.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 30.—The whole of yesterday's session, after the answering of questions and the usual routine, was devoted to discussing the budget.

Hon. N. Clarke Wallace resumed the debate.

Mr. Charlton denied that the policy of the Opposition was for Commercial Union.

Hon. Mr. Wood spoke of the necessity of passing the budget as speedily as possible, in order that business might not be disturbed any longer than possible.

Mr. McMullen followed in a general attack on the N.P., talking till the House rose.

Referring to the issue of copies of the new infantry drill, Hon. Mr. Paterson said that he had given orders for them to be sent to all connected with the active force, but the supply was not sufficient to go around, and more had been ordered. He also said that 9,000 Martini rifles have been ordered since 1892. He added in reply to another question that Col. Villiers had been placed on the retired list because of his advanced age.

The correspondence in the case of Messrs. Connolly and McGreevy was laid on the table yesterday. It is very voluminous.

OTTAWA, March 31.—There were four speakers on the budget yesterday, two from the Maritime Provinces, one from British Columbia and one from Ontario—Dr. Landerkin.

In reply to a query, the Finance Minister stated yesterday that maple sugar could come in either under the classification of raw sugar or unenumerated articles.

Mr. Charlton yesterday introduced his bill for the amendment of the laws relating to seduction and abduction. It raises the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen and reduces the age at which a man is punishable to eighteen. For the point of abduction it does away with the discrimination in favor of heiresses, placing all girls on the same footing.

The Government has not as yet received any official intimation of the intention of the Imperial Government to remove the embargo on Canadian cattle in time for the commencement of the spring exports.

Mr. Mulock has introduced a bill to compel street railway companies to provide shelters for motormen.

Mr. Mulock's bill to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act prohibits members of Parliament from accepting passes from railway companies and then charging mileage for coming to Ottawa and returning home. This proposal will create a good deal of stir.

Mr. T. C. Robinette, who defended MacWherrell, the condemned Port Credit murderer, arrived here yesterday to interview Sir John Thompson regarding the case. The attorney states that a petition for a commutation of MacWherrell's sentence is being circulated in Peel county.

Hooper in Poor Health.

MONTREAL, April 2.—Mr. Joseph Hooper, father of John R. Hooper, who is imprisoned at Three Rivers, charged with attempting to murder his wife, is circulating a petition asking to have his son's trial take place in April instead of June. The petition sets forth that the health of the accused is poor.

At BROOKLYN, N.Y., on Thursday, Charles E. Morris, tax collector of Gravesend, pleaded guilty to the indictment of conspiracy found against him and was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

Despatches from sixteen points in the great peach-growing district of Maryland say the extreme cold of the last two nights has blighted the blossoms, but some of the largest growers have not given up hope.