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CONVICTIONS QUASHED IN GAME LAWS CASE

Judge Wilson Reverses Judgment Against Duncan and Braithwaite

COSTS EXCESSIVE

His Honor Says Case Looks to Him As If It Were Private Prosecution Carried On Regardless of Expense to the Defendant for Ulterior Motive.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb 22—(Special)—Judge Wilson delivered judgment in chambers this morning, quashing the convictions made by Police Magistrate Connors, of Chatham, in November last, against Henry Braithwaite and William J. Duncan, of this city, charged with violating the game law.

The information against the defendants was lodged by Game Warden Herbert Fairley and charged them with hunting and killing game between the fifteenth of June and the fifteenth of September. Evidence at the trial showed that the defendants were in the Miramichi woods early in September with a party of four sportsmen from Philadelphia, and two of the latter had shot game out of season. Braithwaite was fined $100, and $95 costs; and Duncan $60, and $6 costs.

His Honor reviewed the evidence at some length and stated that while it was shown that there had been a technical violation of the law on the part of Braithwaite, he having removed to camp the carcass of a caribou shot by a sportsman during his absence, he was not a consenting party, and there had been no intent on his part to violate the law.

In the case of Duncan, His Honor found absolutely no evidence to support the conviction. The costs in the Braithwaite case, His Honor found to be excessive, and stated that he would not have allowed them even had he sustained the conviction, as they were taxed without proper affidavits to show that the witnesses were material.

His Honor considered it rather strange that informations were laid by a special game warden employed by Mr. Robinson an American millionaire, instead of by the regular warden appointed by the government to enforce the law.

He pointed out that a constable had travelled 122 miles to serve a process which could have been served nearer home, and seven witnesses, whose mileage totalled 392 miles, were called upon to give evidence, which had little bearing on the case. He thought that these facts went to show that it was a private prosecution, carried on regardless of trouble or expense to the defendant, and for some ulterior purpose for which no court ought to be used.

WILD INDIAN RUNS AMUCK

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 22—With an ear-splitting war whoop, a Navajo Indian war chief ran amuck in the Union station yesterday and fatally stabbed and cut Mrs. Anna Devord of Huntington, W. Va. and Max Meyers of Cincinnati, and seriously wounded Joseph W. Gordon of Cambridge, Ills. The Navajo, with four Sioux chiefs from Kansas, alighted from a crowded Chesapeake & Ohio train. As the passengers stepped from the train, the Indian with a yell, drew a long knife and started through the crowd, slashing right and left.

Mrs. Devord, was walking along the station platform with a child in her arms. The Indian had buried the blade in her back and then slashed her across the body and arms. She fell insensible to the platform. The child was not hurt. After the Indian had attacked Meyers and Gordon, passengers rushed on the madman and hurled him prostrate to the platform. He was taken in charge by the police. The Indian, who had been to Washington, to see the secretary of the interior, was sullen while on the train passengers say, but evinced no signs of frenzy until the passengers were leaving the train.

AT CITY HALL

A sub-committee of the harbor facilities committee will meet tomorrow afternoon to go over the report of S. A. Corbett, who has been engaged with the comptroller, on valuating the harbor properties with the view of fixing the price to be placed upon them in the scheme of a government commission. The committee will be asked to decide whether a more extended search should be made regarding certain of the properties.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley has sent a communication to the mayor asking that matters be hurried as quickly as possible, so that attention can be given it by the government.

This afternoon a meeting of the Champlain monument committee will be held to try and arrive at some decision regarding the completion of the work. There has been a deadlock between the sculptor, Hamilton McCarthy, and the committee for some time, and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution of the difficulty will be arrived at.

U. N. B. VALEDICTORIAN

Fredericton, Feb. 22—(Special)—At a meeting of the senior class of the U. N. B., this morning F. L. Orchard was selected to deliver the valedictory address at the next encoenia.

LOST—BETWEEN A. POYAS' MILL ST. and Codner Bros., gold ring. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at CODNER BROS. 22?-2-23.

LOST—ON SATURDAY, A BLACK PERSIAN Lamb Collar for overcoat. The finder will receive a reward on leaving same at this office.

ANOTHER BIG ONE LAUNCHED IN ENGLAND

The Vanguard, the Seventh Battleship of the Dreadnaught Class, Was Launched at Barrow Today—Heaviest Ship of Her Class.

BARROW, England, Feb. 22—The battleship Vanguard, the seventh vessel of the Dreadnought class, was successfully launched here at noon today. Mrs. Reginald McKenna, wife of the first lord of the admiralty, performed the christening ceremony.

Although the contract called for the completion of the vessel one year hence, it is generally believed that the Vanguard will be ready before the end of 1909, more work having been done on this vessel before launching than on any other battleship.

The keel of the Vanguard was laid down on April 1 of last year. The contractors, a private firm, are to supply also the guns, armor and machinery for the vessel. The Vanguard will be the heaviest and the most modernly equipped of the ships of her class. Her launching weight was 16,000 tons. Her length between her perpendiculars is 500 feet, and her length over all 543 feet. Her beam is 84 feet, displacement over 19,300 tons; her horsepower 25,000; excess in weight over the first Dreadnought 650 tons. Her cost will be upwards of $9,000,000.

HE OBJECTED TO ROOSEVELT

New York, Feb. 22—"I make a point of order," was the interrupting cry that came from an excited man in the body of St. Bartholomew church, on Madison Avenue yesterday, while the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant was lauding President Roosevelt in a sermon to Sons of the Revolution. The occasion was the nineteenth annual church service of the society. Mr. Grant had just referred to President Roosevelt as one of the four great presidents, when the interruption came.

All eyes sought the individual who had made the objection, but few saw him as he did not rise from his seat. Instantly there were cries of "Be quiet," "Get out" and a score of hisses. The would-be objector took heed of the cries and subsided, the incident ending right there. The Rev. Mr. Grant quickly continued with his eulogy.

GOLDING SPENT WITH FREE HAND

William Hanley pleaded guilty to drunkenness on Charlotte street on Saturday night, and the reverse to assaulting a young woman near North Market street. Policeman Crawford testified that Hanley clutched the woman, who was passing, and twisted her around. Hanley asserted that he could not recollect committing such an act. His honor spoke strongly on the matter, and said that the penalty could be as high as 6 months, without a fine, or if there are some extenuating circumstances, two months could be imposed, without the option of a fine. He remarked that the "free and easy" methods across the border would not exist here, and the law in this respect is very strict. Hanley was remanded.

George Brown, an inebriate, was fined $8 or 30 days. He said he was in the house from 6 to 10 p. m. on Saturday and when he left he was taken into custody by Sergt. Campbell.

Robert McDonald, charged with begging on Water street, said he was only soliciting a ferry ticket on behalf of a friend, who was stranded on the east side of the harbor and could not reach his vessel. He was remanded; and George Alberts, a negro, was fined $4 or ten days for intoxication.

George Macian, an Austrian youth, received shelter on Saturday and Sunday nights at the police station. No arrests were made on Sunday.

The preliminary examination of Louis Golding, accused of stealing $30 from Walter Nelson, a Swede, was resumed.

F. C. Stansbury, a dentist in the King Dental Parlors, testified that Golding paid him $8 in return for work on Thursday, and identified the receipts found on the accused as received by the latter from him.

Charles B. Murphy, a clerk in Phillips' tobacco store, testified that two men entered the store on Thursday morning, clad in garments resembling that of a logger, and one of the men purchased a B. B. pipe valued at $2.65, and tobacco totalling $3. Both were inebriated. Golding was asked to don his hat, so that the witness could identify him, but the prisoner asserted that the police had possession of his head-covering, believing that it was purchased with a portion of the stolen money. Murphy was unable to identify Golding, who had obtained a new suit of apparel, but finally said he was satisfied that the man who was with Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen in the shop on Thursday was the man who was with the man to whom the witness sold the pipe and tobacco.

James Sutherland, clerk in the Union Clothing Co's store, swore that Golding and a companion entered the store on Thursday and after the prisoner had purchased a black felt hat, a shirt and two handkerchiefs, he left a cap in the shop, and as he was departing, presented the scrub-woman with a quarter or twenty cents. The amount he paid to the witness was $3. Adjournment was made until Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

Tonight in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, Cullum Lodge, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, will hold a concert. A splendid programme has been prepared, and the ladies promise a treat in the musical line.

Mrs. Hilton, of north end, desires to thank Chief Kerr and the firemen for their effective work in their fire on her property.

EXAMINATION IN THE SIMMS ROBBERY CASE COMMENCED IN THE POLICE COURT TODAY

G. F. A. Anderson Was the Only Witness Examined at This Morning's Session

W. H. Downie, the Young Man Arrested on Suspicion, Refused to Plead—Mr. Anderson Tells of the Robbery as the Prisoner Told It to Him—Downie, Apparently in Good Spirits, Laughs at Spectators.

After the quartette which constituted this morning's docket before Judge Ritchie had been led to jail, W. Herbert Downie was brought into court. He was assigned to a seat adjoining that of his counsel, J. Milton Price.

After the allegation of stealing $1,114.80 from the T. S. Simms Company, Limited, on February 19, preferred by Louis H. Simms, was read by Police Clerk Henderson, his honor advised Downie that it was not necessary for him to plead.

To the charge, Downie thereupon replied in a barely audible tone, "I've nothing to say." A. P. Barnhill represented the firm in the proceedings. G. F. A. Anderson, vice-president of the Simms company was the first witness. He testified that he left the office of the brush factory on Union street, at 12.35 on Friday, leaving Downie alone. He informed the latter that he was going to a barber shop to get shaved and would return.

Downie queried, "what barber are you going to," to which he replied "Dwyer's."

The witness returned to the office at three minutes to one o'clock and discovered several workmen standing in the inside office. Downie was lying on the floor. When the witness gazed at him he opened his eyes and exclaimed "the money is gone." Witness asked him if he would summon a physician, to which the accused replied, "no, I'm all right."

Witness immediately went to the vault and found that the money had disappeared, except a few envelopes which were on the floor of the enclosure. Witness gathered theses up and put them on a shelf in the vault and afterward telephoned to police headquarters. The officers reached the scene shortly. In the evening he visited Chief Clark and suggested that a thorough search of the offices and factory be instituted, and as a result Sergt. Campbell was detailed to accompany the witness to the building.

On entering the building, witness entered the lavatory adjacent to the office but, prior to entering, Campbell asked him where Downie's desk was located, and he indicated it with his finger. Before coming out, witness heard the sergeantt ejaculate, "I've got the money," or "I've got it." Campbell handed the small satchell to the witness.

At this point his honor asked to see the satchel, and, overlooking Chief Clark, requested Sergt. Campbell to bring it to court. The police clerk descended to the lower floor and took the valise containing the amount specified out of his safe.

Continuing, the witness stated that it is used to carry money from the bank to the office on pay-days, and is the property of the concern. It is left, under a shelf in the office. Witness understood that it is Foster, the book-keeper's duty to bring the money from the bank on Fridays, and he complied with this duty on Friday morning at about 11 o'clock.

Witness said he opened the valise when Campbell gave it to him, and felt notes and silver in the bottom and the envelopes containing the respective weekly amounts for the employes, on the top of the heap. Witness said it was the duty of Leonard Brown to fill the envelopes with the respective sums.

To his honor the witness said he gave a memorandum of the amount, excluding that in the envelopes to the chief of police, it being $100 or $200. The envelopes dropped on the floor were five or six in number. He did not think that Downie would have anything to do with going to the bank or apportioning the pay in the envelopes.

The vault is in the wall, only three or four steps from Downie's desk. A large window with three plates of glass, illuminates the office. To get access to Downie one could enter by the right door of the cage only a few feet from which Downie was sitting, his being the last desk on the right side looking from the street. The desk in the office is a continuous one and Downie's is somewhat lower, owing to the presence of the typewriter on it. There was a crevice between the cage and his desk. There are two doors to the interior of the cage on the right and left. Little time would be consumed in getting to Union street from Downie's desk.

At the police station almost $1200 was counted. He said the firm pays at 5 p. m. on Friday's but was unable to state at what time pay was made last Friday. After discovering the money Campbell telephoned to the chief and took the money to his office, accompanied by the witness. Campbell was sent by the chief to arrest Downie and he returned with the accused from Leinster Hall.

His Honor—"Did you know positively where Campbell found the satchel or whether it was underneath Downie's desk."

Witness—"I saw Campbell making a dive for the box under the desk used by Downie to put his feet on and heard a noise as if a box was moving."

Witness said Downie's desk contained 3 or 4 drawers on each side in the front, each about a foot long and half a foot wide.

After supper on Friday Downie returned to the office. In an hour after the robbery Downie returned to work and continued until 6 p. m., asking Harry Reid, the secretary, for permission to complete work that he had not finished and Mr. Reid gave his sanction, but also sent Leonard Brown to the office to demand that Downie deliver up his key. Both Downie and Brown worked together for a short time and finally abandoned it as the offices were in a state of chaos. As both were leaving Downie gave his key to his fellow employe. The witness said he did not decide to have Downie arrested. He did not think Downie, while on the office floor, expressed to the witness what had happened, but in his presence he told a story of working at his desk, when somebody approached from the left door and choked him into insensibility.

The men present were Jere McEachren, Thomas Rogers, B. L. Sheppard and several others with whose names he is not familiar and all were bending over him. Witness had known that the money was in the envelopes. He never remembered of Downie ever asking before, to what barber he was bound.

Witness offered to get a doctor, but was not instrumental in notifying Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who subsequently arrived. Downie recovered consciousness prior to the appearance of the physician. The witness said he was absent from the store precisely 23 minutes. He did not examine Downie's neck for marks of a struggle, but at a casual glance saw no evidence of violence on the accused.

At this point Chief Clark approached his honor's desk and requested him to view the denominations of the various bills and envelopes which he had tabulated on a sheet and previously placed directly before the judge, who ignored its presence.

To the chief he said: "I don't wan't it" and turning to Mr. Henderson he requested him to read the deposition of the witness.

Witness resuming stated that Downie remained on the floor until the chief of police instructed him to arise. The secretary wrote a check for $1150 to pay the men as usual.

Cross-examined by Price, witness asserted that when he goes to a barber he usualy tells Downie. On Friday he desired to return at one o'clock to meet the book-keeper, and take some notes to the bank. It is not his purpose to tell the clerks of his destination when he leaves the office, so that inquirers can locate him. On his way to the barber shop he met Peter Carrel and Spragg, two workmen in the factory, at Brown's pharmacy.

His Honor—Did you allow the entire afternoon to elapse without making a search of the premises.

Witness—I did not have charge of it. I gave it into the hands of the police.

He believed the money was out of the premises, and on consideration, suggested that a search be instituted. His recognizance for the higher court was entered into and adjournment was granted until 10.30 a. m. on Wednesday.

Downie, before being escorted into jail, sat down near the prisoners' bench and laughed at the spectators.

His father arrived on the 6 o'clock train this morning from Harvey, Albert county, and conferred with him for half an hour in jail.

HIS LAST SERMON

Fredericton, Feb. 22—(Special)—Rev. Canon Montgomery, rector of Kingsclear, who has resigned to accept a call to Port Hope, Ontario, preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning in the presence of a large congregation. He spoke feelingly of his long service in the parish and returned his thanks to the people of all denominations for the many kindnesses to him. He announced that the church warden, C. H. Giles, had assumed the balance of the church debt amounting to $187. On Friday evening the retiring rector was waited on by his parishioners and presented with a gold headed cane and Mrs. Montgomery was made the recipient of a valuable umbrella. The rector and family leave for Port Hope on March 2nd.

LADIES TO PLAY MEN

Four rinks of St. Andrews lady curlers will meet the same number of rinks of the gentlemen of the club in a friendly match this afternoon. The skips chosen are as follows:

Ladies—Mrs. H. Russell Sturdee, Mrs. F. S. White, Mrs. C. H. Ferguson, Miss Barnaby.

Gentlemen—Lt. Col. Ogilvie, R. Keltie Jones, C. A. Grey, A. F. Bowman.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Feb. 22—(Special)—Dominion Steel shares were active and continued easier today. From 33 on Saturday the price dropped further to 31. Preferred was easier at 114. Scotia showed no change to 103. Speculative profit taking is largely responsible. Quebec Railway was active and strong up to 44 1-2 while Power was easier at 114. Scotia showed nochange at 90. Other features were Detroit 62 1-4, Asbestos 79, Textile 58 1-2.

TONIGHT'S BALL

The annual ball of the Knights of Columbus, which will be held in Keith's Assembly Rooms, this evening, bids fair to be the most successful affair of its kind ever held by that organization. The rooms have been very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the Nickel orchestra will furnish music for the dancers.

Dr. Mullin will be floor manager, assisted by Fred Lynch and Edward Simpson. The reception committee consists of the chaperones, Mrs. William Scully, Mrs. Harry Regan, Mrs. Frank Lynch, with C. J. Owens, W. J. Mahoney and Richard O'Brien. The catering will be in charge of Wright and Fritch.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Calder, (nee Roy) of Portland, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Mecklenburg street.

TWENTY-TWO CHINAMEN IN ONE BOX CAR

An Organized Plot to Smuggle Asiatics Into California—In Bonded Car Under Government Seal.

Sanluis Obispo, Cal., Feb. 22—What is believed to be an organized plan to smuggle Asiatics in this country, has been unearthed as a result of the discovery of 22 Chinese in a box car in this city yesterday. The most peculiar feature of the discovery was that the Chinese were in a bonded car sealed with the government stamp. The car was billed from Algiers, La., where it left on February 10 for San Francisco. Owing to numerous landslides and washouts, the car was delayed on the coast division of the Southern Pacific. While passing by a box car in the yards today, Conductor Page heard voices in it. In response to a question who was in the car, he received an offer of two dollars for a bucket of water in the pigeon English of the Chinese. The sheriff's office was notified, the seals broken and 22 half-starved Chinese taken out. All had large canteens, which, on the long journey had been drained of every drop of water. One of them stated that they had crossed the Mexican border at El Paso, but refused to give any further information. They were placed in the county jail and are being held awaiting the arrival of immigration inspectors from San Francisco.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

The Methodist ministers met this morning in Centenary Church parlors. Rev. S. Howard presided and those present were Revs. Dr. Flanders, N. McLaughlin, C. W. Squires, J. Crisp, T. J. Deinstadt, C. Comben, I. N. Parker, Welsford, and J. Heaney. Rev. N. McLaughlin reported holding special services in Portland St. Church, at which 30 expressed conversion. Rev. C. W. Squires, reported holding special services in Carmarthen street Church last week, there being four conversions. Rev. I. N. Parker gave an interesting account of his work at Welsford. He had labored there 34 Sundays, and had not missed a service, a truly wonderful record for a man of his years. He had received 30 in church membership, and had baptized 49. A discussion took place on the proposition of a Methodist Social Union, and steps were taken towards organization.

The Baptist ministers met this morning in the Mission rooms. There was a full attendance. Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod of Fredericton, was present. A committee, composed of Rev. D. Hutchinson and Rev. W. Camp, was appointed to draft a resolution on Sunday funerals, and report at the next meeting.

The following exchange list for the second Sunday in March, was drawn up: Germain Street, Rev. G. Swim; Brussels Street, Rev. J. W. Kierstead; Waterloo Street, Rev. W. R. Robinson; Tabernacle, Rev. D. Hutchinson; Main Street (north end), Rev. F. E. Bishop; Fairville, Rev. W. E. Fletcher; Ludlow Street (west end), Rev. W. W. McMaster; Charlotte Street (west end), Rev. A. B. Cohoe.

TOMORROW'S GAME SHOULD BE FAST

Tomorrow night's hockey game with the Amherst Ramblers, one of the crack teams of the Nova Scotia Hockey League, is expected to be the fastest and best of the season. The Ramblers will present their strongest line-up, while St. John will be represented by the team which has so far this season lost but one game. On January 21, they defeated Charlottetown 3-2, and in the return match on January 26, the island boys turned the tables, winning by a score of 2 to 1. On February 5 Marysville was defeated 7 to 3; Windsor went down on February 8 and 9, by scores of 9-4 and 7-1, and the U. N. B. were shut out on the 19th, 5-0. In the six games played, St. John scored 32 goals to their opponents 12.

Judging from the way they are starting out, this year's team should bring to St. John some of the glory and renown of years gone by when the winter port hockeyists were the champions of the maritime provinces.

The line-up for tomorrow's night's game will be as follows:

All St. John	Amherst Ramblers
Goal	
Barton	White
Point	
Tulley	Tweedie
Cover Point	
Philps	Currin
Rover	
Clawson	Phelan
Centre	
Kennedy	Murray
Right Wing	
McAvity	Chisholm
Left Wing	
Paterson	Simpson

PROBATE COURT

Estate of James Murphy, victualler. In consequence of the continued serious illness of Mrs. John Murphy, a witness on behalf of her own claim, further hearing in this matter was again postponed. Adjournment was made till 29th March next.

It is expected that No. 6 berth will be ready for occupancy by Thursday next. The small boulder which has been referred to, is being removed this afternoon and the harbor master will commence tomorrow to take complete soundings over the entire length of the berth and for a distance of 80 feet from the face of the wharf.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS HOME FROM WORLD TOUR

The Famous Fleet Cast Anchor in Home Waters Today

VIEWED BY PRESIDENT

White Squadron Absent Fourteen Months on 45,000 Mile Tour of World Was Given a Great Welcome—Home Coming Appropriate to Washington's Birthday.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 22—With homeward bound pennants streaming far behind them, 28 bands playing the Star Spangled Banner, and saluting cannon roaring tribute to the president of the United States, the battleship fleet of the American navy ended its world's cruise here today. After steaming in review of the president, whose eagle-crested flag of blue was at the main of the cruiser yacht Mayflower, the sixteen white battleships finally cast anchor in the same fair way of the Hampton Roads whence they started fourteen months ago on the notable journey of 45,000 miles.

The joy of home coming was written upon the face of every bluejacket and every officer on board the sixteen ships. The long cruise, the visits to many of the most famous ports of the world, the homage that has been paid to the fleet by every nation on the calling list, have been of intense interest to every one aboard the famous vessels, but unquestionably there was no scene in all the world to compare in beauty with the familiar landmarks picked up by the battle fleet as it steamed a triumphant, self-reliant and efficient force, through the Virginia Capes today and entered the hospitable waters of Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads.

As she led the beautiful column of battleships out of Hampton Roads fourteen months ago, and as she piloted the fleet through all the seas into the ports of the long cruise, the flagship Connecticut steamed again today at the head of the returning squadrons. In the wake of the white ships of the home-coming squadron followed a welcoming host in gray, four battleships and five powerful cruisers being in this escorting column sent a thousand miles out to sea to convey a preliminary word of welcome to the famous ships.

The day of the home coming dawned with prospects of weather as fair as the cloudless day in December, 1907, on which the fleet set sail, an overhanging shadow of gray clouds showing clearing streaks of red and blue to the eastward sunrise. Just before 7 a. m., however, a fog bank suddenly shut down and set the whistles and bells of the many craft in the roadstead screetching and tolling their notes of warning. The fog lifted again within an hour, but left a promise of a gray day which was anything but attractive to the thousands upon thousands of people gathered here from all parts of the country and who were either afloat or lining the shores of the waterfront today to help in the joyous acclaim to the home coming ships and men.

Foreign naval attaches, immense parties of government officials and high officers of the army and navy were aboard the fleet of welcome which steamed out today to greet the incoming vessels and witness the review by the president at the tail of the horseshoe. The Mayflower, which came down from Washington last night with a distinguished party on board, cast her anchors in the same waters today where she took up her position at the sailing of the fleet.

SEVEN KILLED BY DYNAMITE ON G. T. P. LINE

Premature Discharge of Dynamite Takes Lives of Seven Workmen on G. T. P. Work in Northern Ontario.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 22—(Special)—Meagre details have reached here of a dynamite accident resulting in the death of seven Swedish railway laborers on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction, 120 miles north of Nepigon. Coroner Brown and Crown Attorney Leangworth, went down yesterday to conduct an inquest at Nepigon. The accident was the old story of a premature discharge while tamping in a rock cut. The killed were all Swedes, the foreman, Nelson Hanson, being the only name available.

SHE RAN AWAY WITH HER FOUR CHILDREN

Windsor, Ont. Feb. 22—(Special)—Charged with having abducted her own four children and having run away from her husband and her home, Mrs. William Symons, a comely woman, of Brantford, was arrested in Detroit last night. After a diligent search the police located Mrs. Symons living with a man named McDonald, at a house on Concord Avenue as man and wife. The woman was taken to headquarters but McDonald has not been apprehended as yet. The children, who are all under thirteen years of age, were overjoyed at seeing their father again. They will be taken back to Brantford today.

BABY BOY FOUND IN CONFESSIONAL BOX

New York, Feb. 22—A fine healthy boy about five days' old was found in a confessional box yesterday afternoon in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church.

The Rev. Father Doyle was baptizing some children at the time and the baby was taken to him and baptized with the name of Michael Joseph. Then the baby was taken into the priest's house and the police were called. The baby was taken by them to Bellevue.

NOTEWORTHY FEAT OF NEW YORK PILOT

New York, N. Y., Feb. 21—Fifty naval and shipping men were witnesses today of experiments off Sandy Hook to demonstrate how a submarine signal bell can assist vessels to make port safely in foggy weather or to avoid collisions under like conditions. Although blindfolded at the wheel of a sea-going tug, a pilot brought the boat close up to the Ambrose Channel lightship for three miles out at sea, guided by the tinkle of the lightship's bell. He had the receiver of this bell at his ear the whole three miles, and he gave the order "stop her" to the tug's engine crew, less than 100 yards from the lightship.

REMARKABLE STATEMENT

New York, Feb. 22—"In case of emergency Great Britain would not spend $5 to hold Canada and Australia as her colonies," said Dean R. W. Russell of the university law school, in a speech before the people's institute last night.

"As a matter of fact, England has found the United States a much more profitable friend of hers as a separate nation than as a vassal, and she might not be unwilling to lose the Dominion and the Antipodes on the same ground."

WILL WED TOMORROW

New York, Feb. 22—The World declares to have learned from an excellent authority that the much-talked of marriage of Miss Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, to Wm. Wilks, of this city, is to be celebrated tomorrow morning. When a reporter called at Mrs. Green's home in Hoboken last night, she declined to either affirm or deny the report.

WANT MR. BOURASSA

Another effort is being made by the Canadian Club to persuade Henri Bourassa to address the club. Secretary Knowles has written to Mr. Bourassa, and Prof. Leacock has promised to use his persuasive powers upon the gifted Canadian. Correspondence with other prospective speakers is also being carried on by Secretary Knowles.

RIOTS IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong, Feb. 22—Laborers engaged in constructing the Canton Haukau Railway, began rioting today because the wages of some of the men who had been absent from work were withheld. Troops were called out to suppress the disorders and in a clash which ensued 25 laborers were injured. Three soldiers are missing.

It has been decided in view of recent communications from Ottawa that a delegation consisting of the mayor, President Foster, of the board of trade and President Skinner of the Exhibition Association should go to the capital within the next few days and press St. John's claims for the grant of $50,000 for a dominion exhibition.

Internal injuries received on Friday night while coasting with his three children, caused the death of Joseph Blanchette, of Marlboro, Mass, aged 36 years. The party of four was coasting down Russell hill, with the elder Blanchette at the steering wheel, when the bob-sled crashed into a fence, throwing the father against the steering apparatus. He sustained internal injuries. Blanchette leaves a widow and four children.

THE FUNERAL OF ERNEST RUPERT

Hampton, N. B., Feb. 22—(Special)—The funeral of Ernest Rupert, the young man who came to such a mysterious and untimely end in the Smith Creek woods last week was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his father, Moses Rupert, on Passekeage Road, the procession starting shortly after two o'clock. The feeling in this community was shown in the large attendance of friends and neighbors, some thirty carriages following the remains to the parish church of St. Paul's, Lakeside, where the burial service was conducted by the rector of the parish, Rev. H. F. Walley, and interment made in the adjoining graveyard, the body being laid beside that of his mother, who died many years ago. The deceased was a young man of excellent qualities and was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. He was not addicted to drinking, few, if any, of his acquaintances knowing of his ever taking a glass of liquor, and his death, whether by his own hand, or by that of some unknown enemy, has caused the deepest regret and cast a gloom over every home. The result of the enquiry now going on at Sussex is anxiously awaited. It is said that George W. Fowler has been instructed to watch the proceedings on behalf of the crown.

SIX MEN KILLED IN A RAILWAY WRECK

Delmar, Feb. 22—Six men were killed and several injured by a collision of train No. 49 N. Y. and Norfolk express on the Delaware railroad with a yard engine in the railroad yards here about 2.50 this morning.

Engineer Murdoch's expenses for his recent trip to upper Canadian and United States cities are not likely to cause any adverse comment among the aldermen, as the total amount is said to be less than $200.