

## JOHN R. LABATT SENT TO PRISON

Sentenced to Nine  
Months in Jail

### PLEADED GUILTY

Hon. H. R. Emerson De-  
clined to Prosecute, but Crown  
Insisted on Punishment

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—John R. Labatt of Ottawa, was sentenced on Saturday to nine months in the central prison by Magistrate O'Keefe. The specific charge was that on September 15 last he wrote a letter to the Hon. H. R. Emerson demanding \$15,000 and threatening him with making public his letter he claimed to have concerning Mr. Emerson.

Labatt pleaded guilty and through his lawyer made full acknowledgment that he had never possessed the threatening letter, he referred to. A plea was made for a suspended sentence, but the crown attorney and magistrate would not consent to this.

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## MANY PASSENGERS FOR THE HOME LAND

1400 Booked to Leave

Here Friday

Lake Manitoba Took 1200

Away—Empress of Britain

Brought 700

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain arrived in port at about 12.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and docked at No. 2 berth. She had on board about seven hundred passengers, the most of whom left for the west on two special trains which pulled out in the afternoon.

The crew of the wrecked Mount Temple were passengers on the Empress from Halifax to St. John. Here they were transferred to the Lake Manitoba by the tug Cruiser and sailed on the outgoing steamer.

The Empress also carried a full general cargo, which she began to discharge last night. The crew of the big C. P. R. boat was marked by very stormy weather, which was encountered on the third day out from Liverpool. The steamer was into heavy seas and was slowed down for three days owing to the stress of the weather. The seas were very high and as a result the steamer lost two of her lifeboats, the sides being damaged by stormy weather, the Empress was held up by fog just after leaving Liverpool, not getting out of the Mersey until last Sunday.

The heavy passenger traffic from Canada to Great Britain continues. Already fourteen hundred people have booked passage on the Empress of Britain, which sails from this port on Friday next.

The Lake Manitoba sailed yesterday afternoon with a full cargo and twelve hundred passengers. Of this some 800 belonged to the other, when the slump struck the market, in order to save the money he first applied to his uncle, but the amount was so large he was not in a position to help him. Then as a last resort, he wrote the letter to Mr. Emerson.

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## HORSMAN THREATENED TO KILL HIS WIFE

Hattie Horsman

Tells of Family

Quarrels.

Her Father Didn't Feel

Badly Immediately After

the Drowning, but Cried

When Body Was Interred

MONCTON, Dec. 8.—That her father at one time threatened to kill her she did not mind him was the testimony given yesterday afternoon by Hattie Horsman in the preliminary examination before Judge Kay of her father, Christopher A. Horsman, who is charged with murdering his wife, the child's mother. It was only after much patient questioning that the child, sobbing bitterly, told of the threat that her father once made to her deceased mother. At the morning session she said that the threat was made some time ago, before the ground was frozen up, but said she would rather not tell exactly what it was. "He said he would beat me," she said then to Solicitor General Jones, but promised to tell at the afternoon session.

When the question was put before her again the child for a long time sat silent, glancing occasionally at her father, who at the other end of the table was seated with his head resting on his arm. Then she began to weep silently and suddenly spoke up. "He said he would kill her," she said to her mother. "Did he?" asked Mr. Jones.

"Yes," responded the child. "Was there anything said about what he wanted her to do?" "He said he wanted her to do what he told her or else he'd kill her. I remember one time he pushed her out of the barn into a mud hole."

"Did you hear him say anything then?" "I don't know now."

This closed Mr. Jones' examination. Hattie Horsman's unwillingly-given evidence was at times hostile to the interests of her father, and the little girl realized this, but nevertheless, told her story in a straightforward manner, often being directly in eliciting the threat which her father had uttered against her mother. She said her father did not appear sorry immediately after the death, but cried about three weeks covering up the deceased woman in the grave. The trouble between her parents the morning of the drowning had been because her father had refused to let Uncle Ezra's to a frolic against her mother's wishes. Hattie also told of her mother having fainting spells, at which times it was customary to revive her with cold water, applied to her face.

Mrs. Wentworth Stevens was the other witness examined, and her evidence was the same as that of the child. She said that when the body of the woman was found, she was standing across the well, with one foot on each side of it. He was holding Mrs. Horsman's face out of water, it being about three inches and down towards the water, and her feet were on the ground. Her hands and arms were still in the water and water was running off her head. She said she saw about three hands and hair. It looked to me as if he had just been lifted out. I did not notice any ice around the well. I suggested that we get her to the house. She said she saw about three hands and hair. It looked to me as if he had just been lifted out. I did not notice any ice around the well. I suggested that we get her to the house.

I saw no signs of life. In the kitchen, however, some water and he said he had heard cold water was the best. He gave her some water with a spoon out of a bucket. She did not notice any ice around the well. I suggested that we get her to the house. She said she saw about three hands and hair. It looked to me as if he had just been lifted out. I did not notice any ice around the well. I suggested that we get her to the house.

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a Long Illness—Palace Surrounded by

Mournful Crowd—A Man of Letters.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8.—King Oscar II, King of Sweden, died at 8.10 o'clock this morning in the royal apartment of the palace. He was 72 years of age. He was the third son of King Oscar I, and of Queen Josephine, daughter of Prince Eugene of Leuchtenberg, and a grandson of Marshal Bernadotte. King Oscar II succeeded to the throne at the death of his brother, King Carl XV, September 15, 1872. He was married in 1859, to Queen Sophia, born July 4, 1858, daughter of the late Duke William of Nassau. Four children survive King Oscar—Crown Prince Gustave, born June 16, 1888; Prince Oscar Bernadotte, born November 15, 1889; Prince Carl, born February 27, 1891; and Prince Eugene, born August 1, 1893.

Prince Gustave was married September 20, 1881, to Princess Victoria of Baden-Baden. Their eldest son, Prince Oscar, was born June 15, 1895. Princess Margaret Victoria, of Connaught, was born November 15, 1895.

Prince Oscar renounced his succession to the throne and married March 15, 1888, Erika Munck, of Fulkila. In the years 1892 and 1893 the late King Oscar was elected to the Norwegian parliament, which led to Norway, on October 26, 1895, declaring the union of Sweden and Norway dissolved. The throne of Norway was offered to a prince of the reigning house of Sweden, but was declined by King Oscar and later an appeal to the Norwegian people. Prince Charles of Denmark was elected King of Norway by the Norwegian parliament November 18, 1895.

The late king was distinguished as a scholar, having received degrees from so many universities of Europe that it may fairly be said so far as degrees indicate, that he was the most learned man in Europe. He was a poet, a translator, a political economist, a publicist, a musician, an historian and a playwright. All the great masterpieces of literature, historical, philosophical and religious, he translated into Swedish. One of his works, the most widely-known of his works of fiction, deals with the rise of his own family, of Bernadotte and the accession to the throne of Sweden, of his grandfather, Marshal Bernadotte.

Gustave, the new ruler of Sweden, was born in the Castle of Drutningholm, immediately after his birth, he was Duke of Vermland. He pursued his studies from 1877 to 1878 at Upsala. In 1879 he travelled abroad, visiting almost all the countries of Europe. In 1880 he returned a second time to the University at Upsala.

He entered the army in 1875 and in 1882 he was given the rank of general lieutenant. In 1888 he was made a full general. Between the years 1884 and 1891 he filled the office of viceroys of Norway. Gustave's other two children are Wilhelm, Duke of Södermanland, born June 17, 1884, who visited the United States last summer, and Eirik, Duke of Westmanland, born April 20, 1889.

Disinherited is the Zulu king who has been held responsible for the threatening situation in Natal rising from the increasing boldness of the natives, who have been indulging in murder and other outrages.

The death of King Oscar is not likely to be followed by any serious disturbance of Sweden's political conditions. The venerable monarch had been slowly failing for many months past, and last January he suffered an illness which, at the time, was expected to end fatally. All precautions have been taken for the orderly passage of power to the hands of his able son and successor, Oscar Gustave Adolphe, Duke of Vermland, who will doubtless take the title of King Gustave.

The success of the succession movement was a grievous blow to the aged king, who took deeply to heart this severance of an ancient union. Indeed, the doctor's diagnosis was that his heart was affected appears to give color to earlier reports that he was slowly dying of a broken heart. Possibly the doctor's diagnosis may be correct. In one respect the change of monarchs may ameliorate the relations between Sweden and Norway because the new king's son, who now becomes a crown prince, is united by marriage to the Queen of Norway.

The new King Gustave much resembles his father in stature and in Saxon bone features.

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