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## TROUBLE IN THE HOME BLOOD ON HIS CLOTHES LOOKS DARK FOR SON

Inquest into the Death of Elijah Finton is Opened—Neighbor Tells of Old Man's Complaints of His Boy.

ACCUSED SEEMS UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR STAINS

STONY CREEK, April 28.—(Special.)—A motive and much circumstantial evidence were brought to light at the inquest opened at Stony Creek to-night into the death of Elijah J. Finton, who was murdered in his barnyard last Tuesday.

It was shown that there had been trouble between the son, Thomas, and deceased for some time previous to the murder. The father had complained often to George Millen that neither his son nor his son's wife was treating him right.

Blood stains were found on a pair of overalls worn by the son on the morning of the murder. He could not account for the blood and has made several contradictory statements.

Medical evidence showed that deceased came to his death by being struck on the head.

Thomas Finton did not appear at the inquest, which will be continued Thursday evening next. Thomas is aged 22, is married and has one child. Dr. B. E. Thompson was the coroner. S. F. Washington appeared for the crown, and George Lynch-Staunton for Finton.

A crowd started to gather in front of the town hall shortly after six. At 7 there was a mob around the door. At 7:45 one of the door windows was smashed in and a few minutes after the others on shared the same fate. The room was crowded to the fullest capacity. All were threatened with expulsion soon after the doors were opened unless they kept order.

The Fatal Morning. Mrs. Laura Kerr, housekeeper at the Finton home, described the comings and goings of the family on Tuesday. Thomas went away Saturday night and returned Monday night. She heard him come in quietly after she had retired. Nothing was said at breakfast about Tom having been away for two days. They were very contented and lived together without quarrelling. When it rained the boy went to town.

They had breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and Thomas left the house first about 7 o'clock. Mr. Finton left the house within five minutes. Tom got back about 8:30, and deceased did not return.

Tom had said nothing, but took off his ankle-high rubber shoes. She asked if he had wet his feet, and he said he had not. Before he went to his room, he said he was going to Hamilton. She noticed nothing out of the ordinary. He hitched up and left about 9 o'clock. There had been talk of the boy and his wife coming to occupy part of the house.

George Finton, brother of deceased, said that Mrs. St. John, a woman who lived in the house, and Tom's wife, were not good friends. He heard Mrs. Finton say that if Mrs. St. John did not leave, she would leave. She left last fall. So far as he knew, the family got on together first rate. He and his father had gone to Stony Creek Saturday night and only the father had returned. Tom was not talkative.

Said He'd Live the Longest. The last words the old man had said in his presence were, "I am going to be the longest, because I am going to be the longest." He made the remark just before he left the house. Sometime later a witness said he noticed fresh soil on the boots, which might indicate that deceased had been out in the fields.

Murray Nell, one of the proprietors of the Court House Hotel, Hamilton, told Tom about the death of his father. Tom left about 1 p.m.

Reeve Millen's Evidence. Reeve George Millen, who lived near deceased, said that old Mr. Finton had often told him about family troubles. He had complained about Tom's wife, and had said that she did not treat him very well. He had had trouble with Tom, who stayed away from home afterwards. There was so much to do on the farm, that he could hardly manage it when Tom was away, and had said several times that if he was not treated better he would sell the place. If he did that Tom would get nothing. On Monday night Mr. Finton had called on his father and had complained about Tom having gone away Saturday. "The old man thought he had a right to manage affairs, the young man thought he knew better than the father, and there was trouble," said the revee. "The old man said he was going to be boss and run the farm as long as he was here."

Doctor Says Murder. Dr. James E. Edgar of Hamilton who performed the autopsy, described the wounds as follows: A man's head taken place between 8:30 and 10:30 on Tuesday. There were two distinct wounds, indicating two blows. He was of the opinion that deceased had been given a tremendous blow. In his opinion.

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## ONE-DAY CANVASS GETS \$30,000 FOR Y.M.C.A.

Hon. G. A. Cox Gives \$25,000, Harry Ryrie and H. G. Wood \$10,000, and There's Quite a Handsome List of Thousand-Dollar Contributions.

GOING UP!	
Previously reported	\$200,000
Citizens' Committee	30,000
Business Men's Committee	33,115
Young Men's Committee	4,990
Additional yesterday afternoon	7,500
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$285,605</b>

The measure of enthusiasm which characterized the luncheon yesterday noon to the committee men engaged in the Y. M. C. A. Building Fund campaign in the Lumsden Building was more than a re-echo of the banquet the night before, and was a fitting prelude to the reports which were later received from the different team captains. The luncheon is a business-like affair and the committee men have hardly time to finish dining before the chairman of each section is calling for the figures.

The reports of the teams are eagerly followed and as one amount to more than another the excitement becomes intense until the whole gathering is infused with the spirit of the occasion. At 1 o'clock yesterday the grand total was \$287,000 and by 6 o'clock amounted to \$283,605. During the afternoon Harry Ryrie, H. G. Wood, James Ryrie and John Firstbrook, both of whom are in the orient, that unless he received a cable to the contrary he would put his brother down for \$5000 and that Mr. Firstbrook for \$2500. The cable did not speak and \$7500 was added.

Thousand Dollars. The following subscriptions for \$1000 and over were reported for the first day: Senator George A. Cox, \$25,000; Harry Ryrie, \$10,000; G. H. Wood, \$10,000; F. W. Bailey, \$5000; J. H. Gundy, \$5000; James Ryrie, \$5000; William Davies, \$4000; William Gairns, \$3000; John Firstbrook, \$2500; E. H. Deacon, \$2500; William Craig, \$2000; W. G. McKendrick, \$1500; Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw, \$1000; A. W. Eaton, \$1000.

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## ATTORNEY 'BUYS' FOUR GIRLS TO PROVE CASE

White Slave Traffic in New York is Shown to Exist by State Official in Conclusive Way—Dealers' Victims all Under 18 Years of Age.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Altho the Rockefeller grand jury, which was appointed to enquire into the white slave traffic in this city has made no formal report on the result of its investigations, District Attorney Whitman has obtained positive proof that it is possible to buy girls for immoral purposes in New York.

Twenty-four young girls, who were purchased by special agents of the district attorney, are in the care of his office. Mr. Whitman announced, and three persons, accused of violating the law against procuring, are under arrest.

Two women, one a graduate of Smith College, and the other of Hamilton College, and a man formerly connected with the government service, were employed as the agents in the case. In negotiating for the purchase of the girls, they represented themselves as procuring agents for disorderly houses in Seattle, Washington and Juneau, Alaska.

By familiarizing themselves with the tenderloin of Seattle, they were able to win the confidence of dealers, some of the underworld here, and to make their purchases. On the evidence obtained more arrests are promised by Mr. Whitman and other sensational developments are hinted at.

All Under 18. The names of the girls bought by the special investigators are being kept secret. Some of them, however, it is stated, is over eighteen. Two are Polish Jews, and the others are Americans, all residents of this city. It is asserted that the sale of an 11-year-old girl to the agents was only thwarted by the fact that the girl broke her leg while the deal was pending.

The prisoners in the case are Harry Levinson, with a string of aliases, Belle Moore, a negro, whose address is given at 348 West 41st-street, and Alexander Anderson, a negro employe in a Broadway cafe. District Attorney Whitman said: "Our agents were represented as purchasers of girls.

Friendly and confidential relations were established with some of the most influential procurers and dealers. By these means valuable first hand information was obtained regarding the white slave trade. The agents were told the price paid for girls, the methods employed in the business and in some cases the corrupt relations existing between the traders and certain police officials.

Winter Traffic Light. Trading during the present winter was described as exceptionally light on account of general alarm caused by the sitting of the white slave grand jury. One large dealer told the agents that altho two years ago he could have sold them all the girls they wanted at \$5 to \$10 apiece, he would not risk selling one now for \$1000.

"I do not care to say at this time just what price was paid for the four girls, but it was a substantial sum in each case," said Mr. Whitman, who will scrutinize carefully any bail offered for the prisoners and add: "We are going to get some more of them, too."

BUDGET IS NOW LAW. LONDON, April 28.—The budget received the royal assent this morning, becoming a law on the anniversary of its introduction.

Not more than a dozen members were present to hear the royal assent read. Both houses adjourned until May 23.

MONORAIL ROAD FOR ALASKA. LONDON, April 28.—The first practical application of Louis Brannan's monorail invention is to be made in Alaska, where a system of monorail railroads will be built connecting several camps.

## NEVER DONE FEEDING



WILFRID: That's the last crow, by jing, I'm ever goin' to raise for Charley Hays.

## EATEN UP BY CANNIBALS TWO MISSIONARIES' FATE

Details of a Horrible Atrocity in the South Sea Islands—Tribes of 200 in Revelry.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—Details of the eating by cannibals on Feb. 8 of the Rev. Horatio Hopkins and his assistant, the Rev. H. L. Laurie, missionaries of the Presbyterian Church on Savage Island, were brought by the bargentine Mary E. Winkelman, which arrived today at Mukilteo, Wash., from the Tonga Islands in the South Seas.

While the barkentine lay at Tangatapu, the Tonga Islands, a canoe load of mission natives from Savage Island arrived at Pau, bringing news of the butchery.

The natives said that Hopkins and McPherson were teaching in the mission building, which stands on the beach in the little harbor of Savage Island, when 200 unconverted savages, howling war cries and brandishing clubs and spears, descended on them and took thirteen prisoners. The missionaries had 20 converts in training at the time, and only 9 of them escaped.

Both missionaries were bound with thongs and left lying on the beach in the tropical sun for several hours, while the savages took the native captives inland.

The cannibals then returned to the beach and carried the missionaries on a litter to the crater of the extinct volcano Van Iua, in the centre of the island. There for two days and nights they held a corroboree.

At times their dancing and revelry could be seen plainly by the fugitive Christian natives.

While most of the cannibals were sleeping the captive natives escaped. Their going was hastened by the sight of two of the cannibal chiefs donning the missionaries' clothes. The clergymen had already been eaten.

The Winkelman brought news of a general revival of the old-time religion in the Tonga, the Society, the Solomon and the Cook groups. The natives are holding dances and feasting on human flesh as they did in the days before the white men interfered.

BIG FIRE AT WINNIPEG. Foley Bros. and Larson Suffer Loss of Over \$250,000.

WINNIPEG, April 28.—Fire which broke out at 2:30 to-night in the six-story warehouse of Foley Bros. & Larson, wholesale grocers and confectioners, on Market-street East, completely gutted the west half of the building and caused a loss of \$250,000. The building is separated by a fire wall in the centre.

Altho the watchman had been thru the building within half an hour before the discovery and noticed nothing, when the alarm was turned in, the fire had got a tremendous hold in the three upper stories. The high pressure system worked satisfactorily, but the water tower was abandoned after it was discovered it could not force water thru it.

Damage to the building is estimated at \$250,000, and to stock and contents at \$50,000. Insurance largely in U. S. companies.

BETTING BILL THRU SENATE. OTTAWA, April 28.—(Special.)—At 1:20 this morning the senate passed the anti-race-betting bill, as sent from the commons.

## TWELVE PERISHED IN CORNWALL HOTEL FIRE

"Rossmore" Gutted by Blaze Breaking Out at 3 a.m.—Former Torontonian Dies in Vain Effort to Rescue His Family—Loss \$250,000.

THE DEAD. CHARLES GRAY, Manager Ives Bedding Company; his wife and two children, aged 8 and 8. BEN FIELDING, accountant, Sterling Bank. CLARA GAGNE, teller Bank of Montreal. MRS. TAYLOR ARCHIBALD, aged 75, invalid. W. H. HUME, waiter, of Montreal. ERNEST BULLER, bellboy, of Montreal. MARIE and JENNIE OLIVER, waitresses at the hotel for twelve years. MRS. GOELLER of Philadelphia, a kitchen employe.

Six bodies are still in the debris.

CORNWALL, April 28.—(Special.)—Twelve human lives blotted out and a property loss that \$250,000 will scarcely cover is the record of a fire which broke out at 3 o'clock this morning in the Rossmore Hotel, destroyed that structure and damaged a number of leading business establishments.

It is Cornwall's second fatal hotel fire within 12 months and one of the worst holocausts of its kind in recent years in the Dominion.

Breaking out in the Rossmore Hotel the fire spread with great rapidity, baffling for hours the efforts of the fire brigade and hundreds of citizens.

Three score persons, 20 being commercial men, and the others permanent guests and employes of the hotel, were sleeping in the Rossmore. Of this number fully fifteen, clad only in their nightrobes, reached the ground by means of sliding down ropes, with lacerated and bleeding hands.

Died Saving Family. One entire family was wiped out in the catastrophe, the remains of Ches. C. Gray, managing director of the Ives Bedding Co., with his wife and two children, having been found in the smouldering ruins. Mrs. Gray was in delicate health, and while the facts will never be known, it is believed that it was in a desperate effort to save Mrs. Gray and the children that Gray himself perished. Of the six bodies found to-night, four are thought to be those of the Grays. Judge O'Reilly saw him and held the door open for him until he himself was driven forth by the blinding smoke and rolling flames, and the last seen of Gray he was turning into the room where his wife and family were.

Pitiful, too, was the death of Mrs. W. Taylor Archibald, an aged invalid, who had for years resided at the Rossmore, and who, thru her weakness and infirmity, was unable to escape when the warning was given.

Rescued Three Women. Cool heroism on the part of William Fitzgibbon, president of the Cornwall Lacrosse Club, resulted in the saving of several lives. Aroused by the watchman's outcry, he woke up young Fielding and showed him how he might escape by sliding, however, became confused and, trying to get out by the regular exit, was suffocated.

Fitzgibbon then broke a skylight above the servants' quarters and by means of a ladder managed to bring three of the dining-room girls to the roof, whence all fled to safety in their nightclothes.

Judge O'Reilly and his wife had a narrow escape in their plucky rescue of young Harry, their son, who has been ill with pneumonia. They were able to drag the boy from his room and then over the roof of Larrouer's dry goods store beyond the reach of the flames.

Watchman Discovered It. Just how it was that the fire obtained such a hold on the building before it was discovered, Coroner Hamilton will endeavor to find out in the coming week.

A RETROSPECT. April 30, 1681—Frontenac was reprimanded by the king, who threatened to recall him if he did not mend his ways as governor.

April 30, 1789—Washington inaugurated as president.

April 30, 1817—A mandamus was issued which gave Mgr. Pleissia a seat in the legislative council as Catholic Bishop of Quebec.

April 30, 1849—Lord Elgin drove into Montreal and was soon surrounded by a hostile mob, which pelted him with stones, and drove him back to Monklands.

Comet is on the Horizon. It is Saturday and it is the last day of April, and the Halley comet is on the wing. Also the baseball season is about due, so there is something going to happen very shortly. Are you prepared to meet the affairs with a new hat, because Dineen stands ready to supply you. Dineen is "some specialist" on hats, for he has picked out the big proportions in the hat market, Heath of London, and Dunlap of New York. Store open every evening.

WHY MEN MAKE MISTAKES. LAWRENCE, Kan., April 28.—"Three-fourths of the mistakes that a man makes are made because he does not really know the things he thinks he knows," said James Bryce, ambassador from Great Britain, in an address delivered here to-day to the students of the University of Kansas.

Car Strike at Columbus. COLUMBUS, April 28.—Motormen and conductors of the Columbus Street Car Company, who joined the recently formed union, went on a strike this morning because the company refused to rehire a few men discharged two weeks ago.

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