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WITNESSES ARE CONTRADICTORY

Queer Evidence in the Johnson Assault Case.

Complainant and Her Aunt Flatly Deny Statements of Witnesses for the Defence.

At the trial of Joseph Johnson yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Jane Wilson, the aunt with whom Miss Calder lives, testified that she saw the prisoner on her part to try to get the prisoner to marry Miss Calder. Deputy Chief Jenkins gave evidence as to whether the offence took place within the city limits. This concluded the case for the prosecution.

The case for the prisoner was then opened. The prisoner first took the stand. He denied that he had promised to marry the complainant and also that he had kept steady company with her. He said that he had intercourse with her both before and after the incident in the park with her consent.

The first witness examined for the defence was Mrs. Kate McPhail, of No. 3 Brindley street, the same house in which Miss Calder lives with her aunt. Her evidence was unimportant.

Mrs. Colla Ward, who also lives in the same house in Brindley street, testified that Miss Calder admitted to her that witness was the first person to whom she told her trouble. She also told witness that that was not the first time she was in trouble. A year previous to an incident similar to that with which Johnson is now charged, occurred, Miss Calder declared she loved Johnson and would have him in spite of hell or put him somewhere he would not like. Witness had known Miss Calder for three years.

Under cross-examination witness said she had never before disclosed what she gave him in her evidence.

His honor asked witness how she accounted for her presence in court as a witness and how others had found out what she knew of the case.

Witness then became slightly confused. She said that the prisoner's lawyer sent her yesterday, Mr. Morrell accounted for the witness's presence in court by the fact that it had been suggested by others, that Miss Calder's trouble with Johnson that probably witness knew something about it.

Witness, continuing her testimony, said that Miss Calder had relieved herself of her first trouble by administering medicine. In her recent trouble she got witness to buy some gin and tonic for her.

Mrs. Lena Blair was next called. She said she knew the complainant, who on one occasion asked her to write a letter for her to Johnson, asking him to call.

Johnson responded to the letter.

This closed the case for the defence.

Mr. McKewen then called the complainant, Miss Calder, in rebuttal. She denied ever seeing Mr. Johnson at any time. She said that she was first to witness that she saw Mr. Johnson. She said that she saw Mr. Johnson at the time of her first trouble. Mr. Johnson had administered medicine to the complainant at the time of her first trouble. Mrs. Wilson was recalled and declared that she never knew of any such thing. The girl was not in trouble a year ago, and as a matter of fact this was the first time she admitted that Mrs. Blair, another witness, had written a letter for her, asking that Johnson call upon her.

His honor at this stage thought that Mrs. Wilson, the complainant's aunt, should be recalled in reference to the statements of Mrs. Ward that Mrs. Wilson had administered medicine to the complainant at the time of her first trouble. Mrs. Wilson was recalled and declared that she never knew of any such thing. The girl was not in trouble a year ago, and as a matter of fact this was the first time she admitted that Mrs. Blair, another witness, had written a letter for her, asking that Johnson call upon her.

This closed the case in rebuttal.

Mr. Morrell then addressed the jury. He said that the offence with which the prisoner was charged was one for which, if found guilty, he would be liable to two years' imprisonment in penitentiary. It was necessary to decide whether the evidence was such as to make the prisoner guilty. He argued that there was no case against the prisoner. He pointed out that the young man's promise to marry her, he said that the evidence bore out no such promise. Johnson's statement that he "would do what was right" towards the young lady could mean nothing more than what he said in his evidence, to board the young lady until the birth of the child. As to the alleged assault it came down to the simple question, which side was telling the truth? He believed that if the jury were governed by their convictions they would bring in a verdict of "not guilty," for the prisoner.

Mr. McKewen prefaced his address to the jury by stating the law with reference to assault. He pointed out that violence was not necessary to constitute in the eye of the law. He submitted that the circumstances of the incident in the park constituted all the elements of assault. The law, he said, draws a distinction between consent and submission. Submission obtained by fraud or intimidation did not amount to willing consent. The fraud or the intimidation in the present case was the promise of marriage made by the prisoner.

The liability of the prisoner for the assault turned largely on the question whether there actually was a promise of marriage or not. The relations of the prisoner with the complainant strongly suggested the inference that there was such a promise of marriage. Johnson knew that the girl was contemplating marriage. To whom? To no other person than the prisoner himself. If then what was done in the park was the consequence of such contemplation of marriage on the girl's part, the prisoner was guilty of assault. He referred to the prisoner's demeanor on the stand. In a half laughing tone the prisoner seemed to regard the complainant's disgrace as a joke. This and all other circumstances connected with the case strongly led to the conclusion that the prisoner was guilty.

The court then adjourned at 2:15 o'clock. His honor is charging the jury this afternoon.

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PORT ARTHUR BATTLES GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED.

No Details Yet of Yesterday's Bombardment—It Was Probably Only a Japanese Strategic Move.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 11, 2:45 p. m.—Up to this hour no further news obtainable of a bombardment of Port Arthur, which was progressing, according to the latest advices, at eight o'clock yesterday morning. At eight o'clock yesterday morning, if any, the emperor's army and navy circles are mystified at the purpose of the appearance of Japanese torpedo boats during the previous night, as it was not accompanied by a serious attempt upon the Russian ships.

The fleet from a position off Liao-Tsai promontory, which is five or six miles from Golden Hill at the entrance of the harbor, is believed to indicate that the Japanese were afraid to risk a frontal attack under the guns of the land batteries. It is considered doubtful whether any of the guns of the Russian batteries command the location from which the Japanese were firing. It is pointed out that dropping shells into the harbor and even in fun is accomplished by the Japanese, and this haphazard work is explicable perhaps only on the theory that it was meant as a diversion to cover more serious operations elsewhere.

JAPANESE OFFICERS KILLED.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Captain Matsumura, who acted as signal officer on the Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship, during the first attack on Port Arthur, on February 9, gives a graphic story of the fight in the Jiji Shimpu, Japan's most widely circulated newspaper, of the date of February 15th. Copies of the paper have just been received by Japanese consul in Chicago. The account by Captain Matsumura is the first Japanese eye-witness of the battle. The captain was wounded in the foot as he stood on the bridge of the Fuji by a shell from the Japanese battleship. Captain Matsumura's story reveals the fact that the Japanese battleship was badly damaged, but not disabled, by Russian shells, while two of its officers, Commander Nakayama and Lieut. Nakamura were killed by a single shell while standing on the bridge. Captain Matsumura's description of the naval battle and the events leading up to it is as follows:

THE STORY OF THE BATTLE.

"Admiral Togo called the captains of the allied fleet to his flagship in Sasebo harbor February 6. Plans were discussed, but, of course, were not revealed. At two o'clock that afternoon the fleet left the harbor. At 8 a. m. on February 7, smoke was noticed on the horizon. The fleet was dispatched to investigate, and discovered the Russian steamer Rossia, which was captured.

"Then the Japanese fleet formed in fighting line and approached the harbor. The Russian fleet was trying to get back under shelter of the fort guns. The Mikasa fired first and then raised the attacking flag, the enemy answered and the engagement became general. The Russian shells fell short, but the fire from the fortress damaged the fleet slightly.

"Our men behaved splendidly. They showed no excitement, but great enthusiasm in their work at the guns. We wished to continue the fire, but the shells from the shore batteries were falling alarmingly close and we feared the torpedo boats, so the signal was given to retire.

THE CASUALTIES.

"Our casualties in the first attack on Port Arthur were: Killed, 2 officers, 10 sailors; wounded, 1 officer, 11 sailors; seriously wounded—2 officers, 1 non-commissioned officer, 4 midshipmen and 18 men; slightly wounded—4 officers, 10 sailors.

A RUSSIAN VERSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—The Novik, of Port Arthur, which have just arrived here contain the first detailed Russian description of the naval battle at Port Arthur on Feb. 8. It says:

"The Russian squadron which was prepared to resist attack when the Japanese were sighted by the scouts was composed of the battleships Petrovskiy, flagships; Presvetiy, Paltava, Sebastopol, Potemkin, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruisers Diana, Askold, Bayarin and Novik, and the transport Angara. The battleships Retvizan and Carevitch which had been torpedoed on the previous night, were too badly injured to participate.

"The Japanese fleet was sighted at 11:07. It was composed of twelve vessels; six battleships and six cruisers. They were steaming in line abreast. Four of the cruisers took up a position behind their cuirass ships. The Japanese opened fire at four miles and the Russians immediately replied. The land batteries followed the fleet into action, Vice-roy Alexieff and his staff observing the engagement from Golden Hill.

"The enemy's fire was directed chiefly against the Golden Hill and Electric searchlight station batteries, upon which the Japanese raised a perfect storm of shells. Many shells fell in the west basin, a few even reaching Quail Hill.

"Only the Novik, Askold and Diana sustained injuries.

JAPANESE LOSS EXAGGERATED.

"Toward the end of the engagement a column of steam and smoke poured out of one of the Japanese vessels and it is believed she sank.

"The Novik learned later that six of the enemy's ships were damaged and that 150 men were killed or wounded.

"The Russian losses as given by the Novik correspond with the official reports.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, 114 Charlotte street, is making a specialty for Lent of Home Made Fish Cakes, Salmon Croquettes, Orange Marmalade, etc. Telephone 1822.

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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Lord Minto Reads Speech from the Throne.

Some Important Legislation Indicated, Including Militia Changes—A Short Session is Predicted

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, Ont., March 11.—At the formal opening of parliament this afternoon His Excellency the Governor General, delivered the following speech from the throne:—

OTTAWA, Ont., March 11.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"It is again meeting you in parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a beneficent Providence for the abundant harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

"It is very gratifying to note that the year's increasing trade of Canada which has been so marked a feature of the past six years gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the territories is without a parallel in the history of the country. These two very important facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion that long before the transcontinental railway, authorized by parliament at its last session can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the west to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent independent of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the Northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

"The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co. regarding a tax on landowners coming into the country and certain stipulations which in effect, required the Grand Trunk Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement, and to assume heavy obligations in respect thereof.

"Further consideration of the agreement by the representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway and my government has resulted in showing the desirability of certain amendments to the contract which, having been approved by my government and subsequently by the board of directors and shareholders of the G. T. R. Company will be submitted to you for ratification.

"The sum of \$5,000,000 in cash has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal in accordance with the provisions contained in the original and supplemental agreements with the company.

"A copy of the award defining the boundary between the Dominion and Alaska, and other papers connected with the controversy will be laid before you.

"In view of the widely extended settlements now forming in the territories it will become necessary to increase the strength of the mounted police force and to authorize authority will be asked for that purpose.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

"The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt.

"The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"After the long protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were dealt with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any lengthened period. I commend, however, to your best consideration the subjects to which I have referred and I invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations."

A CORRECTION.

A paragraph in the Sun today states that Mrs. Robert Travis of Cedar street, was somewhat seriously injured by a kerosene blaze. This is a mistake. Mrs. Travis used kerosene in lighting a fire, but there was no explosion and Mrs. Travis was not injured at all. The matter has been much exaggerated, probably as a joke.

THIS EVENING.

Meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

Meeting of the Teachers' Association in Foresters' Hall.

International Musical Brigade of the Salvation Army at Brindley street Barracks.

Band at the Victoria Rink.

RICHARD BURPEE HANSON DEAD.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., March 11.—Richard Burpee Hanson died in the Homeopathic Hospital, Boston, at 3:30 a. m. today. The remains are to arrive here by C. P. R. tomorrow.

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THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Mar. 11.—Forecast—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds, fair and cold; Saturday, little change. Synopses—Cold weather prevails again in all parts of Canada with little prospect of much change at present. Winds to Banks and American ports, fresh to strong northwesterly.



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