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NAN PATTERSON JURY STILL OUT

Judge Waited Till Almost Midnight for a Verdict, and Then Ordered Them Locked Up for the Night--Show Girl Expected Quick Acquittal, and is on Verge of Collapse.

New York, Dec. 22--The jury in the Patterson case was locked up at 11:20 tonight, not having reached a verdict. At 11:30 o'clock the announcement came from the jury room that no decision had been reached at 10 o'clock and immediately following came a statement that Judge Davis would give the jury another half hour before locking them up.

The hope of a verdict was dispelled, however, when a few minutes before 11:30 Captain Lynch of the court squad, said that "it was all off" and the jury would be locked up for the night.

Miss Patterson heard the news in the "pen" and it was so unexpected to her that she came near to collapse.

The latest rumor from the jury room was that three men were holding out against nine who desired to acquit the defendant. It was reported that the three jurors were at odds as to the seriousness of the crime. One juror is said to be holding out for conviction for murder in the second degree and two others are reported to favor manslaughter in the second degree.

The rumor was so definite that it named a juror who had asked if he might fire the revolver, as the man who is holding out for the conviction of Miss Patterson for murder in the second degree.

Show Girl Very Anxious. Nan Patterson, former show girl, spent an anxious evening in the criminal courts building awaiting the result of the deliberations of the twelve men who shortly after noon were sent to a jury room to decide whether she should be banded as the woman who fired the shot that killed Casper Young or liberated to join her family.

She had expected a speedy verdict and had even packed her belongings in the cell which has been her home for several months, but evening came and the jury went to dinner and returned to its deliberations with no sign of what the verdict would be.

As the afternoon passed into evening, various rumors were spread about the criminal courts building as to doings in the jury room.

"One man is holding out," was another. "The jury stands 10 to 2 for acquittal," was one of these reports.

"The fact that one of the jurors after the charge of Judge Davis today had asked that he might take the revolver with which Young was killed to the jury room, gave rise to stories that the jurymen were spending much time in experiment. But all these rumors were but idle talk apparently, for an authentic report reached the crowd congregated in and about the criminal courts building as to what was actually taking place.

The great interest which the trial of Nan Patterson has attracted was never evidenced in a more pronounced way than this afternoon and evening. Excluded from the corridors of the court building several scores of persons stood outside the main entrance in the snow and cold tonight, waiting for word that the jury had at last agreed.

In the corridors of the building were a hundred newspaper men and women, keeping a constant vigil and picking up here and there the scraps of information which filtered from one to another concerning the jury, defendant and attorneys.

GOOD ROUTE DOWN ST. JOHN VALLEY

Preliminary Surveys Complete Between Grand Falls and Fredericton

Chairman of Commission of Trans-continental Railway Gives Out Result of Work Done So Far--Parties Will Continue in the Field All Winter.

Ottawa, Dec. 22--(Special)--The chairman of the commission of the trans-continental railway gave out the following today:

"We are carrying on our surveys with unabated vigor, and purpose putting additional parties in the field at the beginning of the year. The preliminary surveys in New Brunswick have so far developed the certainty that a good line can be obtained via the St. John River Valley and the parties that were surveying on that line between Grand Falls and Fredericton, having completed their work, have been removed elsewhere.

"The reports of the engineers at work, that work upon the cross country line from Grand Falls to Chipman, are most satisfactory. Of course there is no difficulty from Grand Falls to Edmundston nor from Moncton to Chipman. It was contemplated when these parties were put in the field that they would not be continued during winter but it has been decided to prosecute the surveys through the winter across the entire of the province. In view of the season's holidays and it being desirable to re-organize these parties for winter campaign, the different crews will disband on Friday, 23rd December, and will be re-organized and put in the field on the 2nd of January.

It is the purpose of the commission to make a most thorough and exhaustive examination, and study of the central routes across New Brunswick so that the fullest information may be had when the time comes for deciding between the rival routes.

"Pohl, assistant district engineer, reports that he has been able to secure a line around the corner of the state of Maine with a maximum grade of four per cent of one per cent going west, and sixteen miles going west.

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NO MEETING OF JOINT HIGH COMMISSION SOON

It is Reported That Laurier Has Told Americans That a Discussion of Reciprocity is Useless.

Toronto, Dec. 22--A Washington special to the World says that the proposed meeting of the British-American joint high commission to consider reciprocity between the United States and Canada and other matters in dispute between the two countries has been abandoned.

Sir Wilfrid's recent letters have convinced President Roosevelt and Senator Fairbanks that it is useless to urge a meeting of the commission, and the subject probably will not come up again for some time, or until the Canadian government shows a disposition to have the question of reciprocity mutually discussed.

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TAMPERING WITH HULL FISHERMEN

Rum, and Money Being Used by Czar's Agents to Fix Witnesses

Man Says He Was Drunk When He Made the Statement That Foreign Torpedo Boats Were Among Trawlers When They Were Fired On.

London, Dec. 22--The publication in St. Petersburg of the statement that Hull fishermen have voluntarily deposed that foreign torpedo boats were among the trawlers of Dogger Bank when the latter were fired upon by ships of the Russian Baltic squadron is probably nothing more than a repetition of some statements emanating from Hull and appearing in London papers the last few days. These are circumstantial and it would certainly appear to be true that some men of the Gamecock fleet have made statements before the Russian consul. The name of only one of these has been revealed. He is the boatman of the trawler Awa, and he said today that he was intoxicated. He admits that he received a certain amount of money but now says the statement he made is untrue.

The sensational press of England directly charges the Russian government with using underhand means, by bribery and intoxicants, to secure false statements from men from the Gamecock fishing fleet.

The Russian consul at Hull tonight said the boatman of the Awa was brought to his office, but that he sent him to the commissioner of customs, where the case of a Japanese torpedo boat with the trawlers. An explanation of the whole matter emanates from Paris, where it is stated that two reporters of the Petit Parisien recently visited Hull in order to interview men of the Gamecock fleet and secure independent information concerning the Dogger Bank affair. None of the newspaper reports assume to identify the "agents" as Russians, but being limited to calling them "foreigners employed by the Russian government" this is the most probable explanation of the story, which, however, may possibly have a sequel in the testimony before the international tribunal at Paris.

Edward Hale, I. C. R. machinist, has come home to England to look after a fortune of \$80,000 left his deceased wife by a rich uncle two months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hale had no children and it is a question whether the husband will be able to get the fortune which was bequeathed his wife after her death.

The long expected increase for I. C. R. clerks arrived today when the December cheques passed around, but the increase granted in most cases were so meagre as to cause great dissatisfaction and much indignation. The increase is not general by any means and the rate of increase is the smallest ever granted to I. C. R. employees. In many cases the advance was only fifty cents a month and the majority of cases did not exceed a dollar or two. A good many got \$1.25 and \$1.50 per month raise, while a few got \$3 and \$10.

MRS. CHADWICK AND HUSBAND ARE BOTH INDICTED THIS TIME

Charge is Forging Carnegie's Name to \$5,000,000 Note--The Doctor Will Be Nabbed on Arrival from Europe.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22--Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, and his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, were jointly indicted by the grand jury this afternoon on the charge of having forged and uttered a \$5,000,000 note signed Andrew Carnegie.

Dr. Chadwick is now on his way to New York from Paris and is expected to land next Wednesday. As soon as the indictment was returned Sheriff Barry of the county, made arrangements to secure Dr. Chadwick's extradition. He will meet the steamer on its arrival.

This is the third time that Mrs. Chadwick has been indicted by the county grand jury but it is the first instance of her husband's name appearing in legal proceedings in the case. The indictments already returned against Mrs. Chadwick are similar to the one voted today, except that they cover notes of \$250,000 and \$500,000 signed Andrew Carnegie.

Morocco Bandits at Old Game.

Tangier, Dec. 22--A courier from Alcazar, about 16 miles northeast of Tangier, states that tribesmen have surrounded Alcazar and threaten to sack the town unless the French consul and one British subject are handed over to them.

JAP CRUISERS AT SINGAPORE

Big Squadron Reported Waiting for Baltic Fleet--Togo Reports That the Sevastopol is Beyond Repair--Eight Russian Torpedo Destroyers Said to Have Escaped from Port Arthur.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, Dec. 22--Two Japanese cruisers called here this morning and left at noon. They reported that two Japanese battleships, two first class cruisers, two second class cruisers and twelve torpedo boat destroyers were near by steaming west.

Jap Squadron Interests St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22--The announcement that four Japanese cruisers and 12 torpedo boats are proceeding west from Singapore is received here with much interest. It is not believed, however, that such a small squadron can have been sent out by Japan with any idea of engaging in offensive operations, but it is regarded as more probable that it is the purpose of this squadron to keep a surveillance over the two detachments of the Russian fleet which are expected to soon unite in the neighborhood of Madagascar.

It is generally believed that Vice Admiral Rojdestvensky intends to establish a naval coaling base on some small island between Madagascar and the Philippines and that the Japanese cruising squadron hopes to mark down the rendezvous.

Eight Russian Destroyers Escape.

London, Dec. 22--The Daily Telegraph's Czecho correspondent reports that eight torpedo boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur where, for the last 24 hours, he says, a severe snow storm has been raging.

Togo Reports Sevastopol Beyond Repair.

Tokio, Dec. 22--Evening--A report received from Togo on the morning of Dec. 21 last night says: "A prisoner taken by our fleet, who is considered to be reliable reports that as a result of our attack since Dec. 13, eight torpedoes struck the net of the battleship Sevastopol and that at least one took effect on her hull. This seems to have occurred on the night of Dec. 15, or early on the morning of Dec. 16. The Sevastopol's crew was seen to be in a state of confusion and a hawser from the ship was attached to the battleship. The torpedo which struck the hull of the Sevastopol struck effect on the port side, damaging about eight feet along the rivet line.

The Sevastopol is now headed toward the outer part of the entrance to the harbor, with her stern aground and her gunports amidships almost awash.

The ship is listing to starboard and the deadlights in her lower decks are submerged.

JOLLY REUNION OF COMMERCIAL MEN

Travelers of Maritime Provinces Enjoy Most Successful Banquet in Royal

One Hundred and Fifty Round the Well-Spread Tables--Good Speeches, Well-Sung Songs, and a Thoroughly Hearty Time.

The annual banquet of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association was held at the Royal Hotel last evening. Guests to the number of about 150 sat down to a repast which fully upheld the reputation of the Royal, and the proceedings were characterized with that good fellowship and freedom from ceremony that is always met with when "good fellows get together."

The dining room was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, while the guests were reminded of the festive season of the year by festoons of evergreen which hung gracefully from the ceiling. Harrison's orchestra discoursed sweet music at intervals throughout the evening.

Those Present.

The following is a list of the guests: J. L. Hetherington, Mayor White, Senator Ellis, C. N. Skinner, G. W. Gannon, H. B. Schofield, Dr. Daniel, J. M. Lyons, J. de Wolfe, J. N. Sutherland, A. C. Currie, John McAlvry, W. H. Thorne, F. R. Perry, E. Stairs, G. E. Faulkner, W. S. Fisher, T. H. Estabrooks, Dr. D. E. Berryman, W. H. E. Sallier, Geo. McSweney, G. P. Giall, F. E. Holman, A. P. Patterson, H. E. Pyle, W. E. O. Jones, E. G. Rowland, F. Parley, H. Dunn, C. S. March, Ralph Humphrey, J. V. Russell, C. O. Thompson, L. E. Armstrong, W. T. McLeod, T. F. Conrod, H. Thomas, J. B. Douglas, S. S. Stratford, A. A. McShackley, J. O. Charlton, W. M. McKenzie, J. O. Wilson, C. L. Doney, W. Runciman, S. L. Emerson, F. A. McAndrew, A. R. Melrose, J. O'Brien, A. R. Brown, F. D. Graham, A. White, H. W. Wetmore, F. Munro, H. Vaughan, M. Bohan, H. Colwell, F. J. McIlroy, D. McKinney, R. J. Blanche, W. E. Smith, R. O'Brien, & M. Belding, R.

TWO MORE SHINGLE MILLS ON THE ST. JOHN

Donald Fraser & Co. Will Erect Them--Conductor Injured--Fredericton Business Changes.

Fredericton, Dec. 22--To grapple with the growing demands of the large lumber business the bustling firm of Donald Fraser & Sons have resolved to erect two more shingle mills, one to be adjacent to their present sawmill at Cabotown, and to have fourteen shingle machines; the other to be at Baker Brook, on the St. John river, and to have ten shingle machines. This will be good news for millmen especially, as it seems to be understood that the outlook for manufacturing lumber in general has considerably improved of late.

Conductor Andrew Crookshank, who almost lost his life on the Canada Eastern some years ago, had his left hand badly crushed while coupling cars in the Chatham yard on the I. C. R. yesterday. After a delay of two hours, Mr. Crookshank came home on the train.

Harry McPherson and Maud R. Higgins, of Marystown were married last night.

W. T. H. Fenety, Pauline's manager, is home for Christmas. As a recognition of his services, the hypnotist recently presented him with a suitably inscribed gold watch.

John Ryan, who has been away since 1878, is home to spend Christmas. He is foreman for a contracting firm now building a paper mill in Maine.

William J. Southworth, agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of this city, and Julia Eita, daughter of the late John Peppers, of St. Mary's, were married at St. Mary's parish church this morning by Rev. J. deWolfe Cowie. They left on a honeymoon trip to St. John and Nova Scotia.

Gilmore Brown, C. E., who has been on the G. T. P. survey between Woodstock and Grand Falls, will leave for New York to spend Christmas with his family.

It is said Walter P. Fenety & Co., stationery business, are to retire early in the new year.

The Normal School closed today for the Christmas vacation. There were no public examination exercises. Classes will be resumed Jan. 9.

Harry McPherson, son of A. D. McPherson, formerly of this city but now of Marystown, and Miss Maud R. Higgins, also of Marystown, were united in marriage last evening by Rev. G. B. Payson.

NEW CANNON THAT WILL PREVENT WARS

The French Invention So Powerful That No Ship Afloat Could Withstand It.

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WHOLE CREW THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED

Schooner Thought to Be Ivanhoe, Halifax to Bahamas, Found Capsized--Seven Lives Likely Lost.

Halifax, Dec. 22--(Special)--News was received here this evening that the ship Stamboul at Mettel, from Pensacola, passed a capsized schooner on November 16, supposed to be the Ivanhoe, Captain Hare, which sailed from Halifax forty-six days ago for the Bahamas Islands. She carried a crew of six and one passenger, Wm. F. Collins, of Charlottetown. It is thought all on board perished.

The Ivanhoe was a new term schooner owned at Burgess (Nfld.).

Britain Still Fog Bound.

London, Dec. 23--There is as yet no sign of the lifting of the fog which envelops the Kingdom. The absence of wind throughout Great Britain is almost unprecedented and meteorologists do not expect and change in conditions for another twenty-four hours.

ANOTHER DEMAND FOR INCREASE OF DOMINION SUBSIDY

Premier Parent at Ottawa in the Interests of Quebec, Which Wants \$700,000 More.

Ottawa, Dec. 22--(Special)--Premier Parent is in the city today. He says that it is his intention to ask the dominion government to take up the question of provincial subsidies at as early a date as possible.

Some time ago the different premiers met in conference and presented their claims to the government for larger money grants. Mr. Parent wants the matter now to be dealt with. The amount he expects for his own province is an additional \$700,000.

The Ottawa and New York railway passed into the hands of the New York Central today.

WILL LEND \$20,000 WITHOUT INTEREST

Chatham Ratepayers Will Help Start a Shoe Factory on Conditions.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 22--(Special)--At an adjourned meeting of the rate payers to hold in reference to the establishment of a boot and shoe factory here the committee recommended that the town loan \$20,000 to a company with total capital of \$20,000, of which \$20,000 is to be paid up by the stockholders, and \$10,000 is to be on call.

The loan is to be secured by a lien upon the stock, property and assets of the company, and is to be repaid \$1,000 yearly, without interest. The report was adopted.

More than \$20,000 has already been subscribed, and it is expected that the whole stock will be taken.