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THE TRIAL OF HOOPER.

The Joliette Case and Its Progress Day By Day.

THE PRISONER'S VERACITY.

He Told One Witness That His Wife Died In a Pulman Car and That a Funeral Service Had Been Performed in Quebec.

JOLIETTE, Jan. 11.—Considerable indignation was created yesterday at the trial of Hooper at the indifferent manner in which the jury was guarded. The jurors were allowed to linger in the passage and mingle with the crowd. The room was so crowded that the eager spectators get hemmed around the box and almost lean on the shoulders of the jurors. Complaints were made to Judge Delorimier, and an extra guard will be placed during the rest of the trial.

In the morning Conductor Robitaille was cross-examined by Mr. Greenshields and maintained his former evidence almost intact.

Phillipe Dion, baggageman on the same train, gave evidence to the same effect.

Mr. Duguay, tank man at Terrebonne station, was the first witness at the evening session. His testimony was mainly to the effect that the accused had shown no sympathy when his wife was dying at the station on September 18.

Dr. Jose Alfred Ducheneau, of Terrebonne, deposed that on September 18 prisoner came to his house and asked him to see a woman who was dead at the station. Later the accused told him the woman was his wife. Prussic acid had a strong odor of almonds, but when he opened the woman's mouth he did not notice any such smell.

JOLIETTE, Que., Jan. 12.—The jurors in the Hooper trial went on strike yesterday, and as a result there will be no more night sessions. Mr. Narcisse Lachapelle, one of the jurors, announced that the jurymen had decided to object to night sessions. He declared that they were not accustomed to sitting on hard benches from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m., for they were farmers. Judge Delormier agreed to accommodate the sittings of the court to them, and it was decided to sit from 9 to 6.

The first witness was Joseph Beausoleil, undertaker, of Terrebonne, who sold the coffin to the accused. It was the cheapest coffin he had, and six dollars was paid for that. The woman was placed in the coffin with her clothes on, just as she had died.

Dr. Douglas, of Cobourg, was sworn. He had made a post mortem examination with Dr. Corbett, jr., on the body of Mrs. Hooper. He read a report filed with the coroner at Port Hope, which declared no cause could be assigned for death.

Examined by Mr. McMaster—"Is it hard to trace the poison a considerable time after death?" "It is." "You can swear positively that the body was well nourished, can you not?" "Yes, the body was well nourished."

JOLIETTE, Que., Jan. 13.—A sensation was caused in the Hooper trial yesterday by one of the witnesses fainting. George E. Delorge, professional embalmer, of Ottawa, was in the box giving evidence when suddenly he fell back in a faint. Several medical men rushed to his assistance and he recovered in a few minutes.

The first witness was Mr. David Matthewson, superintendent of the savings bank of the Postoffice Department, who testified that the accused had shown him a telegram stating that his wife was sick. He was given leave of absence from September 9 to 29. He returned to work on the 26th. His general reputation was good.

Mrs. Francis Cooper, of Port Hope, related a conversation she had with Hooper on the day of his wife's funeral. He stated that death had been caused by heart disease, although she had suffered from cancer of the uterus. He added that she had died on a Pullman car, and that the funeral service had been held in the Province of Quebec.

Then Mr. Delorge was giving evidence of having sold embalming fluid to accused on Sept. 28th, but his evidence was interrupted by the faint.

"When prisoner got embalming fluid from me," he said, "the body was badly decomposed, and I told him how to use it. Cross-examined—In the fluid is arsenic and saltpetre.

Dr. Vallee, of Quebec, described the symptoms of prussic acid poisoning. Death from fatty degeneration of the heart sometimes has symptoms similar to prussic acid.

IS HE A HAMILTON MAN?

The Body of an Unknown Man Found Suspended From a Tree.

HAMILTON, Jan. 13.—Mr. C. E. Morgan, ticket agent, received a letter yesterday from Hossick Falls, N.Y., enquiring if he knew anything as to the identity of a man who was found dead hanging to a tree in the woods near there on January 10. The body had evidently been hanging for two months.

In one of the pockets was found Mr. Morgan's railway ticket, envelope and a sum of money. The man was about 60 years of age, and was attired in a black vest, light-colored trousers, black coat, black felt hat and had steel rimmed spectacles.

It is supposed he left Hamilton about two months ago, but Mr. Morgan has no means of knowing who he is.

A Boy's Heroic Deed.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 13.—Ronald Brown, young son of Charles B. Brown, of Milton, deserves the Royal Humane Society's medal. Thursday night two boys, named George Eldridge and George Huestis, went through the ice in the deepest part of Milton pond and were going down for the second time when young Brown, regardless of his own safety, crawled out, and throwing himself at full length, got to the hole. Throwing his overcoat to the drowning boys he pulled them to firm ice, and unaided got them to shore, though they were thoroughly exhausted.

New South Wales Cabinet Resigns.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 11.—Attorney-General Barton, of New South Wales, who visited Canada a few months ago, has had to resign, together with Minister of Justice O'Connor, because of a motion of censure passed upon them by the Legislature for having accepted briefs in support of an action brought by a private firm against the Railway Commissioner.

The Earth Troubled Again.

GODBOUT, Que., Jan. 12.—A heavy shock of earthquake, lasting ten seconds, was felt here yesterday. The shock was also felt at Point Desmonts, Pentecost, Seven Islands and Moisie.

Woman Burned to Death.

TAVISTOCK, Ont., Jan. [illegible] was a sad occurrence near [illegible] The dwelling house of [illegible] miles from Tavistock, was [illegible] with contents, [illegible] Elizabeth, daughter [illegible] kept his house, fell [illegible] She was asleep [illegible] took place. Mr. Crow[illegible] on the lower flat, barely [illegible] life.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

The Dominion Parliament has been prorogued pro forma until February 26.

Mr. Samuel Hughes, M.P., was fined $15 at Lindsay Friday for assaulting Reeve Kylie.

Six persons were drowned at Baltimore, Md., Friday, by the upsetting of a small ferry boat.

Hon. John Hearn, of Quebec, is ill, and his condition is causing his physicians much alarm.

The Provincial Legislature of Ontario will meet for the despatch of business on February 14.

The widow of William Makepeace Thackeray died Thursday at Leigh, Lancashire, aged 75 years.

M. Challemel-Lacour has been re-elected President of the French Senate by a vote of 132 to 30.

The British warship Resolution has sailed from Plymouth for her station in the Mediterranean.

Bradstreet's reports 47 failures in Canada the past week, against 36 the preceding week and 37 a year ago.

A saw mill boiler at Adelphi, Ohio, exploded Thursday, killing three men and fatally injuring another.

Vaillant, the condemned French Anarchist, has appealed to the Supreme Court to grant a new trial.

Burglars broke into Cochenthalle's store, Montreal, Wednesday night and stole $4,000 worth of diamonds.

The United States Government is trying to arrange for the sale of $50,000,000 worth of bonds to English bankers.

Chas. Slosson, brother of the billard expert, was pronounced insane at New York Friday, and sent to an asylum.

Edward Ryan, of Newton, Mass., who is said to have been born in Ireland in 1785, died Saturday. He came to Newton in 1827.

Rosco Parker, colored, was lynched Friday at West Union, Ohio, for the murder of an aged couple named Hines a month ago.

The Russian naval estimates for 1894 are £5,500,000 sterling, exceeding the total credits of 1892 and 1893 by more than £2,000,000.

Judge Lewis B. Aiken, one of the oldest jurists in the Western States, is dead at Denver. He was a native of Windsor, N. B.

A very severe snowstorm raged in Manitoba for several hours on Wednesday night. Two men were frozen to death near Winnipeg.

Near Drumbo Thursday a Grand Trunk engineer named West, living in Stratford, was badly injured by the breaking of a driving shaft.

Samuel Welsore, who murdered Clementine Manning, an abandoned woman, on August 4, 1890, was hanged at St. Louis, Mo., Friday.

At Mickle & Dyment's camp, ten miles from Bracebridge, Samuel Thompson was struck by a falling [illegible] Friday and instantly killed.

The Ontario Creameries Association concluded its annual convention at Belleville Friday. Next year's meeting will be held in Chesley.

Louis Redwine, of the Gate City National Bank, of Atlanta, Ga., stole $103,000 of the funds, and has been sentenced to six years in penitentiary.

The Horncastle division of Lincolnshire has elected Lord Willoughby, Conservative, to succeed the late Hon. Edward Stanhope, Conservative.

Friday was the one hundredth and ninety-fourth anniversary of the death of Venerable Marguerite Bourgeoye, foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame.

The temperance workers of London and vicinity have merged three of their associations into one, called the "London and Western Ontario Prohibitory Union."

A portable sawmill exploded near St. Catharines early Friday morning. The shock was felt in all parts of the city, and was at first ascribed to an earthquake.

Sherman Waggoner of Martin County, Ind., who drove his wife from home on Tuesday and afterwards killed her, was captured by citizens Friday and lynched.

S. Sandford & Sons' carpet mills at Amsterdam, N.Y., will resume work on full time on Monday, after being closed since July. Nearly 3,000 hands are employed.

The Conservatives of Parry Sound and Muskoka met at Burk's Falls on Thursday and nominated Mr. W. R. Beatty of Burk's Falls as their candidate for the Legislature.

The Dalton gang plundered the postoffice at the town of Clarkson, east of Guthrie, O. T., Thursday morning, taking all the stamps and money and a waggon load of provisions.

The Executive Committee of the Republican Committee at Washington have adopted resolutions favoring admission into the Union of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Robert Spencer was in the Assize Court, Toronto, Thursday, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for housebreaking. His wife, who was implicated as a receiver, was sent to gaol for a month.

Arrangements are being made by the prohibitionists of West Simcoe for a convention to nominate a candidate to contest the riding in their interests at the approaching Provincial elections.

PORT ELGIN, Jan. 13.—On Wednesday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock the barn and contents of Mr. Haite, a farmer, near Turner's Station, was destroyed by fire. Loss about $1,500; insurance, $1,000.

Mrs. Augustin Lambert, who died at Beloeil, Quebec, a few days ago, aged 82, leaves 11 children, 55 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren—in all 127 descendants.

Hon. John Dryden delivered an address at Rochester, N.Y., Friday, before the New York State Shropshire Breeders' Association. Mr. Dryden is President of the American Shropshire Association.

At New York on Friday Wm. J. Holland, 24 years old, was sentenced to one year and eleven months in the State Prison by Recorder Smyth for attempting suicide. Holland shot himself in the head because his wife refused to live with him.

The fur store of E. C. Simmons, Barrie, was entered by burglars Thursday night. About $100 worth of furs were stolen. In the stable where the thieves had slept was found a letter written from Brantford and addressed to W. R. Clark, George street, Toronto.

A coroner's inquest was held on Friday into the death of Mrs. Ford, the aged woman who was burned to death in a farm house near Milton a few days ago. The evidence showed the death to have been accidental, and a verdict was brought in entirely exonerating her relatives from any responsibility therefor.

Charge of Libel Against Beauvais.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Mr. Edmond Beauvais, the victim of the stabbing affray at St. Mathias, for which one or two of the Graillons were sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the St. Hyacinthe jail, has been summoned by Judge Desnoyers to answer a charge of alleged defamatory libel against the Vicomte Roullier-Chompy, who espoused the cause of the Graillons.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

The Weary British Commoners May Now Take a Rest.

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL

Passes Its Third Reading in the House with Liberal Enthusiasm—The Opposition Has Pity on the Members and Refrains From Debate.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—In the House of Commons Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett asked the Government if Russia had ordered the construction of three new battle ships, their building to begin this year, thus bringing the number of Russia's battle ships, built and building, up to seventeen.

Sir U. Kaye-Shuttleworth, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, replied that it was not desirable that any official statement be made until the British estimates for the coming year are completed.

Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett then asked if it was a fact that in the course of 1894 France and Russia would build sixteen new battle ships, while England would build only the three that had just been commenced. The Secretary replied that he must ask the House to await the announcement of the Admiralty's programme.

Replying to Mr. Thomas Sexton, the Right Hon. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said that he could not state in exact terms the scope of the enquiry of the committee to be appointed at the next session to inquire into the working of the Irish Land Purchase Act. To speak generally, the committee would inquire into the operation of the fair rent clauses of the Act and into the purchase of land on advances made by the public treasury. Mr. Gladstone moved that the House adjourn to February 12.

The report stage of the Parish Councils bill was finished at midnight, and Henry Fowler, president of the Local Government, who has had the bill in charge, moved at once the third reading.

Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the last Salisbury Cabinet, said for the Unionists that only the jaded state of the House caused the Opposition to refrain from debating this reading. He predicted that the Lords would scrutinize the bill closely before allowing it to become a law.

The bill was passed amid loud Liberal cheers and the House adjourned until February 12.

VAILLANT SENTENCED TO DEATH.

He Shouted Vive L'Anarche—Pitiful Story of His Life.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Vaillant has been found guilty and sentenced to death. When sentence was passed upon him he shouted "Vive l'anarche."

In regard to the outrage, the prisoner explained that he had chosen the Chamber of Deputies as the place to throw the bomb in order not to hurt innocent persons.

M. Labori at once began his address to the jury in favor of the prisoner. He began by complimenting M. Bertrand for his severe eloquence. Getting to the practical part of his address M. Labori's first point was that the bomb had killed nobody. Vaillant, he declared, was not a monster of criminal vanity. He simply wanted to remind the deputies of the miserable poor whose claims the Legislature eternally shelves. Vaillant is a child of sorrow; his lifelong oppressed; an outcast and illegitimate. He was thrust on the world by his mother, who for a few weeks paid for his keeping. When her child was about 10 months old she married a man, not Vaillant's father, who declined to support her illegitimate child. Thus Vaillant became a vagabond and mendicant from force of circumstances. He had never been a vulgar criminal. He had not attacked individuals. He had aimed at an impersonal legislature, which ought to take the initiative to remedy the misery of poverty, which is oppressing one-third of the nation.

After the sentence Vaillant begged M. Labori not to take the trouble to make an appeal. Seeing a friend among the crowd he bent his head and chopped his neck with the side of his hand, suggesting the guillotine.

PEIXOTO'S NEW MOVE.

He Will Drop Dynamite Bombs From a Balloon on the Rebels.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The Herald's Montevideo special says: A correspondent in Rio sends word that the dirigible balloon, which President Peixoto ordered constructed for use in the campaign, is almost completed. It differs from other war balloons in having an electric motor. This balloon is made of silk in spherical form, so that its equipoise is constantly maintained. No metal other than aluminium is used in its construction. Dynamite bombs will be dropped from the balloon on the rebel fleet.

The siege of Bage continues without advantage to either party. There has been a vigorous fight at Itajahy, in which the rebels were defeated with heavy losses.

Britain's Exports to Canada.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Board of Trade returns show that the total value of British exports to Canada for 1893 was £4,754,886, a decrease of 1.27 per cent. on the exports of 1892. Raw materials were almost stationary, but manufactures generally increased. Railroad iron exports increased £130. The British imports from Canada for 1893 were valued £10,164,317, a decrease of 12.49 per cent. Wheat and flour declined £614,000; cheese increased £82,000; oxen decreased £22,000; butter decreased £60,000, and wood decreased £600,000.

Shutting Out Canadians.

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 12.—When the State Federation of Labor convened yesterday a long discussion was held on a proposed measure making it a misdemeanor for subjects of the Dominion of Canada or Mexico to work in the United States unless they shall have immigrated to this country. The matter was tabled.

Dolan and Mearns Discharged.

DUBLIN, Jan. 15.—Dolan and Mearns, the man arrested on suspicion of having caused the death of Patrick Reid, who was shot in this city on November 27, were discharged from custody yesterday, the Crown being unable to produce any evidence that would justify their committal for trial.

Mr. Marter Will Not Run.

BURKS FALLS, Jan. 12.—A meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives of Parry Sound and Muskoka was held here yesterday for the nomination of a candidate for the next provincial election. Mr. W. R. Beatty, of Parry Sound, was the choice of the convention. Mr. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., was named, but declined to stand.

THE WEDDING PRESENT.

The Two Horses to Form the Gift to the Princess May of Teck.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—E. S. Skead has returned from the western part of the Province where he has been engaged in purchasing a pair of horses to form part of the wedding present to the Princess May by the ladies of Canada. The horses are to accompany the beautiful

VERDICT OF GUILTY.

The Result of the Coroner's Inquest on the Williams Tragedy.

COOKSVILLE, Jan. 11.—The climax of the inquest in the Williams murder case was reached yesterday. The verdict of the coroner's jury in the Williams murder case was as follows: "That James and Eliza Williams were foully murdered, and that William MacWherrell and John Walker are guilty of the murder and George Butcher is accessory after the fact." Cory was honorably discharged.

The proceedings began sharp on time. The small room was filled to its utmost capacity, giving evidence that the villagers have got tired of evolving theories, and now are confining themselves entirely to facts. The coroner in addressing the jury went over the evidence given at previous sittings, and took occasion to severely criticize the press for their reproof of his dilatoriness at the last sitting.

Frederick Death, a farmer who lives on the Lake Shore road, two miles from the Williams' house, identified Walker as a man who had worked for him for two weeks two years ago last fall. The witness said that Walker ransacked his house and stole a double-barrelled gun and some money. The Crown regarded this evidence as important, as it went to show that Walker had probably known the murdered couple, and it was he, perhaps, instead of John Cory who gave the murderer the information about old man Williams and his wife.

Benjamin Field testified that Walker had worked on his farm near Mimico for a week two years ago. When he left a pair of new boots disappeared.

Butcher made a statement without being sworn. He told practically the same story he told the Toronto detectives.

The prisoners were up before the magistrate Thursday in Brampton and were remanded for a week.

THE VOTE ON THE TARIFF BILL.

The Vote On the Bill Will Be Taken on the 29th Instant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The tariff bill was debated in the House yesterday, a number of speakers taking either side of the question.

Discussing the Wilson bill, Representative Herman (Rep.) said:—"The farmer is especially antagonized by this bill. The Wilson bill is entitled 'A bill to reduce taxation, to provide revenue and for other purposes.' It should be entitled 'A bill to reduce the revenue and to destroy American industry.'"

Mr. Brookshire asked of Mr. Herman from what countries the importation of farm products were likely to come.

"From Scotland, Denmark and Sweden, but especially from Canada," replied Mr. Herman.

Mr. Brookshire said the statistics of the Agricultural Department showed that in 1891 the American farmers sold to Canadians more farm produce than the Canadian farmers sold to America.

Dr. Herman said he had later statistics than those quoted by Mr. Brookshire, which showed that the reverse was now true, and he stated that last year over 100,000 tons of hay were imported into this country, even though it had to pay a tariff tax of $4 a ton.

Mr. Reed (Rep., Maine) will close the tariff debate for the Republicans on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 27. Mr. Wilson (Dem., W. Va.) the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, will perform a similar service for the Democratic majority.

The vote on the bill will be taken on Monday, the 29th instant.

A MURDER AVERTED.

Sensational Arrest of a High School Principal in Newcastle, Pa.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 12.—Great excitement was occasioned yesterday by the arrest of Prof. R. O. Hartshorne, principal of the Newcastle High School. Yesterday morning cries of murder coming from the residence of Miss Alda Robinson and her elder sister, on North street, attracted the attention of George McKee, who ran into the house to learn the cause. He found the air heavy with the odor of chloroform. The elder Miss Robinson stated that when awakened she discovered Prof. Hartshorne bending over the bed occupied by her sister Alda, shaking a handkerchief saturated with chloroform. She at once cried for assistance.

Further investigation disclosed that a criminal operation had been committed upon Miss Alda, who charges her ruin upon Hartshorne. The sisters claim that Hartshorne, who had threatened to kill them if they ever exposed him, was trying to chloroform them to death. An hour later the police captured Dr. Howard Campbell in the neighborhood, but they let him go. The girls claim now that it was Dr. Campbell who performed the operation, but he has disappeared. Miss Alda is in a critical condition. She is 34 years of age.

Hartshorne has been principal of the High School two years. He is in jail and refuses to talk except to say that he is innocent.

Held Up by Masked Men.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 11.—Five masked men held up the Hannibal and St. Joseph fast train last night four miles east of this city and robbed the express and mail cars. They placed torpedoes on the track and swung a red lantern to stop the train and as it slowed up three men climbed into the engine cab. Revolvers were thrust into the faces of the engineer and fireman and they were forced to walk back in front of the robbers to the door of the express car and ordered to tell the messenger to open the door. When the door opened two of the robbers leaped in. They secured the keys to the safe and went through it. The officials refused to state how much was in the safe. The mail car was entered in the same manner as the express car. The mail agents were unarmed and made no resistance. It is reported that a registered pouch was carried off by the robbers. Other mail pouches were cut open and rifled and everything of value in sight was taken. The passengers were not disturbed. As soon as these cars had been robbed the masked men ordered the engineer to proceed.

Youthful Would-be Bandits.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 12.—The north-bound passenger train on the Des Moines & Kansas City Railway was fired into by youthful would-be bandits near Decatur City yesterday afternoon. One bullet just missed the conductor's head. The train was stopped and the passengers secreted their valuables, but as no bandits appeared the conductor and brakeman investigated. They arrested two boys who were hidden in the bushes across the track. They were taken to Vanwart and landed in jail. They refused to give their names, but say their parents are prominent farmers. Superintendent Sherwood, of this city, will prosecute. It is supposed they started to be bandits, but their courage failed them at the critical time.

A Halifax Poisoning Case.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 15.—An investigation into the death of Christina Jackson, an aged colored woman, at Bridgetown, has resulted in the body being exhumed. The autopsy showed indications of [illegible] poison apparently that of arsenic [illegible] stomach has been brought to Hal[illegible] analysis. The prisoner, Mrs. Jackson, daughter-in-law of deceased [illegible] been remanded [illegible]

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