

FOURNIERS DEATH SENTENCE

Quick Work Made in Second Murder Case. Accused Admitted Participation in the Foul Deed But Claimed That La Belle Did All the Killing.

"That is the truth, gentlemen, and had he not done as he did I would not have given La Belle away even if the rope was around my neck. It is true so help me God, and if it is not I hope I may die and be stricken blind. La Belle killed those three men up the river, he killed that man down the river and he would have killed Gus Leroux if he had a chance."

It was Fournier who spoke and it was at the conclusion of his evidence. The only other witness called on behalf of the defense was La Belle, to whose evidence the crown took an exception that as he was under sentence of death he was civilly dead and his evidence was incompetent. The court overruled the objection and La Belle was brought in. He looked the picture of dejection and despair and never once took his eyes off the floor. His testimony was unimportant and consisted wholly of the denial of the evidence of Fournier as to an arrangement having been previously made regarding the murder and robbery of the three men. As La Belle was being returned to the guard room, when he passed the prisoner's dock Fournier yelled to him "Why don't you tell the truth, La Belle?"

"Mr. Macfarlane's plea to the jury did not last over fifteen minutes and that of Mr. Congdon but little longer. The charge of his lordship was brief and to the point and without useless verbiage. The jury retired at 4:55 and just five minutes later it was announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. On returning to the court room J. H. Davison, foreman, said:

"We the jury find the prisoner at the bar guilty of the crime as charged."

The crown moved that sentence be passed at once and his lordship asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him. Fournier replied:

"I have this much to say. That man killed four men and got all the money. He came back here and he has been to California where he has had a good promenade. Then he came back here again and got arrested and now he is getting me hanged. What is right is right."

"His lordship—"Is that all?" "Prisoner—"That is all, and I thank you very much for what you have given me. I am bound to take my medicine and I have always been a good little man and I am going to die with it."

Fournier spoke with a great deal of emphasis, patting his breast as he referred to himself as being a good little man. His lordship at once passed the sentence of death, fixing the date of his execution as January 20, ten days after that of La Belle. After the sentence was passed Fournier said, "That ain't too much, that's all right," and he was led away.

During the close of the Fournier trial yesterday afternoon and evening there were a number of dramatic features and incidents that took place in the court room that caused many of the ladies present to gasp and wonder what was coming next. While the crown was presenting its case the prisoner listened most intently to the evidence that was introduced and which drew the web of guilt more and more surely about him, but he refrained from making any comments until he himself was placed on the stand, and then the excitable character of his nature made itself apparent and he frequently burst out

with the most solemn assurances and oaths before God Almighty that he was innocent of the crime with which he stood charged. In telling his story of the murders while in the witness box he gave it with a vividness that was blood curdling; told it without hesitation, in a most matter-of-fact, straightforward manner as though it were a mere anecdote and not the tale of the murder of three innocent men who had been deliberately lured to their death for the sake of the few paltry dollars they had won their person. With the exception of the actual shooting, Fournier did not attempt to shift or shift any part of his share in the tragedy to La Belle. He admitted freely of having helped to dispose of the bodies after having robbed them of what valuables they possessed, but the actual killing he insisted was done by La Belle and by him alone. The court room was crowded as usual, among the spectators being probably a dozen ladies.

It was exactly 1 o'clock when the crown rested. Mr. Macfarlane, counsel for the defense, asked the indulgence of the court for a few moments that he might confer with his client, adding that he wished to speak with him privately. His lordship acceded to the request and the prisoner under guard was removed to the south court room where the conference took place. On their return Fournier was placed on the stand on his own behalf and he told his story so well that many placed a great deal more confidence in it than they did in the tale of La Belle. The accused reviewed his life for the past twenty years, where he had been and what he had done. Twelve years ago found him at Lethbridge, where he remained five months working for a man named Joe Noel. In his quaint broken English and with gestures galore he continued:

"From Lethbridge I went to Butte Montana, where I worked for some time in a livery stable, then returning to Montreal, and shortly afterward going to Chicago where I lived for two years. In '91 I came to Portland, Oregon, and remained on the coast until '98 when I came to the Yukon. I stopped in Dawson but two months and then went back to Seattle and on to Butte. Returning here again in the summer of 1901 and have been here ever since."

"I first met La Belle in 1900 and we were here together last June when we left on the Clifford Sifton to go outside. Upon our arrival at Whitehorse we concluded to remain there a few days and rented a tent to live in, paying for it \$2 a week. We had been knocking about Whitehorse for two or three days when La Belle said to me: 'Peter, do you want to know how to make some money quick? I'll buy a boat and a rifle, we'll meet the train, get some passengers to go down the river with us and when we reach the right place I'll kill them and we will take what money they have.' I said that would be a pretty lousy thing to do and I did not think then he would have the gall to do anything like that. The next day La Belle bought the boat and met the train. He did not succeed in getting any passengers that day and soon after he complained that he never saw me talking with any of the people about the village, and I told him he had better do so and I told him he was better dressed than I was. After we had been in Whitehorse about a week we met the train

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A WEATHER PREDICTION FOR DECEMBER 2, 1902.

REPUBLICANS ARE VICTORIOUS

United States Elections Held in 42 States—New York Saved for O'Dell by a Slender Majority—The City Has Gone Back to Tammany—South Still Remains Democratic—Hot Fight in Washington.

Vancouver, Nov. 5.—The latest returns from yesterday's American elections show that the Republicans elected 197 congressmen, the Democrats 180, with nine districts to be heard from. Unofficial reports place Odell's majority in New York at ten thousand but Coler refuses to concede his defeat and says he prefers to await the official vote and also hints that fraud robbed him of many votes and action may be taken. The narrow escape of Odell from defeat is commented on as a Democratic landslide. It was Erie, Albany and Rensselaer counties that saved the Republican governor.

Massachusetts Boston, Nov. 5.—Massachusetts remained Republican, the entire state ticket winning a majority of the congressional districts, and seven out of eight of the councillor districts, and retaining firm control of both branches of the legislature. Bates, Republican candidate for governor, defeated Gaston, Democrat, by the smallest Republican plurality in the state since 1893.

Washington Seattle, Nov. 5.—There has been a very strong and close fight in Washington state. The Democrats put up a bitter contest against John L. Wilson and his political machine but the Republicans claim the state by about 2000 majority with the election of three congressmen and the control of the legislature.

The Country Generally Washington, Nov. 5.—Wyoming, Idaho and New Hampshire are all Republican. In the former Mondell, Republican candidate for congress, claims 4000 lead. Idaho has gone back on Democratic Governor Hunt, according to present figures his opponent Morrison running ahead. Georgia, Mississippi and Kentucky favor democracy. All the Democratic nominees for congress were elected in the Mississippi region while Kentucky has re-elected David H. Smith in the fourth district. Indiana is divided. Jas. A. Heminway and J. E. Watson, elected congressmen, are Republicans and Francis Marion Griffith elected in the fourth district, is Democratic. Illinois remains Republican. Colorado elects Republican Peabody governor but Democratic congressional candidates are running ahead of the ticket and are likely elected.

New York New York, Nov. 5.—The most remarkable vote was that in New York city and state. Greater New York has certainly gone back to Tammany. Bird S. Coler, Democratic candidate for governor, secured a plurality of 116,000 over Governor O'Dell in the city, but the up state counties remained faithful to O'Dell and his re-election is conceded by a majority of about 15,000. The Democrats gained in New York four representatives, they having carried nineteen districts in the state. These gains do not endanger the Republican hold on Senator Platt's seat. The vote in New York city is taken as showing that last year's fusionist victory has already spent its force and that Tammany has regained much of its power.

Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Roosevelt's action in regard to the coal miners' strike had a good effect as is shown in Pennsylvania. The Republican manager heard they were going to lose heavily, but though the Democrats made gains in over half the counties, the Republicans did so strongly in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh that the latter retain the state by at least 150,000 plurality. Of that figure Philadelphia is responsible for 100,000 and Pittsburgh for 50,000. Samuel Pennypacker was elected governor by 150,000 majority. The Republicans elected 196 representatives and the Democrats 176.

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Delaware has elected ten state senators Republican and seven Democrats, eighteen Republicans members of the house, and sixteen Democrats. Incomplete returns from Pennsylvania give the delegation with next congress—Republican, 28, Democrat, 4. The Democrats have elected the governor and lieutenant governor of Rhode Island and made gains throughout the entire state, but the senate remains republican. The Republicans made a clean sweep of Utah.

Massachusetts has chosen a full Republican state ticket, ten Republican congressmen and four Democrats. Republican Governor Gates led Col. Gaston, Democrat, by 37,000.

Washington, Nov. 5.—President Roosevelt participated in Masonic demonstration.

Albany, N.Y., Nov. 5.—In a drunken row at Saratoga Lake, N.Y., John Mooney killed a woman named Be-

se, fatally wounded his sister Miss Mooney, and shot John McLellan through the heart. McLellan will recover. Mooney has been arrested and Charles Merrill was taken into custody as an accomplice.

Manila, Nov. 5.—To avert a rice famine threatening many of the Philippine provinces the government commission at Manila has appropriated \$2,000,000 (Mexican) to be used to buy rice and transport same to the starvation districts where it will be sold at cost price.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—The annual report of the Canadian postoffice department shows a surplus of \$4,190.

BRODEUR TO SUCCEED TARTE

Certainty Expressed at Ottawa That He Will Be Appointed—Ex-Speaker Prefontaine Slated for the Speakership—Withdrawn From Case.

leader because today he would be called on to undertake other duties. It is expected that his appointment as speaker will be announced today, Brodeur becoming Tarte's successor in the ministry of public works.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE HAVE NOT CHANGED

Doukhobors Still Continue Their Journey

Will Not Turn Back Until Compelled to do so by the Authorities.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Foxwarren, Man., Nov. 5.—The shivering Doukhobor pilgrims have not yet been changed from their course by the cold. To all who urge them to return home before the fury of winter compels them to be taken in charge by the authorities, they answer that they must follow the command of Jesus to forsake all and follow him.

PAYMENTS SATISFACTORY

Western Canada is in Good Condition

Farmers Have the Price and Make Very Prompt Settlements.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Winnipeg, Nov. 5.—Yesterday's payments were the most satisfactory in the history of the west. November 4th is the great day for gauging the condition of western Canada and Winnipeg banks say little paper went to protest.

ARABIAN PIRATES

Are Given Severe Treatment by Italy.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Rome, Nov. 5.—Quick punishment meted out to Arabian pirates by Italy resulted in the authorities promising to yield the pirates to Italy and indemnify the families of two Italians killed.

Job Printing at Nugget office. GOOD NEWS After years of experimenting and the trying of many formulas it has at last been discovered that any and all kinds of rheumatism are curable. Cribbs, the Druggist, has the formula and has manufactured a large stock of the remedy, which he is selling, in order to introduce some at virtually outside prices. A trial of one bottle will convince you of its merits.

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The Nugget Circulates From Skagway to Nome

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