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NAN PATTERSON TAKES STAND

Dramatic Recital of Young's Death

Tells of Cab Ride and Gives Conversation Before the Tragedy Was Enacted in a Sensational Manner-- Her Counsel a Valuable Stage Manager.

New York, Dec. 19--"Did you or did you not shoot Caesar Young, Nan?" said Lawyer Levy to Miss Nan Patterson today.

"I did not," replied the witness in a low voice. "I would give my own life to bring him back were it in my power. I never saw the revolver with which he was shot."

"There was a flash and then the end." In a voice quivering with emotion, but filled with dramatic intensity, Miss Patterson, who is on trial charged with the murder of "Caesar" Young, the bookmaker, recited to the jury the scenes in her life which had to do with her dealings with Young, but she denied every allegation in the case, which the state has brought against her.

She was dismayed because Young was about to leave her and go to Europe, after having been told by him, as has been alleged, that all was over between them.

On the other hand she testified that as a result of her conference with Young, it was agreed that she should join him in England and take apartments in the Hotel Cecil, London, taking care that she kept her whereabouts a complete secret from Mrs. Young and Young's relatives.

An important feature brought out was the fact that Young gave the woman a postal card on which he wrote her name and address, saying it was something she might need.

The crowded court room became suddenly silent. The first of her testimony, relating to herself, was given in a low, even voice, but as she proceeded her tones became more tense until, in her account of the fatal cab ride, her voice was filled with tragic expression.

Early in her story, Miss Patterson told of her original meeting with Young, of their life together and of their contemplated European trip. She told of her talk with Young the night before his proposed departure for Southampton; of her being awakened by a telephone message from him to go to the pier to see him off; of the ride down town, of the moment she got a saloon and of the ride in the cab before the shooting.

A Dramatic Recital. She was asked to describe what happened after leaving the saloon, while driving down west Broadway.

"I talked about his going away and he kept questioning me about my coming to meet him," she said. "I didn't say anything and finally he said: 'But I don't feel positive that you are going to come over.' He said: 'I believe that you are fooling; are you?'"

"Then he said: 'Are you going?' I said: 'Well, Caesar, there's no use saying I will, because I've made up my mind not to, but you've over here and get things quieted down; until the folks have forgotten about things. I will meet you at the Stratford meeting.'"

"He looked at me a while, and said: 'Do you mean that?' and then he grabbed me by my hand, raised to him and pulled me over toward him. He hurt me so that I tried to pull away, but I could not get away from him. I put my other hand up and he grabbed me. Somehow or other I got away from him. I told him that he hurt me."

"He said: 'If you don't come over there and I have to wait until the Stratford meeting I may never see you again. My horses have gone back on me. I've lost all that money. Now I'm losing my little girl; do you mean that?'"

"He grabbed me and hurt me so badly that the tears came to my eyes. I tried to struggle away from him again and had to bend away over."

"There was a flash--the end."

"You heard a report?" her lawyer asked.

"Yes."

"Was the pistol in Young's hands?"

"I had not seen the pistol. Mr. Young fell over my lap, got half way up, fell again, and I thought he was having a spasm. He kept twitching and twitching. I called to him and tried to make him answer, but he would not. I believe I put my hand up and told the cabman to drive to a drugist. I don't know whether I ages before it could get anyone to pay attention to me and help me."

"Nan, look at me. Did you shoot Caesar Young?" asked Mr. Levy.

"Mr. Levy, I didn't have any pistol to shoot Mr. Young with, and if I had--," said the witness in trembling tones.

Assistant District Attorney Rand objected to further answer and was sustained.

"Did you or did you not shoot Caesar Young, Nan?"

"I did not. I would give my own life to bring him back if it were in my power," she answered.

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Nan Patterson-- "The Other Woman"

A STUDY IN MURDER AND IN MORALS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, Dec. 19--It was a story as old as the eternal hills that Nan Patterson told on the witness stand today, the story of "the other woman." It was a story of that relationship between man and woman inseparable to everybody save that man and that woman which, since the days of Lillith, has been broken rarely but by death. Eye probably wondered what on earth Adam could see in Lillith, and went on working for his comfort. Lillith probably loved Eve a tramp, laughed and went on dancing her ruin--marked with sweat and his emotions.

It is this that makes the interest in the Nan Patterson trial a matter of psychology, not of guilt or innocence. Did she kill Caesar Young? There is really not much doubt that, whether she did or whether she did not, the jury will acquit her.

While Frank Young was a working man he was not a libertine, not a notorious loose liver, and was honorable excepted. He was a man of the sporting fraternity of which he made himself a part. His friends say that until Nan Patterson crossed his path, he was not but his wife ever occupied a shadow of his attention. There is every reason to believe that he sincerely loved his wife, even while leaving her to rush across the continent at the beck of "the other woman."

Young an Englishman.

Young is always spoken of as a bookmaker, which calls to mind the picture of a coarse, bed-diamonded, unrefined and overcleverly sport. As a matter of fact, he was an Englishman of good family, with good training and education. He took to athletics in his schoolboy days, and with his brother, Will, held local championships. His brother was the more noted of the two, and the leading athletic club of America invited him to visit this country. He could not come, and Frank, in a spirit of boyish adventure, came in his place. He was successful. In later years he acquired the nickname "Caesar," and a good reputation among sporting men from New York to the Pacific.

Young married a good girl. The companion necessarily obtrudes itself. No man who ever saw both women but would say that Mrs. Young was worth a thousand and Nan Pattersons. As a mere matter of physical attractiveness, if the two were captured in a savage country and put up at auction in a slave market, Mrs. Young would bring ten times her rival's price.

No Comparison in Women.

In the matter of cultivated intelligence there is no comparison. So far as devotion went, Mrs. Young helped her husband in every way possible, was even a companion for him in his business ventures, and forgave him again and again. And yet, even up to the tragic end, it all, Young was the Patterson woman's slave. Prevalent upon, almost compelled by his friends, moved by his sense of duty, he made final arrangements to go to Europe with his wife and children, leaving the other woman behind. Even while his wife was waiting for him on the pier to go aboard the steamer, he was enjoying down town with Nan Patterson in a cab. While the wife still waited, Nan Patterson, in her jealous rage, shot him dead or else he shot himself.

Earl of Suffolk a Spectator.

Women secretly wonder what sort of a woman it is that inspires such an infatuation as led Frank Young to his death. There would have been a certain fascination today, but women spectators are not admitted to the Patterson trial. The Earl of Suffolk, whose engagement to Daisy Leiter was announced recently, wanted to take some of his own women folk there today. He went himself, and was an interested spectator throughout the proceedings.

Two Types Wide Apart.

Mrs. Young is staturesque, thin, almost beautiful, and seems to radiate the air of a good woman. She is distinguished. The two types are as wide apart as the poles. I have had the opportunity of studying at close range the principles in most of the fifteen minutes after Charlie Harris had his last hope of escaping the electric chair taken away from him, he asked me to be (Continued on page 5)

VESSEL STRANDED; CREW MISSING

The Richard S. Leaming, Windsor to Philadelphia, Abandoned

LIKELY ALL LOST

Many Schooners Damaged or Driven Ashore in Recent Storm--St. John and Other New Brunswick Vessels Among the Sufferers.

Woods Hole, Dec. 19--Yesterday's storm, which blew a hurricane off the southeastern New England coast, left in its wake, according to reports received here up to a late hour tonight, three vessels totally wrecked, fifteen damaged, and five with lost anchors.

But one of these disasters to the coast was fleet occurred within a radius of forty miles of this port. It is feared the entire crew of the New Jersey schooner Richard S. Leaming, wrecked on Long Shoal, Nantucket Sound, has been lost. The crew probably numbered ten men. No known fatality has been reported. On the only serious effect of the storm was the total complete prostration of telegraph and telephone lines on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

Totally Wrecked.

Schooners Richard S. Leaming, of Dennisville (N.J.), on Long Shoal, Nantucket Sound; George B. Ferguson, of Belfast (Me.), ashore on Nantucket Island; and Farge Albertus, of New York, ashore on Farge's Island.

Ashore and Damaged.

Schooners Ludovick, Franconia, Faraway and Rothwell (Br.), all ashore at Vineyard Haven; John Perry, D. J. Melanson, Eva May, Rhoda Holmes, Hortensia, Laguna, A. Heston, Frank & Iris (Br.), Edna, Ella M. Mitchell, all damaged at Vineyard Haven by collision; Otis--Jill, Mary Lee Newton, Kolon and Frank Barnett, with lost anchors on Nantucket Shoals. The tug Luckawanna disabled at Vineyard Haven.

Whole Crew Missing.

The wreck of the Leaming was found on the side of the channel at Nantucket, but the schooner and Saturday anchored near Cross Rip lightship. Yesterday noon, after the storm cleared, the Leaming was discovered on Long Shoal, apparently in distress. The Misakoga life savers bravely launched their boat and pulled out into the Sound in the teeth of the gale, only to find on reaching the stranded schooner that no soul was aboard. As no word had been received of any boat being picked up in the sound, or blown ashore in Nantucket, it is feared that the crew has been lost in an effort to reach shore.

The crew of the little Maine schooner, George B. Ferguson, had a hard time getting ashore after their vessel struck on the side of the channel at Nantucket, but they succeeded in saving their effects.

The storm was undoubtedly the most severe in this vicinity since the November gale in 1888, when more than a score of vessels were blown ashore in Vineyard Haven harbor alone.

SACRIFICED SKIN TO SAVE BROTHER

Lad Gives Large Piece from Leg to Graft on Other's Chest

BOTH DOING WELL

John D. Rockefeller and Other Magnates, Accompanied by Daughters, Visit Ottawa--Visit in Connection With Railway Sale.

Ottawa, Dec. 19--(Special)--Six weeks ago Allen Robertson, aged seven, son of William Robertson, gardener, 364 Leinster avenue, while playing with matches, set fire to his clothing and was very dangerously burned about the chest. The little chap has since been lying in the Protestant Hospital, and as it was found impossible to heal his wounds it was decided to resort to grafting, the little fellow's brother Joe, aged 12, immediately volunteered to have an operation performed upon him.

Joe was placed upon the operating table and a piece of skin ten inches long and five inches wide was removed from his right leg and successfully grafted upon the chest of his little brother. Both boys are now lying in the hospital and are doing well.

John D. Rockefeller, accompanied by his brother, Wm. G. Rockefeller, W. H. Newman, president of the New York Central Railway, Miss Rockefeller and Miss Newman were visitors to Ottawa yesterday. The visit of the Standard Oil king and his fellow capitalists had to do with the sale of the New York and Ottawa Railway, which takes place on Dec. 22 at St. Louis (N. Y.).

LONDON PAPER TRYING TO SCARE SETTLERS FROM CANADA

Reynolds Publishes a Yarn About Supposed Immigrant About Great Hardships.

CHATHAM WILLING TO ASSIST SHOE FACTORY

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 19--(Special)--A public meeting of the ratepayers to discuss the advisability of assisting in establishing a boot and shoe factory was held here last night. After Joseph Groat, the promoter, explained the scheme, W. S. Loggie, M. P., moved that \$20,000 be loaned by the town to a company with a paid up capital of \$20,000, said loan to be repaid \$1,000 yearly without interest.

After considerable discussion, Premier Tweedie moved the meeting adjourn until Thursday night, when the following committee, W. S. Loggie, M. P., Mayor Murdoch, Warren C. Winslow, W. B. Snowball and Ald. Morris, will be appointed. They would have inquired into the details and formulated a provision to guard the interests of the town. Carried.

German Count Weds Tokio Girl.

Tokio, Dec. 19--Hannah, daughter of Viscount Aoki, formerly minister to Germany, and Count Alexander von Hatzfeld-Truchsees, an attaché of the German legation here, were married today in the Catholic cathedral.

JAPANESE CAPTURE ANOTHER IMPORTANT FORT AT PORT ARTHUR AFTER DESPERATE FIGHT

Tokio, Dec. 19--Although accustomed to hearing of acts of bravery on the part of their soldiers and sailors, the people of Japan have been thrilled by the details of the desperate torpedo attack against the Russian battleship Sevastopol and other craft driven outside the harbor of Port Arthur by the fire of the Japanese land batteries.

Commander Yezoo and Lieut. Nakahara are the heroes of these attacks, and the former promises to gain equal prominence with Commander Hirose (who on March 27 last was blown to fragments in Vice-Admiral Togo's second attempt to bottle up Port Arthur) in the traditions of Japan.

Commander Yezoo's flotilla of torpedo boats was undergoing repairs when the attack was planned, but he succeeded in putting one of his vessels into condition for a fight. On this vessel he promptly started to the rendezvous and, finding that the other flotilla had gone, begged permission to join in the attack.

Then he steamed through the snowstorm alone and succeeded in locating the Sevastopol, to which he was able to get close enough to hear the Russians talking. Yezoo fired a torpedo and then went closer and fired a second torpedo, when a shell from the Sevastopol struck him in the abdomen, cutting his body in two.

Portions of Commander Yezoo's body were saved and brought back to the fleet. They will probably come to Japan for public internment, as was done with portions of the body of Commander Hirose.

Lieut. Nakahara went to the rescue of the disabled torpedo boat which had been under the command of Lieut. Nakahori, who with five others was killed, and submitted to a deadly fire. Nakahara's boat was hit repeatedly, but he succeeded in rescuing a majority of the crew of Nakahori's boat.

More of Admiral Togo's men volunteered for participation in the attacks than could be assigned.

It is probable that Admiral Togo will soon return to Japan, leaving a junior admiral to conduct the final operations and to continue the blockade. It is expected that Togo will be summoned by the Emperor of Japan to Tokio, where he will be given splendid public receptions.

Admiral Togo's campaign of ten months is considered equal to any in the history of naval warfare. He has labored constantly under the necessity of preserving the vessels of his fleet for service against the Russian second Pacific squadron. The admiral and his men have stood storm and exposure. The men are in good health and exultant.

NO OPPOSITION TO F. J. SWEENEY

Westmorland Conservatives Decide That Contest is Not Wise

OTHER BUSINESS

New Officers Elected and County Organizer Appointed--Committee Named to Revise Constitution--Albert County Man Has Finger Blown Off.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 19--(Special)--Between forty and fifty representatives from different parts of the county attended the Westmorland Conservative Association's annual meeting in the W. C. T. U. hall this afternoon. F. W. Sumner occupied the chair, with F. A. Harrison as secretary. It was decided not to oppose the Hon. F. J. Sweeney's election.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:-- O. M. McLennan, Siodiac, president; F. W. Sumner, Moncton, vice-president; F. A. Harrison, Sackville, secretary; J. L. Black, who has been president of the association for fifteen years, retired from office on account of the condition of his health.

The question of keeping up a better organization for the revision of the lists in local and dominion elections was discussed, after which a committee composed of Senator Wood, R. W. Hewson, and E. A. L. Black, was appointed to revise the constitution and formulate a scheme or organization.

F. A. Harrison, Sackville, was appointed county organizer for the ensuing year. Resolutions tendering the thanks of the association to the retiring president and secretary, were adopted.

The question of nominating a candidate to oppose Hon. F. J. Sweeney was considered, after the association had finished the regular business. After a number had expressed their views on the situation, it was decided that it was not in the best interests of the party to put forth a Conservative candidate in opposition to Mr. Sweeney. A few present wanted a contest, but a large majority felt it was not desirable.

William Smith, of Turtle Creek, Albert county, while working with a rifle cartridge Saturday, had his finger blown off and another badly lacerated by the shell exploding. Smith was picking at the cartridge at the time it exploded.

THREE FIRST CRUISERS TO START CANADIAN NAVY

Ralph Smith, M. P., Tells Esquimaux Liberals That Laurier Has Promised It.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19--(Special)--The force at Esquimaux dockyard averaging 80 expert mechanics and was received three months notice of dismissal on Friday, now joining energetically in the local agitation for Canadian navy construction as well as maintenance, to be assumed by Canada.

The subject was debated in detail at a meeting of the executive of the Esquimaux Liberals, Ralph Smith, M. P., coming from Nanaimo to attend. He made a public announcement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had given positive assurance that Canada would shortly embark on a naval construction programme, starting with three first class cruisers, to be built in Canada, these being added to training ships on the Atlantic, the Great Lakes and the Pacific.

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SERVED ELECTION PROTEST ON SIR F. W. BORDEN AT BOSTON

Fraud and Bribery is Charged, and Disqualification of Ten Nova Scotia Members Is Asked.

(Associated Press.) Boston, Dec. 19--While Sir Frederick W. Borden, minister of militia and defence of the Dominion of Canada, was seated at the dining table in the Hotel Victoria today, papers were served on him notifying him of a contest for the seats in the Canadian Parliament of the ten Liberal members from Nova Scotia.

At the time of the Canadian general election, when a landslide in favor of the Liberals seems to have resulted, the Conservatives charged that the Liberal victory was due to fraud, and announced that they would contest the election. In order to do this it was necessary to bring charges in legal form and serve the papers on Sir Frederick W. Borden.

When the Conservatives' attorneys sought the minister it was ascertained that he had gone to the United States. He was located in Boston later, and permission was obtained from the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to serve the papers outside of the jurisdiction of the court. The papers allege fraud and bribery and ask that the ten members from Nova Scotia be disqualified. This is only one of the many actions which will be taken through the dominion.

PETERSONS WENT BANKRUPT TRYING TO FLOAT FAST LINER

Montreal, Dec. 19--(Special)--Advisors from London say that William Peterson, Limited, of Newcastle, attribute their bankruptcy to their attempt to establish a steamship service between Canada and government grants for which the Canadian government granted a subsidy.

MEYER COHEN IS ARRESTED

PREMIER PETERS HES OPPONENT

Speaker of Legislature May Have to Decide Matter if Scrutiny Doesn't Change Result.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 19--(Special)--This was declaration day for Prince and Kings counties in provincial elections. In the former county ten Liberals were returned, all with safe majorities, ranging from thirty-five to more than 200.

In Kings county the situation was sensationally interesting especially in the second district where Premier Peters and H. D. McEwen contended for the seat. Last week unofficial figures including special votes put, McEwen in by a majority of one. Today's official returns gave both the same vote, and both were declared elected for the same seat. Probably a scrutiny will be made before the house meets and the expurgation of bad votes may settle the matter, if not the vote of the speaker may be required to put Peters in.

Next Wednesday, declaration for Queens takes place. Cammiackey, commissioner of public works, has an unofficial majority of one and his seat is also none too safe. This is the only seat in Queens likely to be effected.

Taken in New York on Arrival from St. John

Vitagraph Company Charges Which He Denies, But He is Held for Examination--Was in St. John and Booked Dates Here Saturday--Brooklyn Paper's Accusing Story.

Meyer Cohen, who managed the vitagraph pictures here at the Opera House, and at the exhibition this fall, is under arrest in New York.

A special dispatch to The Telegraph Monday evening says:-- "Meyer Cohen was arrested here at 6 o'clock tonight on a charge of grand larceny made by the American Vitagraph Company, who allege that he appropriated money and papers belonging to them. Cohen denies the charge. He was locked up pending an examination."

Cohen was in St. John Saturday, and while here spoke of the relations of the company and himself having been severed and that he proposed going into the moving picture business himself.

Cohen had been here several times with the American Vitagraph Company's pictures, and during last fall's exhibition he superintended the taking of moving pictures of this city.

He and the company had broken apart when he was here last week, and he was then representing another picture machine company--his card read general manager--and he booked dates at the Opera House here for three days next month. When he left Saturday he said he would be in St. John again Wednesday--that means tomorrow. Cohen is a wide awake business man, and it looks strange, if he is in fear of the law, that he should have gone to New York.

There are a good many Meyer Cohens in the United States, and there are more than one in the theatrical business, but in connection with this case the Brooklyn Eagle has a long story and prints a picture of Meyer Cohen of Brooklyn while he was in St. John.

Circular letters have been received in the city from the American Vitagraph Company containing references damaging to Cohen, and announcing that he is no longer connected with the company.

The Brooklyn Eagle, of Dec. 16, publishes a picture of Cohen and the following story:-- "Meyer Cohen, whose career as an actor, newspaper reporter, theatrical manager and Sing Sing convict reads better than a romance, is a moving picture show promoter. Cohen has written to a representative of the American Vitagraph Company that he leaves Canada for New York city on Saturday and that he will be at the home of his sister, at 221 St. Nicholas avenue, on Monday."

"I've got \$30 coming from his bills for my part," this young man said this morning, "and there will be two detectives waiting for him when he shows up."

His Entry Into the Theatrical Business. "Cohen first appeared in Brooklyn about four years ago. He had a small job as a reporter on one of the Brooklyn papers. But soon gave that up and went into the theatrical business. Dave Wenas liked his enterprise and took him in as an assistant manager of the Columbia Theatre. While he was looking down this job a well bejeweled woman came down to the Adams street corner one day and asked for a warrant for Cohen's arrest. She said she had met Cohen in Boston, where he was employed at the Castle Square Theatre. She followed him here but after her money was gone he neglected her and finally got a \$50 loan from her parents in Boston, who believed them to be married."

"This induced her to prefer the complaint. Manager Wenas, Cohen and the woman talked the matter over in the court and it was finally settled by Cohen's faithful promise to pay back the \$50. He didn't do it and now her parents in Boston, who believed them to be married."

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